

Committee Members:

- Jeff Wobser, at-large – Committee Chair
- Randy Greeno, at-large
- Dennis Hellmann, ward 2
- Grant Russel, at-large
- Beth Warnecke, ward 3
- Mayor Christina Muryn
- Jim Staschiak, Auditor

Staff:

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Guests:Randy Ottmar
Haydee SedlerMeeting Start Time: 4:01 PMMeeting End Time: 5:26 PM**Agenda:****Call to Order****Roll Call****Approval of Minutes****New Items**

Continue the Strategic Planning process.

Adjournment

Jeff Wobser, Strategic Planning Committee Chair

COMMITTEE REPORT
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on April 4, 2023 to continue the Strategic Planning process.

We recommend: *Continue The S.P. process -
Minutes attached.*

Aye Nay


Jeff Wobser, Chairman

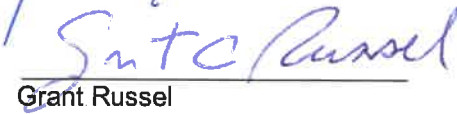
Aye Nay


Randy Greeno

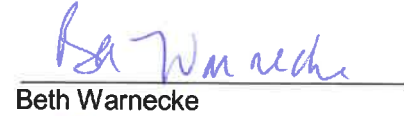
Aye Nay


Dennis Hellmann

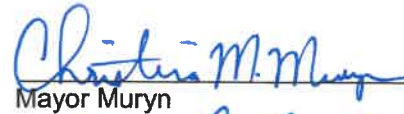
Aye Nay


Grant Russel

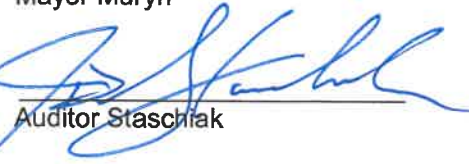
Aye Nay


Beth Warnecke

Aye Nay


Mayor Muryn

Aye Nay


Auditor Staschak

LEGISLATION: _____

DATE: April 4, 2023

COMMITTEE: STRATEGIC PLANNING

FINDLAY CITY STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 4, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greeno, Hellmann, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Muryn, Staschiak

ABSENT: none

Guests: Haydee Sadler, Randy Otermat

Staff: Jaclynn Hohman

OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Staschiak had noted a few meetings ago there are at least two sets of meeting notes that are not accurately reflected. He provided information from a meeting in November and one from a few meeting ago. He notes that the document does not accurately reflect the votes taken. Wober requested which items and Staschiak stated that he provided those items. He feels that notes are not reflecting what has been discussed in the meetings. Wobser said that for the issue of transparency that Staschiak should bring forward the items. Staschiak said that he does not feel that he has had the appropriate amount of time to review the documents and they have changed. Mayor Muryn stated that the version that is circulated this evening has been shared over the past few weeks, this is a version that is easier to read based on prior changes. The other document that has been circulated is community feedback that has been received since the last meeting. She prepared slides based on the requested from Wobser at the end of the last meeting.

Auditor Staschiak had abstained from voting on paying PlanningNEXT. The contract is not time specific it is not action specific, we should qualify any legislation that is needed in order to pay them the additional fees and it should be thoroughly reviewed. We should be very careful in the specific language. He was concerned all deliverables had not been met. Wobser stated there will be legislation at the City Council meeting to be discussed. Hellman asked if this is something that Wobser may want to meet regarding the issues that the Auditor has raised. Wobser stated the deliverables have not changed but the time has changed, we are six months past where we are supposed to be. Nothing has changed with the deliverables from the initial contract. Staschiak is not in favor of paying additional money, he believes it should be treated as a change order to a contract. He wants to make sure it is clear from an auditors perspective. Mayor stated that following the last meeting legislation should have been included, it is added legislation for the Council meeting. As it is worked through the process is the auditor has concerns it can be amended through the process. Hellman agrees that the consultant has done their part and would like Staschiak to put together a one pager explaining the situation and work with the Mayor on it. Staschiak said he will work with all parties.

Auditor Staschiak has mentioned that some things in the document are not City functions. One in particular is assisting in delinquent taxes. The powers are municipal corporations are spelled out specifically in the Ohio Revised Code. Wobser stated we have always said the plan is for what the City is able to do under the law. Staschiak said that he is not the City law director. Wobser stated that the law director and City Council will need to review and approve the final draft before it is adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Muryn presented the updated recommendation from PlanningNEXT for the goals of a "safe community." "A safe community where people feel comfortable in their community because of its well-maintained physical appearance and well trained and equipped emergency response." Muryn asked if the group would like to review this and discuss it in the next meeting. Russell said it should be held for the next meeting.

Muryn said that she would like to go through the goals and objectives. She will read them and allow items to be pulled for consideration otherwise they will be approved. The information on the document has not changed.

Goal 1

Muryn read Goal 1 Objectives and subpoints 1.1-1.5. Staschiak asked if 1.1 includes non-city provided services. Russel believes there should be an adjective added before "detention" to clarify it is about the jail and not water in 1.3. Muryn suggested adding "inmate" to goal 1.3. Staschiak questioned if how it appears as it's all framed together. He asked if alternative sentencing should be included. Russel stated that information would be included in a bullet under that point. 1.3 is the high scale point. Wobser agreed. Staschiak questioned if additional language to broaden is necessary. Muryn suggested broadening to "ensuring appropriate community criminal justice needs are met." Russel stated it is creating the court's item here. Muryn stated this point was specific to the jail facility discussions that are occurring. She asked if we should pull the item to be considered later.

Wobser motioned to approve goal 1 with the word "inmate" after "term."

Russel suggested "Ensure inmate detention needs are met." Russel the group is at the point where the court system is telling the individual this is the next step and what that might look like. This is a broad goal which many things fall under.

Russel motioned to pulling 1.3 for further consideration. Muryn seconded.
7-0 passed

Wobser motioned to approve 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 as written. Seconded by Russel.
7-0 passed

Goal 2

Muryn read goal 2 objectives and subpoints 2.1-2.8. Russell questioned why 2.5 would not be under 2.8. He said that City facilities fall under City infrastructure so it makes having them both unnecessary. Staschiak suggested that it all falls under capital assets.

Muryn moved to merge 2.5 and 2.8 and reword 2.8 as follows "Maintain, plan, and invest in Capital Assets to ensure it is safe, affordable, and high quality." Second by Greeno.
7-0

Staschiak asked if the 1% income tax was important enough to move up from the sub bullet under 2.6. Russel agreed it is worthy of being bumped up a level. Hellman asked if this would bind us to this in the case of an emergency situation. Staschiak clarified that it would not and that this is simply stated we are going to do everything we can to not raise it.

Staschiak moves to add "while protecting the 1% income tax rate." to goal 2.6. Seconded by Russel.
7-0

Muryn motions to approve slate of goal 2 as presented. Hellmann seconded.
7-0

Goal 3

Muryn read goal 3 and the objectives. Staschiak questioned what point 3 refers to and means to the group. Wobser said it is the City making sure that we are working with community groups to ensure that we are creating connections. Russel said that it is intangible but it is neighbors helping neighbors, it's pride in your City, it's community clean up events with overflow of volunteers, it's people picking up trash on their own, it's what makes people choose living here over other places.

Wobser questioned the use of the word equity in goal 3.2. Should the term equity be included in the list of values, it is quite different than the word equality. Russel agrees that the word equity is political charged right now and does like the order that the words are in. The use of the word equity in this document brings on a lot it is not trying to say or that it is not about. He is unsure why the parenthesis is in a high-level statement. It is also used in 3.1 and should be removed. Staschiak concurs that the words in the parenthesis should be removed, they can be addressed in the subpoints. Russel stated that words have meaning and in that order they are quite loaded. Muryn agrees that they can be removed and added to subpoint. Muryn suggests to change the wording of goal

Muryn motion to changed wording to "a caring government that supports all community members and looks for opportunities to strengthen community pride and belonging" Russell second.
7-0

Russell move to remove parenthesis text on 3.1 and 3.2. Greeno second.
7-0

Discussion on Section 3:

Staschiak questioned if there should be any more sub goals added to goal 3. Muryn likes the change to the word "belonging" to be consistent, it is ok to leave these points broad at this point. Staschiak suggested adding a sub goal 3.3 to discuss community celebration and pride. Russell believes there is merit but it should be tabled and thought over.

Goal 4

Muryn read goal 4 and objectives 4.1-4.6. Russel stated that 4.6 is an action item and not an objective. It is a very important resource for the City that we would not be able to maintain without FAA grants. Staschiak asked if the airport is bumped up a level to recognize the importance of the

airport. Marathon used to own it and gave it to the city because we are eligible for the grants. The group considered adding “protect the airport” but Staschiak pointed out that it implies we could lose the airport. We should never give up the airport.

Muryn motion to change language to “Promote and preserve the Findlay Airport as a vital community resource.” Staschiak second
7-0

Staschiak asked if 4.2 should be higher level that it should not just be done through programs but also legislation and grant assistance.

Hellman motion to change language of 4.2 to “support business and entrepreneurs through various initiatives.” Wobser second.
7-0

Staschiak questioned if skilled trades should be mentioned in 4.4. They are very important to our community. Hellmann wanted to confirm that included masonry. Muryn clarified that she wanted to make sure it is clear that it is referring to trade labor and not unions.

Wobser motion to change subgoal 4.4 to “Support education, skilled trades, and workforce development.” Staschiak second.
7-0

Staschiak questioned if 4.5 should go to goal 3. Muryn suggested that she leave a note and that PlanningNEXT can give a recommendation when they go through. The group was ok with that.

Russel questioned if 4.3 holds up at this level after the conversation of the sub bullets. Should it be held or discussed now. Staschiak agreed that it could drop down because it fits as an action item. Russel said that they heard in community sessions discussion regarding broadband. He is vehemently opposed to the City undertaking that. We should remove the “government owned” portion. Muryn said that we already own the fiber network. Russel clarified that we are not offering it to individuals. Muryn stated that Findlay City Schools, the City, and the County owns a trunk. Staschiak said as he understands as a municipality of Ohio we are only able to do what is strictly stated under the law. Russell questioned if he is sure that is true. Staschiak said we are allowed to own our own utility lines but are we allowed to be in the business of utilities that are not specifically authorized. Wobser stated that this deserves more conversation and that it should be moved to another time. Russell agreed and that it should be left at this level for the time being.

Staschiak suggested that at some point in time the Mayor should be authorized to talk to Bricker? They are doing a lot of other work for us on some of these specifics. Wobser concurred.

Russel motion to approve goal 4 and subpoint 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.6 as it reads and with understanding that 4.3 and 4.5 will get further consideration. Warnecke second.

Discussion: Staschiak asked if there should be reference to the state of Ohio.

Russell Motion to change 4.1 to “continue to strengthen economic development through ongoing partnerships” Seconded by Hellmann.
7-0

Goal 5

Muryn read goal 5 and sub goals 5.1-5.6.

Russel feels that the words play and explore are redundant in goal 5 and that PlanningNEXT should look at it. Group agreed to have PlanningNEXT re-word goal 5. Muryn to follow up. Auditor stated that goal 5 is very important and there should be enough time for more conversation.

Wobser moved to move May 2 meeting to May 3.

Wobser adjourned the meeting.