

# FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR SESSION**

**February 7, 2017**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser

**ABSENT:** none

President J. Slough opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

## **ACCEPTANCE OR CHANGES OF MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Councilman Harrington moved to accept the January 17, 2017 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes. Councilman Hellmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

## **ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:**

Councilman Monday moved to remove and add the following on tonight's agenda. Councilman Hellmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

### **REMOVALS:**

- February 1, 2017 Income Tax Board minutes

### **ADD-ONS:**

- November 2, 2016 Income Tax Board minutes

**PROCLAMATIONS:** – none.

**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:** - none.

## **PETITIONS:**

**Zoning amendment request – 1220 & 1226 W Sandusky St**

Kevin Brown on behalf of Brown Automotive Diagnostics and Repair LLC would like to change the zoning for 1220 and 1226 West Sandusky Street to C2 General Commercial. It currently is zoned as R3 Single Family High Density. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** - none.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Barrett Brooks – flood mitigation in Hunter's Creek**

Mr. Brooks lives in Hunters Creek which is in the third ward. About a year ago, he met with the Mayor and the Service-Safety Director on flood mitigation activity that is taking place, which is part of the 100-year flood and involves the Army Corps of Engineers. He asked Council where they are at with his request. He noted that there is a mobile app called Next Door that many of the Hunter's Creek residents utilize. He is before Council tonight to stay in contact and notify Council of the residents' concerns on what it looks like and the next steps. He is asking Council, the Mayor, and the Service-Safety Director on where they stand and to see if he can get a finite date on the calendar for the residents of Findlay.

Discussion:

Service-Safety Director Schmelzer assured Mr. Brooks that he will be obtaining an update from Stantec. At that meeting, he committed to Mr. Brooks and everyone else there that the flood elevation in the Hunter's Creek subdivision will continue to be a focus in addition to the base flood downtown, which still continues to be the case. Based upon the limited information that he has seen that Stantec is working on shows that the City is in a better than ever to try to work towards elevating the flooding in Hunter's Creek and in other places.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:**

**Zoning/Floodplain Administrator Todd Richard – zoning code**

The Zoning Department has proposed some changes to the zoning code that involve the correction of some typographical errors and clarification of existing language. These changes have been reviewed by the Hancock Regional Commission staff. Referred to the City Planning Commission and the Planning and Zoning Committee for review and recommendation back to City Council. Filed.

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Fireside Brick Oven Pizza LLC dba Fireside Brick Oven Pizza, located at 331 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio for a D5 liquor permit.** This requires a vote of Council.

Sean D. Young, Acting Chief of Police – Fireside Brick Oven Pizza LLC dba Fireside Brick Oven Pizza, located at 331 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

Scott Ferguson  
Michael Hoy

Councilman Harrington moved for no objections be filed. Seconded by Councilwoman Frische. 9 Council members in favor, 1 opposed. Filed.

**Findlay W.O.R.C. Financial Analysis Report – January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Filed.**

**Mayor Lydia Mihalik – Mayor appointments to various Boards or Commissions**

Mayor Mihalik is requesting the following appointments to the following Boards or Commissions:

Airport Advisory Board – does not require Council confirmation

Jeff Koehler

Term to expire on December 31, 2019

Parks and Recreation Board – does not require Council confirmation

Greg Meyers

Term to expire on December 31, 2019

Street Designation Committee – Requires Council confirmation

Dale Gillespie

Term to expire on December 31, 2018

Councilman Monday moved to approve the appointment of Dale Gillespie to the Street Designation Committee. Councilman Russel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

**City Auditor Jim Staschiak – summary financial reports**

A set of summary financial reports for the prior month follows including:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of December 31, 2016
- Open Projects Report as of December 31, 2016
- Cash & Investments as of December 31, 2016

Filed.

**Treasurer's Reconciliation Report – December 31, 2016. Filed.**

**City Planning Commission agenda – February 9, 2017; minutes – January 12, 2017. Filed.**

**Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – WORC program**

During the latest budget hearing, the low attendance trend at the Findlay WORC program was discussed. He estimates the savings associated with the closure of the WORC program at the end of March 2017 to be:

The current WORC budget is \$363,429. The costs associated to move Jodi Mathias to a code enforcement role and maintain the WORC program until the end of March is approximately \$145,000. This would result in an expense budget savings of approximately \$218,000.

The WORC program portion of the latest Financial Summary shows that the City would have saved \$196,142.88 if the WORC program would have been closed in 2016.

It is the Service-Safety Director's opinion that the program will not be successful in our strong local economy until there is a mandatory sentencing option for the facility. He also believes that Municipal Court may get this programmed in the future. Until then, there seems to be little incentive for defendants to opt for and pay to stay in the WORC program. At the budget hearing, the representatives from the Court were in agreement with these conclusions.

The Service-Safety Director spoke with Jodi Mathias and Todd Richard, who heads the City's Zoning Department and decided to place Ms. Mathias into a code enforcement position. This is based largely on the feedback received from residents regarding zoning and NEAT enforcement. The City already has established rules that residents want to see enforced, so this has allowed a renewed focus in that area. Ms. Mathias has been diligent in her current position and will aid that effort.

Unless otherwise directed, the Service-Safety Director will proceed to close the WORC program and will take steps with the Court and Ms. Mathias to close contracts and make the transition. After the closure and all costs are known, the Service-Safety Director recommends moving funds to the appropriate budgets.

**Discussion:**

President J. Slough noted that Service-Safety Director Schmelzer has requested this letter be read. The Council Clerk read the letter in its entirety. Filed.

**City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – January 2017. Filed.**

**Traffic Commission minutes – January 23, 2017. Filed.**

**Director of Human Resources and Performance Excellence Don Essex – wellness incentive program**

A policy for a wellness program for the City of Findlay employees has been approved. Approval to expend the approved wellness incentive funds within the Human Resources budget to encourage City employees to participate in wellness and wellness challenges throughout the year in an effort to help control healthcare costs to the City and its employees is requested. Legislation to authorize the expenditure of wellness incentive funds within the Human Resource budget is requested. Resolution No. 006-2017 was created. Filed.

**Income Tax Board minutes November 2, 2016. Filed.**

*February 7, 2017 City Council meeting minutes*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Hancock Regional Planning Director Matt Cordonnier to continue discussions on the Downtown Design Review Board regulations.

*We recommend Planning & Zoning will continue to meet to discuss the Downtown Design Review Board regulations.*  
Councilman Monday moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Harrington seconded the motion.

### Discussion:

Councilman Russel updated Council on where the committee is with this matter. The committee is now working through the proposed Ordinance line by line and are about half-way through it. The committee will be meeting again this Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 4:00pm to continue to work through it. He believes the committee will get through the Ordinance in its entirety during that meeting and Council should be seeing legislation during one of the March City Council meetings.

All were in favor. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 to discuss the 2017 Capital Plan.

Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Shindledecker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

An **AD HOC COMMITTEE** met on January 31, 2017 to continue discussions on the bed tax distribution.

*We recommend to meet again to continue discussions.*

Councilman Monday moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Russel seconded the motion.

### Discussion:

Councilman Russel updated Council on where the committee is at on this matter. There have been a lot of discussions on how this process can work and they are starting to put together some recommendations to Council on moving forward. The committee is looking at funds going towards events or projects versus going to an organization's operational budget. The committee is discussing having the actual grant evaluation approval and application processes be handled by an outside organization, with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau being the one that the City is going to target and ask for a proposal to run the process. Currently, they do something very similar with the County's bed tax money. Ours would be a very good fit for them. They have presented to us, the committee has had discussions with them, and it appears that we are moving forward with it. They will be part of the plans. If money is allocated to an organization, the committee decided that the organization does not have to distribute the full amount each year, but instead let the money carry-over. In addition to that, the committee would like to have organizations provide reports prior to the City's budget cycle, so when heading into the City's December budget hearing, it will be known what to do with that fund and whether or not it more allocations will be needed for the coming year. A lot of good ideas are coming from the committee meetings, but a lot of discussions still need to take place. The next committee meeting will be scheduled and announced at the end of tonight's meeting. He invited anyone from Council to attend.

All were in favor. Filed.

## LEGISLATION:

### RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 005-2017** (over PO amount)

first reading

adopted

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE AUDITORS OFFICE ON THE ATTACHED LIST OF VOUCHERS WHICH EITHER EXCEED THE PURCHASE ORDER OR WERE INCURRED WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING THE STATUTORY LIMIT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00) ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41(D).

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Harrington. Ayes: Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 006-2017** (wellness incentive)

first reading

adopted

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF WELLNESS INCENTIVE FUNDS WITHIN THE HUMAN RESOURCE BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Monday moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings. Seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische. The Resolution received its second and third readings. Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

### Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that the Administration and the Employee Committee did a wonderful job creating this and making sure it moved forward in a positive way. He requested that verbiage be added to this Resolution in order to get through the State audit process. The State Auditor wants to know that this serves a proper public purpose and that Council believes that it does, especially when it is about incentives, not necessarily monetary gifts, that go to City employees that are above and beyond their normal pay and uses tax payer dollars. He requested that Council believes this serves a "proper public purpose" be added to the Resolution. This wording is needed to get through that State audit process. He also recommends the policy for this program be attached to this Resolution. If it is done once, it would never have to be done in the future. It would clearly inform the State Auditor that Council knew what they were doing. It will help the City Auditor's Office address issues surrounding those matters.

Councilman Wobser asked the City Auditor to repeat his second request. City Auditor Staschiak replied that a policy has been circulated to Councilmembers by HR Director Essex. He has only seen the draft and not the final. He recommended that Council do what was done with the legislation that was passed many years ago on gifts, lodging, and retirement incentives. At that time, the same thing happened where it was designated for a proper public purpose. The policy that went with that legislation was attached at the same time. His two (2) requests tonight for this Resolution would provide him with what he needs to make sure he does not have any issues with the State Auditor's Office. Councilman Wobser asked if there is a policy to attach with this Resolution. Mayor Mihalik replied there is, but she does not recall any time that a policy was attached to any legislation. It has always just been on file. It is not unusual when going through an audit that copies of documents of any kind are requested, so a copy of the policy could be made available. Councilman Wobser then asked if the policy could be referenced in the Resolution instead of attaching it. City Auditor Staschiak replied that he will defer that to the Law Director on how he wants to see that done. When legislation on gifts to employees for retirement, etc. was done years ago, the policy was attached to the legislation at that time because of what opinion the Attorney General's office had and what the State Auditor was following. Referencing the policy in the Resolution would probably be okay. Council would want to do that at a minimum so that they are aware that a policy is in place and that Council would feel strongly about it serving a proper public purpose in the expenditure of these funds.

Councilwoman Frische has not seen a policy on this and asked if it could be available for Councilmembers. Director of Human Resources and Performance Excellence Don Essex from the audience replied he will email it to all Council. Councilwoman Frische agrees with adding the City Auditor's verbiage and attaching the policy to the Resolution. Law Director Rasmussen replied the language change is good and attaching a copy of the policy is not necessary, but would be helpful especially when someone looks up that Resolution and the policy is attached. The policy is developed and will be in the policy and procedures manual. Attaching a copy of the policy with this Resolution will not hurt anything.

Councilman Russel asked if in the event the policy would have to be changed if it would have to go through Council. Law Director Rasmussen replied that the Administration has the right to develop policies and that Council has the right to decide whether or not to spend money on it or not. Mr. Essex has put in a lot of time into it and the Administration has done a good job in managing the healthcare program. They along with our employees deserve all the credit. The committee has done a great job. This is just another piece to get us further down the road.

Service-Safety Director Schmelzer asked if the City has ever done anything for an improper public purpose. City Auditor Staschiak replied that there have been some local governments in the area who have and is unfortunate when it happens.

Councilwoman Frische moved to amend the Resolution to add City Auditor Staschiak's verbiage and attach the policy, seconded by Councilman Klein. Ayes: Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington.

Councilwoman Frische moved to adopt the Resolution as amended, seconded by Councilman Wobser. Ayes: Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann. The Resolution was declared adopted as amended and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 007-2017** (*bicycle routes*)

**first reading**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO EXPRESSING IT'S APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES, AND REQUESTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SEE TO IT THAT THE ROUTE IS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Harrington moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings. Seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Monday, Niemeyer, Shindledecker, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein. Nays: Russel, Watson, Wobser, Frische. Motion denied. First reading of the Resolution.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-006** (*2017 Capital Improvements*)

**second reading**

**adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2017 DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LIST WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS EXHIBIT A, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. Ayes: Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Harrington, Klein, Monday. Nays: Frische, Hellmann. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Harrington. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance volume XX, Page 2017-006 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-007** (*TR94 waterline extension and oversizing*)

**second reading**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Klein moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings. Councilman Russel seconded the motion. Ayes: Shindledecker, Watson, Wobser, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Klein moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Harrington.

**Discussion:**

Councilwoman Frische asked the Service-Safety Director if there is already an internal pavement management plan in place. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied there is. Councilwoman Frische pointed out that even though the City is behind on the eighteen (18) page list of streets that need to be addressed (i.e. paving, curbs, etc.) because they have not been addressed in several years, the City has been doing a good job of implementing the plan that is already in place. The City does the minimum required miles of paving per year and tries to also implement creative measures such as utilizing our water department while leveraging taxpayer dollars with ODOT, etc. She asked why one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) needs to be spent right now on this study if the City has a pavement management plan already in place. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied because the City does not have the time to take an inventory of every street that we own. It is his opinion that for the cost of the study, it will provide an analysis of our entire system that will help us answer a couple of questions: if we are spending an appropriate amount and if we are using the appropriate methodology. He believes the City is doing so or he wouldn't be doing it otherwise. The level of data the study will provide would not be available in such a very short amount of time by just the number of employees that the City has right now. The other thing that we are not going to be able to do given the fact that we cannot inventory all of our streets, is to come up with what he feels is one of the more valuable pieces of information which is the deterioration matrix. The study will analyze and project how long, under different conditions loading in traffic, our streets are going to last. He recommends doing the study every five (5) years until it can be more accurately determined what our own deterioration matrix looks like. Once that is complete, he will be able to more confidently say that the City is spending the right amount of money in the right place at the right time. Until that matrix is completed, he does not have a way to deliver that answer. He is getting as close as he can at this point. The other thing this study will do for the City that City employees cannot humanly do, is measure some of the conditions of the subbase of our materials by just using the technology that is outlined in the study and will be an added benefit to the capabilities that the group that is conducting the study has. Councilwoman Frische then asked if the study will indicate if there are sinkholes. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied it will not. There is not a way to really know that there is a sinkhole until it occurs. There are subbase conditions that can be looked at on some of the arterials to figure out if that is the root cause of some of the pavement deterioration that are not getting even fifteen (15) years of life out of, but this particular instrument will be able to tell us whether we do have that issue clear down at the bottom of the pavement structure or if we simply do not have a high enough structural number and need a thicker asphalt pavement section. There is no way for us to visually inspect it.

Councilwoman Frische noted for the record that she will be voting against this even though she understands that it is a good program, but does not feel that we are at the point we are ready for this. We already have eighteen (18) pages of what we need. She would like to see Council come up with a plan of how to address our streets. She asked if the budget is going to increase to do more paving or if we are going to continue to do what we're currently doing and when opportunities to do other things come up, do them, which is also the right thing to do. The study will just tell us the same thing and she will be surprised if the eighteen (18) pages are not already in the study that the City would be spending money on. If all it is, is a study of what we already know, but is not telling us or forcing us to change our practice and pave more, she does not feel it is needed. Our employees do as much as they can and sub out the larger contracts that we have to. She asked about getting a two (2), three (3), or five (5) year plan on the streets and sticking with it. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied that in terms of the preparation of a plan is exactly what the information from the study is supposed help us do so that the next logical step after the study is complete is to compare it to what we currently are doing. He would be surprised if the City is right on the money with the amount of dollars that are being spent. He feels good about the plan that the City has done and has worked over a number of years to increase the amount of dollars being spent on pavement rehabilitation which is a sure sign that at the beginning we were not spending enough, but hopes we are at least in the ballpark. Our current study shows that we are on about a twenty (20) year lifespan. It will be very interesting to see the information and the data that is developed on the different level of streets that we have, what kind of lifespan we can expect to get out of them that will in term drive the dollars that we should spending.

Councilman Wobser asked when this study would start and when it would be finished. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied he has not gotten in touch with them about their schedule, but does know that they do not do this until after winter and would not want them to start until after winter because the City will want to inspect the condition of our streets after the winter. He anticipates it to be mid-summer and they have a result to us before we start our capital planning for the next year.

Councilman Russel supports the study. It is an invaluable tool for grinding and repaving projects that will provide a long term strategy to keep the City on the right path of how and where to spend our limited pavement dollars, especially with the subbase and the fact that it is hooked into the City's GIS system.

Ayes: Watson, Wobser, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Russel, Shindledecker. Nays: Frische, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance volume XX Page 2017-009 and is hereby made a part of the record.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**OLD BUSINESS:** - none.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Monday asked the Service-Safety Director if he has any agenda items for Appropriations Committee next week. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer replied he does not. Councilman Monday noted that there will not be an Appropriations Committee meeting next week unless an emergency comes up before then. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, if any agenda items come in.

Councilman Shindledecker: **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE** meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 4:00pm in the first floor Council Office (CO).

agenda: alleys

Councilman Russel: **AD HOC COMMITTEE** meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 4:00pm in the first floor Council Chambers (CC).

agenda: bed tax distribution

Councilman Hellmann noted that City Auditor Staschiak wrote an editorial in The Courier on January 26, 2017. It came across as if he was chastising City Council. He asked City Auditor Staschiak what his reason was for doing so. City Auditor Staschiak replied that Councilman Hellmann's feelings of being chastised are misplaced. He has written to The Courier several times in the past and will continue to do so. His long-term hope, as elected officials, is to continue to move, from a financial perspective, down the path of the Government Finance Officers Association's best practices, which involves two (2) things:

1. The City of Findlay is a statutory city. As a statutory city, the role of Council, Administration, and the Law Director are clearly outlined on what they do. He did not comment in The Courier on that, but what knows there is not an avenue to fully engage the community on things they would like to see happen in a formal process.
2. The Government Finance Officers Association, much like the best practices that were provided at a Committee of the Whole meeting on capital planning, have a lot of literature available on great ways to involve the community in not only the capital plan process, but also the operational budget planning process. His position will always be that very thing. Most progressive communities have come up with very wonderful ways to bring the requests of their citizens from the neighborhood, streets, or even ward level to Council for consideration so that Council can consider not only the Administration's requests and what they would like to see happen, but also a way-in request from a ward-based perspective of what the community would like to see. One of the components of best practices is for Council to take baby steps in order to begin to implement a processes that formalize the ability to do those individual things. Not only for individual requests, but also for community driven initiatives from a ward-based perspective, and not just from certain organizational perspectives. It is the way the world is going. No offense on his part was intended on his editorial to The Courier and he is happy to sit down and talk about it in more detail. He believes Council would find some of the documents he reads as part of his day-to-day job to be pretty interesting.

Councilman Wobser will have a proposal before Council within the next thirty to sixty (30-60) days to request a strategic planning committee as a standing committee to Council. That committee will tackle the tasks that City Auditor Staschiak just referred to, which is a group of citizens on up to the Council level, to get ideas on what the citizens would like to see done with the City. That committee would then be in charge of putting that together into a strategic plan and then see that it is carried out in working with the Administration.

Councilman Russel noted that the YMCA had its annual meeting a week ago. They provided the status of the YMCA, in which they had a good year. They served a record numbers of families and visitors at their facilities, and continue to perform their mission in a very effective manner. The asked that it be pointed out to Council and the Administration their sincere appreciation of the City's support of the Riverside Pool partnership. They had a record number of visits in 2016 partly due the many sunny days and not much rain. They had close to twenty-four thousand (24,000) visitors at the Riverside Pool last year. The City supported their efforts and covered their losses on operating the pool at a cost of just over twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000). That assurance of being able to operate the pool at no significant loss to the YMCA helps enables them to operate it on the City's behalf. It is a great partnership. The YMCA Board asked that he extend their sincere thanks to the City of Findlay for their partnership and are looking for another sunny and successful 2017.

Councilman Klein adjourned into executive session to discuss the purchase of property for public purpose at 8:14pm. Seconded by Councilman Monday. Ayes: Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Klein, Monday, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Watson. Councilman Harrington made the motion to adjourn out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:45pm. Councilman Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

President J. Slough adjourned Council at 8:46pm.

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL