

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2025

The Economic Development Committee of Chardon City Council met on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Conference Room A of the Municipal Center.

Heather Means, Chairman of Economic Development Committee presiding.

Members of Economic Development Committee present: Heather Means, Daniel Meleski.

Others present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Christopher Grau, Michael Warsaw (Teams), Jimmy Pritchett (Teams).

Ms. Means called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Meleski moved and Ms. Means seconded to accept the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting from March 13, 2025 as presented. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding an update from Retail Strategies, Michael Warsaw, representing Retail Strategies, reviewed the results of the ICSC show in Las Vegas. He stated that the feedback they received included retailers that are running their figures today. He stated that some retailers have expressed that Chardon's current population is below their threshold for consideration at this time.

Mr. Warsaw explained that the marketing guide has been updated to reflect the City's latest average household income (\$117,000). He began reviewing the retail recruitment update, which highlights include that one of the quick-service national brands is at committee review and is looking to tour Chardon. In addition, a hotel is interested and is working with a Cleveland developer to identify property sites.

Ms. Means asked what the population threshold is for a sit-down restaurant.

Mr. Warsaw stated that the threshold will fluctuate based on pricing, noting that many are looking at 50,000 population.

Ms. Means asked how many meetings they had for Chardon at the ICSC show.

Mr. Warsaw stated that there were 35-40 meetings.

Ms. Means asked the location being looked at for a hotel.

Mr. Warsaw stated that the western side of the City seems to be the most desirable location.

Mr. Meleski asked the hotel timeline.

Mr. Warsaw stated that 24-36 months is to be expected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – none.

ADJOURN

Mr. Meleski moved and Ms. Means seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Attest:

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council