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The Delaware City Council Retreat meeting of February 13, 2016 was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Dickhaut Library, Room L200 at Methesco, located at 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware Ohio. The following members of Council were present: First Ward Chris Jones, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Joe DiGenova, Fourth Ward Kyle Rohrer, At Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle who presided.

Staff Present: Dean Stelzer, Finance Director, Darren Shulman, City Attorney, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Lee Yoakum, Community Affairs Coordinator, Scott Stowers, IT Director, Jackie Walker, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager.

ITEM 2: CITY TRASPORTANTION PROGRAN: DISCUSSION, RECOMMEDNATIONS

Mr. Homan discussed the need to address the Comprehensive and Maintenance Transportation Program, along with the need to identify a funding source of revenue.

Mr. Ferrigno reviewed the two main areas of focus regarding transportation which includes maintenance and network improvement.

Mr. Ferrigno reviewed committed transportation projects and provided information on the cost and funding source for each project.

Mr. Ferrigno provided a presentation of priority transportation projects that were recommended by staff. Included in this list of staff recommendations for priority transportation projects include:

1. The Point Intersection
2. Traffic Signal System Improvements
3. Valleyside Drive Extension
4. West Central Reconstruction
5. W. William Reconstruction
6. W. William-Curtis Street Intersection
7. Vernon Avenue Connector

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the 5 year, 2016-2020, Resurfacing Program and resurfacing history throughout the city from 2002-2015. Included in the discussion was the need for funding.

Mr. Stelzer provided Council with information and recommendations regarding a Road Improvement/Maintenance Tax Levy. Mr. Stelzer provided information on the proximate revenue generated from a 1.15% increase in the City's income tax rate. Comparisons were provided on the revenue a 10 year levy compared to a 15 year levy. Mr. Stelzer reviewed the additional cost and impact to resident's income tax.

Mr. Jones recommended that voters be given the option to raise their taxes and not force legislature of tax increases. Council voiced agreement that a Road Improvement/Maintenance Tax Levy will be necessary.

A discussion was held on the benefits of a permanent levy compared to a renewal of a levy. Mrs. Keller expressed concern regarding a 10 or 15 year levy, as the needs for maintenance will be ongoing.

Mr. Homan reviewed the proposed timeline for Council action and public involvement to allow for the Transportation/Maintenance Road Levy to be on the November8, 2016 ballot.

Council identified what needs to be included in the levy, which include:

1. New Road Connectors
2. Maintenance-including signal and timing
3. Identify money earmarked to leverage federal dollars.

Discussion held on the use of federal funds compared to potential levy funds for reconstruction of The Point.

Mayor Riggle requested a break at 10:25 a.m. Mayor Riggle reconvened the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Mr. Shafer reviewed with Council a presentation on Traffic Project Cost Analysis and prioritized the projects based on a 15 year levy. Discussion was held on the recommended improvements to Valleyside Drive and the potential to reduce traffic on Houk Road, and to increase the safety and response time for EMS.

A discussion was held on Merrick Blvd. extension plans and the need for realignment at Troy Road for safety issues.

A discussion was held on the use of social media to educate and provide information on the levy. Mr. Yoakum discussed peak hours of use on social media.

Mr. Shulman reviewed the Ohio Revised Code 9.03 and restrictions on using public funds to support or oppose a levy. Mr. Shulman discussed the need to have a committee formed by members of the community and to raise money for a consultant. Mr. Homan discussed speaking to alumni from the Citizen's Academy.

Mayor Riggle requested a lunch break at 11:40 a.m. Mayor Riggle reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Homan discussed the funding source for Glenn Parkway by the New Community Authority.

A discussion was held on including parking into the levy. Mrs. Walker provided information on a parking consultant and how the consultant can identify what needs the City of Delaware has.

ITEM 3: WRAP-UP

Mr. Homan recommended that Council start getting feedback on transportation projects and awareness to the community. Mr. Homan discussed public involvement through HOA meetings and social media.

Mayor Riggle recommended education be provided on the approximate cost to build a new road.

A discussion was held on the need to form a Mission Statement and fact sheet on road cost and maintenance.

Council requested that the community survey in regards to the public opinion on road needs be placed online.

Council was in agreement to a 0.15% increase in the City's income tax rate.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mayor Riggle motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Cindy Kay Riggle

Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle

Elaine McCloskey

Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk