

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Delaware City Council

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 12 2015

The Delaware City Council work session meeting of September 12, 2015 was called to order at 8:32 a.m., in the Delaware City Council Chambers. The following members of Council were present: First Ward Chris Jones, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Joe DiGenova, Fourth Ward Andrew Brush (arrived at 8:33 a.m.), At Large Kent Shafer, Vice Mayor George Hellinger and Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle who presided.

Staff Present: Darren Shulman, City Attorney, Dan Whited, Public Service Group Director, Dean Stelzer, Finance Director, Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief, Jackie Walker, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

ITEM 2: Follow-up Discussion on:

a. 2015 Community Attitudes Survey

Mr. Jones requested that Council focus on economic development and communication techniques.

Mrs. Keller requested that Council focus on economic development and providing more modern communication techniques.

Mr. DiGenova discussed the need to focus on economic development and to focus on the needs of individual precincts in each ward.

Mr. Brush discussed the public's lack of interest in the road conditions and the results of the survey that focused on economic development. Mr. Brush discussed the need to find the right type of businesses to help sustain growth in the community.

Mr. Shafer discussed the lack of parking in the downtown area and the impact this issue has on economic development. Mr. Shafer also discussed the need to review techniques for public outreach and using social media to increase awareness of new for the City of Delaware.

Vice-Mayor Hellinger felt that the community was concerned with road conditions and traffic management.

Mayor Riggle discussed the need to look at road connectivity and the potential placement of a parking garage in the downtown area.

Mr. Shafer discussed the benefits of hiring a consultant on the placement and feasibility of a parking garage.

Mr. DiGenova requested that Ohio Wesleyan University be involved in parking discussions.

A discussion was held on the need for a road levy for maintenance and connectivity. Mr. Jones requested that staff present a proposal to Council for review.

Mr. Shafer requested that staff determine a cost for a parking consultant and cost of road connectivity to help identify a priority. Mr. Shafer also requested information on the cost to computerize the timing of traffic lights.

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b. Entrepreneur Center Proposal

Mr. Hughes discussed the Economic Development Plan which included information on the labor force in the City of Delaware. Mr. Hughes provided information regarding the type of labor force for residents in the City of Delaware and percentage of residents that work in the city compared to those that work outside city limits.

Mr. Hughes discussed need to locate small companies and entrepreneurs to bring and grow their business in the city.

Mr. Hughes discussed the benefits of an Entrepreneur Center and that the center will help build a relationship between the company and the city, which will help encourage entrepreneurs to keep their business in the city as it grows.

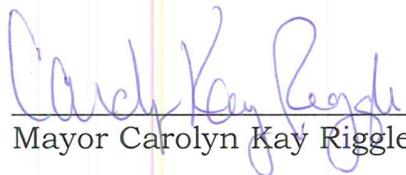
Mr. Homan will arrange a tour of an established Entrepreneur Center.

ITEM 3: Action Items

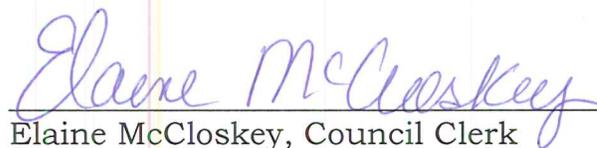
Council requests information on the cost of a parking consultant and estimated cost of road connectivity projects.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Brush moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Shafer. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle



Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk