

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 6, 2022
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers June 6, 2022 with these members in attendance:

Jeff Harris sitting in for Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker
Cheri Hottinger
Mark Labutis sitting in for Jonathan Lang
Michael Houser

We wish to report :

1. **Resolution No. 22-53** A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND THE KROGER COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Mark Mauter, Director of Development – Kroger contacted Licking County a couple months ago and they contacted me and said Kroger is looking to do an expansion about a 35 thousand foot facility, a \$70 million investment overall and they are looking at 3 different sites. Newark, Ohio, Winchester Ky., and Murphreesboro. Tn. And one of the requirements was to have an Enterprise Zone Tax abatement. The reason I am here tonight is because the City doesn't enter into an Enterprise Zone agreement, the agreement is between the applicant, in this case Kroger, and the Board or Licking County Commissioners. However, because it is in the City of Newark, City Council needs to give their approval for this to go forward. They will retain about 145 employees, about \$9.3 million in payroll, they will look at about 6 new employees over the next 2-3 years, about \$300,000 additional payroll there, and they are hoping to get started 2nd quarter of this year.

Motion to send to full council by Ms. Hottinger, second by Mr. Houser

Ms. Hottinger – Is the addition onto the existing 21st Street facility?

Mr. Mauter – It's the Tamarack production facility. They hope to do additional product lines.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Barker – The unappropriated balance of the General Fund stands at \$256,586.92 and the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,175,570.29.

Finance Committee meeting stands adjourned

Spencer Barker, Acting Chair