

**City of Columbus  
Special City Council Meeting  
October 17, 2018**

The October 17, 2018 special meeting of the City Council for the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. City Council Members: Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs. Present were Commission members: Chair Garth Sternberg, James Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; and Recording Secretary Rochelle Busch.

Also, in attendance were Marc Paul, Jason Garr, John Hraba, Joe and Deb Pribyl, Mike and Deb Jordan, Dan Mike, Shelly and Arlen Logren, Tammy Omdal and John Gross.

**AGENDA APPROVAL – CITY COUNCIL**

*Motion* by B. Krebs to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Daly. Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT (CC18-104)**

At this time a public hearing was held on:

- (i) The establishment of a development plan for Municipal Development District No. 1
- (ii) The establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-1 (the “TIF District”), an economic development district, within the Development District and the adoption of a tax increment financing plan (the “TIF Plan”)
- (iii) A business subsidy for tax increment assistance to be provided to JP Ecommerce, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries (collectively, the “Business Subsidy Recipient
- (iv) A business subsidy to be provided to the Business Subsidy Recipient under the Business Subsidy Act consisting of a loan of funds derived from a Minnesota Investment Fund grant in the approximate amount of \$964,500, for the purchase of equipment for the Business Subsidy Recipient’s business to be located within the proposed TIF District.

Separate minutes for the public hearing are prepared.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT (CC18-104)**

There are three parts to this public hearing. First, the consideration of the establishment of the TIF district, there would be a resolution related to that. Secondly, the consideration of the business subsidy. Under Minnesota law given the amount that is being considered and the fact that it’s over \$150,000, state law requires you hold a public hearing related to that business subsidy and the contract. The final purpose, is the applicant is seeking the City to make

application to the State of Minnesota for state funds, under a program called the Minnesota Investment Fund. And before the City can submit that application on behalf of the business, the City must hold the public hearing and pass a resolution that accompanies that application. Before the City can act, on the establishment of the TIF district, a notice must be sent to the county and school district. They have 30 days under state law to review that. That 30-day period would be October 31<sup>st</sup>. The City had the ability to request a waiver of that 30 days, which the City did request. The City has received written comments from the school district that were needed. The City has not received written comment from the county board yet. It has been confirmed from the County that those comments are forthcoming. Because those are not in hand this evening, the City cannot act on the resolution to establish the TIF district this evening. Mayor Povolny has continued the public hearing and any remaining discussion to October 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion* by Daly to adjourn. Second by Peterson. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rochelle Busch, Recording Secretary