



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULLIVAN,
ILLINOIS, MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

1. The City Council of the City of Sullivan, Illinois, met in a special session on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, 2 West Water Street, Sullivan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Short. A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- present
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- present
Commissioner Grant Wade	- present
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- present
Mayor Ann Short	- present

2. Mayor Short explained that the meeting was being held for a public hearing for the City of Sullivan Tax Increment Financing District IV. Nic Nelson of Jacob & Klein and the Economic Development Group was present on behalf of the City to discuss the proposed new TIF IV. He explained that this will neither create a new tax nor increase the tax rate, and that a TIF district lasts for 23 years.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the TIF plan and explained that certain parcels in the proposed district must qualify being blighted. Of the 467 parcels in the TIF IV area, 412 of them qualified. There are 73 vacant parcels in the proposed area, and 72 of them qualified. He also explained the process that the City has gone through to this point to legally create a TIF district, leading up to the hearing tonight. The next step would be for the City Council to adopt the TIF with an ordinance. Mr. Nelson opened up the public hearing for questions or comments.

3. One attendee was concerned that the City's TIF districts are causing the school district to lose money. He stated that he has received papers from the County showing the amount of money that the TIF districts have generated, and that the City has not given the schools enough money to compensate for their loss. It was explained that the City and the Sullivan School District have an agreement in place so that the school district is "made whole", and that the school district should be receiving all of the money they would have gotten if there were no TIF districts in place. Zak Horn, a member of the Sullivan School District Board of Education, stated that he has studied the agreements and financial information between the school district and the City, and he is confident that the school has not lost money due to the TIF districts.

Mr. Nelson fielded various other questions and concerns from the audience.

4. David McCabe, the Chairman of the Moultrie County Board, was present to give his opinion on the City's TIF districts. He explained that the County and the City have always had a good relationship when it comes to the TIF districts, and he stated that he was in favor of the City forming another TIF district.

5. A motion was made by Commissioner Mossman and seconded by Commissioner Risley that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was reduced to writing and read to the Council. Upon roll call being taken, the results were as follows:

Commissioner Mike Mossman	- yea
Commissioner Mike Kirk	- yea
Commissioner Grant Wade	- yea
Commissioner Jerry Risley	- yea
Mayor Ann Short	- yea

and the motion was declared carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Attest Monte a. Johnson
Monte Johnson, City Clerk

Ann Short
Mayor Ann Short