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Delaware City Council

Meeting

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Held January 28 20 19

The joint meeting with Delaware City School Board and Delaware City Council on January 28, 2019 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members of Council were present: Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Jim Browning, Fourth Ward Kyle Rohrer, At Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggles who presided. Absent from the meeting was First Ward Chris Jones.

Delaware City School Board Members Present: Ted Backus, Frances O'Flarety, Michael Wiener, Vice-President Matt Weller and President Jayna McDaniel-Browning

Staff Present: Darren Shulman, City Attorney, Dean Stelzer, Finance Director, David Efland, Planning and Community Development Director, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief, and Tom Homan, City Manager

School Staff Present: Paul Craft, Delaware City School Superintendent

ITEM 2: 2018 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE-DAVE EFLAND, PLANNING DIRECTOR

Mr. Efland provided a review of the current Comprehensive Plan update process and activities in the Planning Department. There was 623 new residential housing permits in 2018. The estimated population growth since the 2010 Census was 18.8%. He discussed the projected growth and development in the City.

ITEM 3: SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE - PAUL CRAFT, SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Craft provided information regarding the growth of Delaware City Schools. Hayes High School is ranked in the top 8% in the U.S. News and World Report of US and Ohio High Schools. Dempsey Middle School earned the Momentum Award from the State Department of Education based on the growth. Delaware City School student grew overall more than the average of students in the state. Hayes currently has the highest graduation rate in the history of the school. He discussed the partnership with United Way with the Strengthening Families initiative at Willis. He discussed May 2019 ballot issues for two No-New Tax Levies and planned improvements to the schools. He discussed the planned improvement to Schultz Elementary with a possible building addition to accommodate the projected enrollment increases.

Mrs. Keller voiced concerns regarding the traffic pattern around Schultz Elementary and the impact that any building addition would have on the pattern. Superintendent Craft discussed the need to work with the City on more road connections to the site.

ITEM 4: UPDATE ON BOARDMAN FIELD - ROXANNE AMIDON

PRESENTOR:

Roxanne Amidon
Northwest Neighborhood Association, President
161 W. Winter Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mrs. Amidon provided background on the Art Park. She discussed that

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there have been over 50 pieces of art displayed at the park and 22 public events have been held. They have received a \$2,500 ArtStart Grant and raised over \$50,000 for infrastructure and maintenance. She discussed the goals for the park to create a dynamic entertainment venue in the heart of Delaware that is financially self-sustaining and has year round programming. Their goal is to have a performance platform and a 4 season building to allow for programing year round.

A discussion was held regarding the land ownership of the property. Superintendent Craft discussed that the School Board recognizes the importance and the vision of the project, but that it may not be in the best interest of the school to retain the property. He discussed the option to lease the property to the City or a different entity or to sell the property through auction. Concerns were voiced by Council on the City purchasing the property. Mr. Hellinger voiced a concern over the liability of the property due to the Delaware Run and the cost of daylighting the Delaware Run. It was discussed the projected cost to daylight the Delaware Run. Mrs. Amidon estimated the cost to daylight the Delaware Run at approximately \$.5 million. Mrs. Keller discussed the concern of funding the park towards the end of the Recreational and Park Levy. She discussed the option for the City to take control of the property with volunteers maintaining the grounds. Mrs. Amidon discussed difficulty receiving grants and funding without a guarantee of use of the property. She discussed having a team of volunteers willing to assist with funding. Mr. Homan discussed the Trust for Public Land may assist with development of parkland for non-profits. Mayor Riggle requested that Council discuss the matter more fully. Superintendent Craft requested that discussion be completed by May.

ITEM 5: OTHER DISCUSSION

There was no other items of discussion.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Browning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle



Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk