

TO: Gahanna City Council

Clerk of Council

FROM: Jeff Gottke, Director of Economic Development

Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Priya Tamilarasan, City Attorney

Joann Bury, Director of Finance

DATE: August 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Dept. of Economic Development - Request for Council Action (August 11, 2025)

COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON ABATED PROPERTIES FOR TAX YEAR 2023.

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires City Council to review the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Commission (TIRC) via ordinance in order for the City to continue to self-administer these programs annually. The TIRC is led by the Franklin County Auditor and includes representatives of the Gahanna-Jefferson School District, Mifflin and Jefferson Townships, Eastland Fairfield Career Center, and city representatives.

The Commission is tasked with reviewing all CRA tax abatement projects in the City of Gahanna. The Economic Development Department prepares compliance documents on each abatement in effect within the City and submits them to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and to TIRC for review. Information about each TIF area performance is also prepared and submitted to ODOD and TIRC. These reports are generated from information submitted by each abatement recipient and verified by the Economic Development Department. The attached reports were reviewed by TIRC during a public meeting on August 27, 2024, and all items were recommended to continue as-is.

Once adopted, the Department of Economic Development will deliver the ordinance to the Franklin County Auditor and the Ohio Department of Development at the next TIRC meeting.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department of Economic Development respectfully requests that Council issue an Ordinance to adopt the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Committee for tax year 2023.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: N/A
Vendor Address: N/A
Already Appropriated: N/A
Supplemental/Transfer: N/A

Attachments:

DEV-ATT Minutes of August 27, 2024 TIRC Meeting for tax year 2023. DEV-ATT Gahanna TY 2023 TIRC Agenda, Abatement Forms, and Roster