

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 9/3/2024

Circleville City Strategic Planning Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. Members present: Chair Sheri Theis, Committee Members: Zack Brooks and John Moats, Clerk Melissa Burns. Other guests present: Council Members: Barry Keller, Katie Logan Hedges, Tom Duvall, Tom Klitzka, and Jeff Hallinin. Invited Guest: Mayor Michelle Blanton and Law Director Kendra Kinney.

Theis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Moats motioned to approve the Strategic Planning minutes from August 13, 2024. Seconded by Brooks. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH SMALL NATION.

Discussion: The Mayor stated she attended a Small town conference and met with the founder and CEO Jason Duff. Mr. Duff worked with Bellefontaine to help transform the small town into open and thriving businesses. Small Nation focuses on creating a plan for businesses and economic development. The upfront cost would be \$18,500. Small Nation would bring a team to meet with various stakeholders to develop a 90–100-page report. The Mayor stated the funds are already budgeted for in her budget.

Theis asked how this is different from the reports already completed by Heritage Ohio and Blue Zone. Theis inquired what action items have happened from those previous reports and if there is a need for another one. Blanton stated this is a formal way for the city to go visit Bellefontaine and hear how they have worked to transform the City. Small Nation would provide two architecture structure renderings for two businesses that are interested in pursuing their options. Small Nation is available now to work directly with any property owner who wants to pursue their services on their own.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Theis motioned to table this Ordinance until the Committee has time to review the previous reports by Heritage Ohio and Blue Zone. Brooks Seconded. (2-Yeas 1-Nays) Motion carried.

b) Tree Commission Application, Christopher Burton.

Discussion: Christopher Burton is interested in community involvement, and he has a specific interest in trees. His family enjoys walking and riding bikes through all the parks. His favorite tree is a Japanese Maple.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the applicant to the next council meeting on September 3, 2024, with a recommendation for approval to the Tree Commission Board. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

Other Business:

Moats motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.