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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

October 26, 2022

The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:00 p.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilor Sklavounakis, Assistant City Manager Bill Lanham, Community Development Director Nancy Prager, and City Clerk Brenda Delbert

Discussion on Shared Resources Growth and Retention Team

Mayor Elliott gives background information supporting the request for joint efforts by City and County. Ohio County Commission Zach Abraham participated via zoom. Mr. Abraham presents program on how City and County can work together to attract and retain businesses. Mr. Abraham indicated there are several stakeholder organizations who have committed and or expressed support for the Retention Team. The Retention Team will be a core group of people to focus on quality-of-life improvements. The team would work with various organizations to develop relationships and uncover needs. A discussion ensued on where the team's office would be housed, how joint marketing efforts would occur, and various other potential logistics. Mr. Thalman moves, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to approve support and forward to council. Motion carried. All in favor.

Kings Daughters- Child Care Center Proposal:

Jamie Remp, Executive Director, is present and made a proposal for King's Daughters Childcare Expansion Project. Ms. Remp indicated her facility is at capacity and the need for childcare in the Ohio Valley is immense. There are 170 children on her wait list. The expansion will add 3 classrooms, and approximately 32 students and 9 employees. Ms. Remp is asking the city for \$500,000 towards the \$2,000,000 expansion. King's Daughters and the Board are actively seeking other revenue sources. After a brief discussion on funding streams Mr. Thalman proposed language of "up to" \$500,000 indicating if the full amount was not needed the city could allocate elsewhere. Mayor Elliott confirmed the King's Daughters in in a qualified census tract as outlined in the ARPA guidelines and childcare is an eligible expense. Mr. Thalman moves, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to forward proposal to council. Motion carried. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 4:41 p.m.