



## **District Improvement Program Internal Review Committee**

Meeting Minutes – 11/15/2024 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

### **I. Attendees**

Voting Members:

- Toledo City Council Chief of Staff: Lucy Frank proxy for Council President Carrie Hartman
- District Councilmember: Vanice Williams
- District Councilmember: Adam Martinez
- Director of Economic Development: Brandon Sehlhorst

Non-Voting Members:

- Makenzie Kujawa Toledo City Council Aide

### **II. Applications**

#### **a. Wayne Snow Gateway Enhancement Project Application**

Director Sehlhorst provided an overview of the Wayne Snow Gateway Enhancement project, explaining that the Downtown Toledo Master Plan prioritizes gateway improvements as a key strategy to promote a welcoming and vibrant urban environment. The enhanced Gateway will also welcome travelers from southbound Interstate 75 as they come into downtown Toledo. Sehlhorst explained that the Department of Economic Development worked with the Divisions of Parks, Urban Beatification and Facilities to create the overall plan for the site.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Frank to recommend approval of the Wayne Snow Gateway Enhancement District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 48,000 from District 4's available DIP balance.

**Vote:**

Yeas: Williams, Frank

Nays: None

Abstentions: Sehlhorst

#### **b. Permanent Blue Light Camera Project Application**

On behalf of Lt. Thieman with the Toledo Police Department who was on vacation, Ms. Kujawa provided an overview of the Permanent Blue Light Camera Project. The project involves the installation of two blue light cameras, one on the corner of Heatherdowns Blvd. near Cheyenne and the other on Glendale Avenue near the Toledo Commons Shopping Plaza. Kujawa explained that the

presence of the cameras is intended to deter crime, while making businesses owners and residents feels safe.

Franks asked which Department would be responsible for installation and maintenance of the cameras to which Sehlhorst responded the Toledo Police Department.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Martinez and seconded by Sehlhorst to recommend approval of the Permanent Blue Light Cameras District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$29,000 from District 2's available DIP balance.

**Vote:**

Yeas: Frank, Martinez and Sehlhorst

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

**c. South Toledo Gateway Project Application**

Director Sehlhorst provided an overview the project and explained the need for the additional \$100 in funding is to allow the City to award the contract to the lowest and best bidder, whose bid came in \$100 higher than the original ordinance authorized.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Martinez and seconded by Frank to recommend approval of the South Toledo Gateway District Improvement Program's amended application to Toledo City Council authorizing the amendment of the original ordinance to authorize an amount not to exceed \$30,100 from District 2's available DIP balance.

**Vote:**

Yeas: Frank and Martinez

Nays: None

Abstentions: Sehlhorst