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## Ashland City Council

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### MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL Monday, February 23, 2009 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

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Council President Paul Wertz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Ward 2: Robert M. Valentine Present  
Ward 3: Ruth Detrow Present  
Ward 4/President: Paul Wertz Present  
At-large: Stephen Stuart Excused  
Ward 1: Robert L. Valentine Present

Moved by Paul Wertz and seconded by Robert M. Valentine W2 to Excuse Stephen Stuart  
Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.

Note: Throughout the minutes, Robert L. Valentine and Robert M. Valentine are designated as to their ward representation, W1 and W2.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

None

#### LEGISLATION

##### **Ord. 14-09**

Item (a) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LIMITS FOR WAGES AND DETERMINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL FOR AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN ANOTHER WAGE OR SALARY ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Moved for non-reading in full by Robert M. Valentine W2, seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1 to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.*

Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1

**Mayor Stewart:** This is the Ordinance that had some changes in it from what was presented at our last Regular Meeting on 2/17/09. It has been clarified and cleaned up to more accurately reflect what the intent was from the last Ordinance. If you have any specific questions; I have someone here who can answer them if I can't. How do you like that Cherie?

Questions or comments?

*Moved by Robert M. Valentine W2 and seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Moved by Paul Wertz and seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1 that the rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the Ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Moved by Ruth Detrow and seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1 that the Ordinance be passed.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Motion carried.*

**Ord. No. 15-09**

Item (b) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVES APPLICATION FOR PERIO, INC.

*Moved for non-reading in full by Ruth Detrow, seconded by Robert M. Valentine W2 to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

**Mayor Stewart:** This is an Ordinance that will allow Council to act on the recommendation to provide Perio more commonly known these days as Barbasol with a tax abatement for 15 years with the first five years being at 90%, the second five years at 75% and the third five years at 60%. This proposal has been taken to the Ashland City School system and the Board has passed it unanimously. It was taken to the Career Center Board last Thursday night and was passed there unanimously. It is an aggressive abatement and we are in times I personally feel that being a bit aggressive has a lot of value in trying to land some new jobs. Between Evan and myself and Paul, last Thursday evening; we talked with one of the representatives from Barbasol and told him we didn't feel it was necessary that he come back again. He has been up, and maybe we shortchanged you, but I think you guys know about as much about this as I do and we feel that they are an excellent company. The 90% averages out to 75 if you want to average the numbers, however, 90% up front has more value to the corporation coming in then if it were 75, 75, 75, or 75 straight across the board. It has more, I call it present value of money, I don't know if that's the correct term or not. But it has value.

**Ruth Detrow:** That is because they are starting up and have expenses.

**Mayor Stewart:** Yes. This is a reduction in their, a bigger reduction in their taxes early on. Their representative shared with us last Thursday that they feel really good about what is going to happen in Ashland to the point that they may even ask for additional land under the option for expansion. Now we are still working on that. They are going to go with 9.008 acres initially. They are pretty happy with the way things are going. And, I shared out there that Barbasol is at the low end of the cost of shaving foams on the shelf and in this economic slow down; their products have actually taken an expansion. Their sales are up. People are looking for the less expensive shaving soaps. I think we have a great company on the trust of being here. Evan, do you have anything you would like to add?

**Evan Scurti:** No. You covered it, in addition to the shaving cream; they are working on several other products which is exciting. I think they are a great company. This is a reasonable incentive package. We will continue working with them on the land purchase, very shortly.

**Robert L. Valentine W1:** Just a questions; what was the land purchase; what was it per acre?

**Mayor Stewart:** \$8500.00 dollars per acre.

**Robert L. Valentine W1:** With the 90%, is for how many years?

**Mayor Stewart:** 5 years.

**Robert L. Valentine W1:** So it is a five-year type of thing.

**Mayor Stewart:** And it drops down 75.

**Robert L. Valentine W1:** You are talking about 25 employees but you are talking about 25 employees over 36 months, right? You are talking about 10 employees.

**Mayor Stewart:** No, they will open with 25. They expect it will take 25 employees for plant start up.

**Robert M. Valentine W2:** Whenever they get the plant built and open.

**Mayor Stewart:** Yes.

**Robert M. Valentine W2:** It says up to 36 months, that is just giving them time.

**Evan Scurti:** That is the standard process for Enterprise Zone applications to give them a 3-year window for job creation. So per the agreement they will have those three years to create them. I think we will see it earlier.

**Robert L. Valentine W1;** But you won't have 25 right off the bat?

**Paul Wertz:** Yes.

**Mayor Stewart:** They haven't signed up the 25 off the bat but they tell us it takes 25 employees to make the production that they plan in the new plant.

**Ruth Detrow:** And I understand their production is very State of the Art? That is what I have been hearing anyhow.

**Mayor Stewart:** I don't have a measure for that but they have been out looking at the processes that are out there. They have been traveling around and I presume that. As much automation as is reasonable in a high volume can line.

Questions or comments?

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*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Moved Ruth Detrow, seconded by Robert M. Valentine W2 that the Ordinance be passed.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Motion carried.*

*Motion to adjourn Special Session by Paul Wertz, moved by Robert M. Valentine W2, seconded by Robert L. Valentine W1.*

*Ayes: Robert M. Valentine W2, Ruth Detrow, Paul Wertz, Robert L. Valentine W1.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Submitted by  
Valarie Bishoff  
Clerk of Council