

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 2025

The Economic Development Committee of Chardon City Council met on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Conference Room A of the Municipal Center.

David Lelko, Chairman of Economic Development Committee presiding.

Members of Economic Development Committee present: David Lelko, Daniel Meleski.

Others present: City Manager Benjamin Young, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Christopher Grau.

Mr. Lelko called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Meleski moved and Mr. Lelko seconded to accept the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting from June 12, 2025 as presented. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding an update from Retail Strategies, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney reviewed the retail recruitment from the 2nd Qtr. of 2025 as provided by Retail Strategies.

Mr. Yaney explained that retail is thriving on a national level and also in the City. In addition, due to low vacant existing retail spaces in the City, Retail Strategies is focusing their conversations to end users that wish to build.

Mr. Yaney reviewed the various retailers that have expressed interest in the City, noting that Retail Strategies has stated that Meijer coming to the City is not the reason they are interested in the City. He stated that the City's contract with Retail Strategies ends in June, 2026 and their representatives plan to come to Council in December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lelko asked if there is an update from Sheetz regarding their

relocation.

Mr. Yaney stated that they have to get their drawings approved, which should be ready in the next couple of months.

Mayor Grau asked about the criteria for Retail Strategies' renewal.

Mr. Yaney stated that he thinks it is a viable relationship, and they put Chardon in front of businesses the City would like to have.

Mr. Meleski asked about a hotel update.

Mr. Yaney stated that the hotel is not gaining any traction.

Mr. Meleski noted that Mr. Yaney's perspective would be good for Council to know prior to his departure.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Attest:

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council