

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 10/1/2024

Circleville City Strategic Planning Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Chair Sheri Theis, Committee Members: Zack Brooks and John Moats, Clerk Melissa Burns. Other guests present: Council Members: Katie Logan Hedges, Tom Duvall, Tom Klitzka, and Jeff Hallinin. Invited Guest: Mayor Michelle Blanton and Service Director Jim Stanley.

Theis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moats motioned to approve the Strategic Planning minutes from September 17, 2024. Seconded by Brooks. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Stanley stated this resolution will allow the City to apply for a grant to help replace the shelter house at Ted Lewis Park. Stanley stated Darby Creek Excavating is donating their time and equipment to remove the remnants of the old shelter house. Stanley stated the grant ask will be for \$300,000, to build a new 3 seasons building. Stanley stated the total cost is approximately \$500,000. Friends of Ted Lewis have raised over \$140,000 already. Stanley stated the City would be notified early next year if they will be recipients awarded the grant funds.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the Resolution to the next council Meeting on October 15, 2024, with a recommendation for adoption. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

b) Historic Review Board Applicants.

a. Christopher Burton stated he has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in History. Mr. Burton stated he served on a different Historic Board for about a decade. Mr. Burton stated he grew up in a historic home and is accustomed to the problems and opportunities that come with them.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the Applicant to the following Council Meeting on October 1, 2024, with a recommendation for approval to the Historic review Board. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

b. Denise A. Simms Sunderland stated for the past seven years she has worked as the Executive Secretary for the Historic Society. Ms. Simms Sunderland stated she works out of the Clark May House, and it is one of her favorite historic properties in Circleville.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the Applicant to the following Council Meeting on October 1, 2024, with a recommendation for approval to the Historic Review Board. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

c) Uptown Circleville

Discussion: Richard Rhoads spoke as an advisor on behalf of the Uptown Board. The Board did not use the funds previously approved to pay for an Executive Director for 2024, because they did not have one this year. The Board ask the City again to consider funding another \$25,000 for the next two years as needed to help pay for an Executive Director.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the Ordinance to the Law Director's office for review and to send a new Ordinance to the next Council meeting with a recommendation for passage for years 2025-2026. The Committee will review the funding with the Auditor to determine where the funds are coming from. This seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Brooks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.