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Sunbury City Council Approves Economic Development Incentive for Data Center Megaproject

Sunbury, OH – The Sunbury City Council has approved an economic development incentive for Amazon Data Services, Inc. to establish a data center megaproject in the city’s new limited industrial business park. The Community Reinvestment Area incentive was granted at the November 20, 2024 Sunbury City Council meeting, marking a major step forward for the community.

The company plans to invest \$2 billion in new capital assets to establish a new data center campus in the city. The investment is part of Amazon’s planned \$7.8 billion expansion to its data center operations in the region, which was announced by Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor John Husted last year. To date, Amazon’s investment of \$10.3 billion and its operations have generated more than \$3.8 billion in economic benefit for Ohio and supported on average more than 4,700 jobs per year at local businesses. The company has committed to creating 50 direct high-wage jobs in Sunbury.

“City Council approved this incentive to help achieve our strategic goals of diversifying the city’s tax base and providing high-quality job opportunities for our residents,” said Mayor Joe St. John. “This is the direct result of visionary work done by City Council last year to expand our CRA, establish a limited industrial zoning district, and partner with local school districts to create the financial framework needed to contend for competitive economic development projects.”

In addition to the direct economic benefits, the project will provide both immediate and long-term sustainable financial contributions to local institutions, including the Big Walnut Local School District, Delaware Area Career Center, BST&G Fire District, and other county-based taxing authorities such as library services, Preservation Parks, Board of Developmental Disabilities, and 9-1-1 emergency communications.

This is the first economic development incentive approved for a project in the Sunbury Business and Technology Park, a newly annexed and zoned area of almost 1,300 acres on the east side of Sunbury for limited industrial use.

Sunbury, located in Delaware County, Ohio, is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, with a population of more than 7,500 residents. Delaware County is currently the fastest growing county in the State of Ohio.

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