

Ayers Ratliff, Chair  
Mike Neff, Member  
Kai Meade, Member

Marion City Council  
**Jobs & Economic Development**  
January 6, 2020 at 6:35 PM

**Roll Call**

**Minutes**

**New Business:**

**Item 1. ORDINANCE RE-DECLARING THE CITY OF MARION'S SUPPORT FOR CAN DO! IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE GREATER MARION AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Item 2. ORDINANCE RE-DECLARING THE CITY OF MARION'S SUPPORT FOR DOWNTOWN MARION, INC., INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Items not on the agenda**



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PROSPERITY OF THE GREATER MARION AREA, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a request has been made upon the Council for the City of Marion to continue its' support for CAN DO!, and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it in the best interests of the City of Marion to continue its' financial support to the organization commonly known as CAN DO! and the need to ensure its' economic well-being in order to allow it to perform its function within the greater Marion community,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Marion, Marion County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council directs and authorizes the Mayor to ensure that the economic development organization commonly referred to as CAN DO! continues to receive support. CAN DO! shall provide the Council with an annual report in the last quarter of each year and at such other times as the Council requests or CAN DO! believes it to be appropriate. This support shall be renewable upon the commencement of each new term of Council. The current Council has seen the real need to continue to foster economic growth and opportunities. The support in the future conditioned upon subsequent Councils adopting similar appropriation legislation to provide for funding, if they believe it to be appropriate.

SECTION 2. The Council determines the best course in regard to annual amount of support to be that which is afforded and as administered by the Administration in the 2020 annual budget for the City of Marion, Ohio in the respective established line item.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Todd Schneider  
President of Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor Scott Schertzer

ATTEST:

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Tarina R. Rose  
Clerk of Council



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WHEREAS, previous Ordinances have declared the Council's support for Downtown Marion, Inc. and its continued efforts to enhance and revitalize the community's downtown and this Council has determined the benefits arising from the City's relationship with Downtown Marion, Inc. could be substantial, and

WHEREAS, the current Council finds it in the best interests of the City of Marion to continue the previous support of the downtown and the aforementioned Committee,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Marion, Marion County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council directs and authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreement, for a twelve (12) month period beginning with January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Downtown Marion, Inc. shall provide Council with an annual report in the last quarter of each year and at such other times as the Council requests or the Committee believes it to be appropriate. In addition, the Council mandates that it is a requirement that said support is contingent upon the Chairperson or his/her designee from the Jobs and Economic Development Committee of Council and the Mayor's designee being entitled to serve as a voting member of the Board governing Downtown Marion, Inc.

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Todd Schneider  
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Mayor Scott Schertzer

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## **JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting: October 14, 2019**

**Place of Meeting: Marion City Hall**

Chairman Jason Schaber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present -- Jason Schaber, Ayers Ratliff

Absent – Kevin Norris

### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to approve; Mr. Schaber 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Ratliff. Nays -- none

**MINUTES OF 07/08/2019 APPROVED (2-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 1. ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MARK LECKY ARCHITECTS LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (committee is requested to consider adding to council agenda for 10/14/2019)**

Mrs. Warr-Cummings (Regional Planning) explained that they have done an RFP and have several qualified firms. These architects are familiar with the building and pricing is reasonable. They want to start design work and then look at bidding out the rest of the building.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Schaber 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Ratliff. Nays -- none

**LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (2-0)**

**Item 2. ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUNDS AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (requested public hearing and 1st reading on 10/28/2019)**

Mrs. Warr-Cummings (Regional Planning) explained that city has opportunity to apply for competitive grants. These are open cycle and they have changed in that they do not have to do a bunch at one time. They can apply for one project at a time. Main Street Reimagined has approached them and they are talking to Center Street Community Clinic regarding grocery store at former cigar store.

They are submitting preapplication and then will wait and see if they get invited to submit a full application. A public hearing would be required, and she asked to get that done to get that on the record.

Items 2 and 3 are identical except for locations.

Mr. Ratliff noted that they have not applied for this type of grant for 6-7 years or more. For these grants, the project must have a private individual revitalizing something and have a private match.

Mrs. Warr-Cummings also stated that they can do 1-3 buildings at a time vs. before it was 10-20 with the same amount of money and everyone just got a small piece of the pie. They can apply up to \$250,000 which is relatively small compared to the total size of these specific projects.

Mike Neff (851 E. Center St.) asked if Poggemeyer Design Group had submitted an RFQ to Regional Planning, when did they do that, and what was the score? This relates to ORD 2019-44. Has Regional Planning had any other RFQs turned in – who, when, and what were the scores?

Mrs. Warr-Cummings explained that they put in for a RFQ (request for qualifications) that were due by 09/27 or so. She does not have scores in front of her now. They put out for three types of projects (city and county) – fire house, all kinds of CDBG grants, and CHIP in different skills sets – architecture, engineering, grant administrative. She will have information available by the date of the public hearing.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Ratliff. Nays -- none

**LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (2-0)**

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Mrs. Warr-Cummings explained that this is for the Center Street Grocery Store. The difference is that since she has not done downtown in a little while, they wanted to see how other did it for best practice. If they get Center Street, they will try to do in-house since the grants have changed

Mike Neff (851 E. Center St.) asked when they have the first public hearing will they hear about these other RFQs? Mrs. Warr-Cummings said that she can get this to him beforehand. Hearings are usually about the budget. Maximum is \$250,000. Mr. Neff stated that here are a lot more grants than these two. Mrs. Warr-Cummings explained that the windows for those are not open (housing is in May). These grants are open cycle and they can be submitted at any time of year. Formula/Allocation grants are



submitted in July. Housing is May. Some of the others are open cycle. The RFQ applies to all of them. They can keep on file for two years. They are getting qualifications, seeing who is interested, and who has specific skills. Downtown falls under FY2019 (federal fiscal year). Fire Station is 2018. If they want to apply for CHIP (which they coordinate that with someone who has housing inspection services) or formula next year (do in house), then they will get specific RFP. Mr. Neff stated that so the companies that are requesting the RFQs could they be used to do like a half a million dollars in sewer and sanitary repairs? He stated that he sees lots of communities doing that. Mrs. Warr-Cummings said yes, if we want them to do engineering. City is fortunate to have city engineer. Anything that they need assistance with, they now have their qualifications and when the time is right. Most of the time all qualified and then they just negotiate with them for that project.

The downtown revitalization is eligible where a community could apply on behalf of private property owners (these two projects). They are bringing in funds to match their funds. There are some regulatory strings attached.

She continued. These grants must meet 1 of 3 things as part of the national objective – 1. Eliminate conditions of slum and blight (downtown; facades, code violations), 2. Formula grant (benefit areas that are low and moderate income -- neighborhoods), 3. Housing for specific households (income verified).

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Schaber 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Ratliff. Nays -- none

**LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (2-0)**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

With no further business to come before this Committee, Mr. Schaber adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

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Chairman Schaber

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Clerk of Council

