

# Press Release

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#### Council Approves Reappointment of Matthew Tyranski and Appointment of Kaitlynn Riley to EDC/TIFA/BRA



**Wednesday, November 18, 2020** – On Monday, November 16, the Westland City Council approved the reappointment of Local Small Businessman Matthew Tyranski and the appointment of Kaitlynn Riley to the Economic Development/ Tax Increment Finance Authority/ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.



Tyranski is the Owner of Westland's Popular Olympic Coney Island and has been in the community for 22 years. He is married with three children. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a Business Degree. He was appointed to the Board in July 2020 to fill an unexpired term. Matthew's term will expire on November 15, 2026.



Riley is a Marketing and Business Coordinator for Garden City Hospital. She has spent many years volunteering in activities such as Clean-up day, Mother's Day Chocolate Events and Small Business Saturday events. She graduated from The University of Michigan with a Business Degree and has completed a master's program through Wayne State University Mike Ilitch School of Business. Kaitlynn's term will expire on September 18, 2021.

The EDC is governed by a nine (9) member board appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation of the City Council. Members are appointed to six (6) year terms. The EDC promotes, facilitates and implements plans and projects that support economic and business development through programs and public improvement projects that create economic opportunity, provide entrepreneurial support, and preserve property values. The EDC reviews tax incentive requests received by the administration and provides a recommendation to the Westland City Council for a consideration at a public meeting of the Council. Members of the EDC also make up and serve as the Board of Directors for the Tax Increment Finance Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

#### **Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)**

The TIFA was established pursuant to PA 250 which allows for the establishment of a special tax district in which revenue resulting from increases in the assessed value of the area containing a new development is diverted from the various taxing jurisdictions and used for financing of public improvements to support future development in the district. The TIFA establishes a development plan and an associated financing plan in order to encourage economic development within the district.

#### **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)**

Brownfield properties are those in which the redevelopment or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence or perception of contamination. Revitalizing and redeveloping these properties protects the environment, reuses existing infrastructure, minimizes urban sprawl and creates economic opportunities. The Brownfield Program uses tax increment financing (TIF) to reimburse brownfield related costs incurred while redeveloping contaminated, functionally obsolete, blighted or historic properties. The BRA meets following the submission of a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. The Authority promotes and facilitates the revitalization, redevelopment and reuse of obsolete properties.

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four

regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.