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**CITY OF DERBY
Tax Incentive Committee Meeting Minutes
JULY 31, 2018**

Committee Members

BOA

Charles Sampson
Ron Sill
Evelyn Browning

Tax Board

Judy Szewczyk
Ray Bowers
Jim Butler

Administration

Mayor Rich Dziekan
Economic Development Liaison, Carmen DiCenso
Chief of Staff, Andrew Baklik
Finance Director, Sal Coppola

Mr. DiCenso called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Ray Bowers, Judy Szewczyk, Evelyn Browning, James Butler, Charles Sampson, Carmen DiCenso, Ronald Sill, Mayor Richard Dziekan, Andrew Baklik, Sal Coppola

Also Present: Vincent Marino

Public Portion

Robert M. Rowson, a representative from Derby Downtown LLC, was pleased to hear that Derby is moving forward with a tax incentive program. He added that tax abatement plans are cropping up all over the state bringing in new businesses and reinvigorating cities and towns that offer these incentives. It allows builders to build a better product, and to be more competitive.

Mr. DiCenso led the discussion regarding goals and objectives of the committee included attracting new business and expanding existing businesses, encourage new job creations, and increase tax revenue. Mr. DiCenso added that he would like all committee members input and opinions on how this Tax Incentive Program should be set up. Mr. Baklik provided information on incentive programs from Orange, Seymour and Trumbull. Attorney Marino explained that this committee needs to decide how the program will work, who will qualify, what the thresholds should be, keeping in mind how this program will benefit Derby.

Applications and possible revenue packages for investors were also discussed, with the understanding that any of these packages must be approved by the Board of Alderman of the City in order to enable the city and business to enter into a written agreement.

A motion to nominate Carmen DiCenso as Chairman of the Tax Incentive Committee was made by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Baklik. The motion carried.

Mr. DiCenso scheduled the next meeting of the Tax Incentive Committee on August 22, 2018. Mr. DiCenso asked that all members communicate and gather information for the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sill and seconded by Mr. Coppola. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meg Martins

Recording Secretary