

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 9/17/2024

Circleville City Strategic Planning Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 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, Planner Hannah Wynne, and Service Director Jim Stanley.

Theis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Brooks motioned to approve the Strategic Planning minutes from September 3, 2024. Seconded by Moats. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) Pickaway County Pickleball Association

Discussion: Julie Strawser stated she met with and received approval from the Park Board to expand the playing surface area of the pickleball courts. Strawser stated she has been reporting to the Mayor and Service Director the number of Pickleball players each week. Mrs. Strawser is asking the City for legislation to apply for a Nature Works Grant to help fund the expansion project. The Pickaway County Pickleball Association will also seek funding from South Central Power and do local fundraising. They would like to have multiuse space if they can raise enough funds. The Association will meet with a contractor to determine their next steps. Mrs. Strawser reported the organization started with 7 members and has now grown to 65 members.

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

Discussion: Theis stated she distributed the previous Downtown Assessment Reports. Brooks noted the reports were several years old and he believes it would be good to see what additional insight Small Nation can offer the City. Theis stated a few outcomes from the Heritage Report that the City has already implemented are establishing the Uptown Board; hiring a Zoning Inspector; and revised the zoning code. The Blue Zone Report was completed in 2018 and focused more on buildings and infrastructure. The report suggested the City focus on pedestrian and bicycle plans; and transit rides. Transit rides are currently provided by PICCA free of charge around the City. The Strategic Planning Committee has also focused on adding more green space, and pedestrian and bicycle plans.

The Mayor spoke to say she thinks the analysis from Small Nation would complement the previously completed reports.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

This motioned to take the Resolution from the table and add it to the agenda. Brooks Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward the Resolution to the next council Meeting on October 1, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

c) AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO PURCHASE 2.15 ACRES MORE OR LESS OF LAND FOR PARK LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS BY THE CITY AUDITOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Wynne stated this property is located just north of the old school. The property came on the market at \$199,000 and the City put in a contingent offer at \$189,000 with Council approval. The sellers have accepted the offer. The property will be used for the

future development of a neighborhood park. Moats confirmed the Park Board will determine exactly what equipment will go there.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Brooks motioned to forward this Ordinance to the next council Meeting on October 1, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Moats Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried

d) Historic Review Board vacancies.

Discussion: Theis stated there are two openings on the Historic Review Board and they are accepting applications. The applications are available on the City's website.

Other Business:

Moats motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.