

## Economic Development Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
July 6, 2023

The Economic Development Committee met in Council Chambers on July 5, 2023 following the Service Committee with these members in attendance:

Spencer Barker, Chair  
Michael Houser – Vice Chair  
Colton Rine  
Beth Bline  
Jeff Harris

We wish to report:

- 1. Ordinance No. 23-27** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OR APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ZONING CLEARANCE, BUILDING OCCUPANCY PERMIT, OR ANY OTHER PERMIT OR APPROVAL REQUIRED UNDER A SECTION OF THE ZONING CODE RELATED TO SHIPPING CONTAINERS, TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, STORAGE UNITS, PODS AND BINS AS WELL AS FOR VAPE AND TOBACCO SHOPS IN THE DC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL BY WAY OF ORDINANCE 23-22 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Tricia Moore, Law Director** - This was a consideration of some of the major Zoning Changes going into effect, that we wanted to have a stop to certain issues that are becoming a bigger issue in our community, like shipping containers, like vape shops, also there are certain time lines that the zoning department has to meet , so we don't want to have to put pressure on them to have to comply with those timelines, those timelines are also being reviewed for change. So, while this legislation is pending we wanted to put a stop on any conditions of approval for those topics, so the Planning Commission has time to consider it and it comes back to Council and you guys have time to consider it.  
**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, second by Ms. Bline**  
**Mr. Marmie** - So this is just a temporary thing and when it does come through Zoning are they going to clearly define vape and tobacco and differentiate between like a cigar shop or someone who sells cigars.  
**Law Director Moore** - Correct me if I'm wrong, I believe the language states vape and tobacco stores.  
**Mr. Marmie** - That's a major concern with the downtown area because cigar shops or different stores that have humidors or something, I would not think you would want that excluded from the downtown area is what my concern would be.

**Law Director Moore** - And obviously the Planning Commission is going to come back with an opinion as to whether things should be amended or if Council thinks things should be amended, after that is over the moratorium would go away.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Economic Development Committee stands adjourned

Spencer Barker, Chair