



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 B.
Holly Frische

Meeting Start Time: 4:05 PM

Meeting End Time: 5:15 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 May 16, 2023 to continue the Strategic Planning process.

We recommend: *To give The Approved Goals + Objectives to Planning Next for Their review and comment.*

Aye Nay *Jeff Wobser*
Jeff Wobser, Chairman

Aye Nay *Randy Greeno*
Randy Greeno

Aye Nay *Dennis Hellmann*
Dennis Hellmann

Aye Nay *Grant Russel*
Grant Russel

Aye Nay *Beth Warnecke*
Beth Warnecke

Aye Nay *Christina M. Muryn*
Mayor Muryn

Aye Nay *Attended - Not part of meeting*
Auditor Staschiak

LEGISLATION: _____

DATE: May 16, 2023

COMMITTEE: STRATEGIC PLANNING

FINDLAY CITY STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
May 16, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: none

Guests: Holly Frische, Randy Otermat

Staff: Jaclynn Hohman

OLD BUSINESS

Wobser asked if the group had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting and would like to get them approved. Staschiak asked for amendments to the 5/3/23 meeting minutes. He said he disagreed and then asked what the process is. Staschiak did not support payment of additional funds to PlanningNext at this time due to outstanding items.

Staschiak motion to approve minutes as amended.

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NEW BUSINESS

Wobser said that the goal of the meeting is to approve the goals and objectives and that Muryn sent out the document. Muryn confirmed that she provided a clean version and also has the red line version if people would like.

Muryn motioned to approve the document as circulated. Second by Hellman.

Staschiak questioned if all the areas where they have asked for language suggestions have been implemented on this version. Muryn said it includes all previous changes. The only things that have changes were the fiber loop action items and they have now been moved to the objective level 7.4. The group had previously said to get rid of the two actions items and combine them. Staschiak said that he did not anticipate it being moved up and suggested changing it to communication networks instead of fiber loop. Hellmann said it's a valid point and asked if he had any suggested language. Staschiak would change the words private fiber to communication networks. Muryn suggested changing the wording to technology. Staschiak said it should remain communications based because of a connected community said he heard a story about a young person that worked three jobs at the same time.

Muryn called question.

Staschiak asked if PlanningNext would review this document after it is approved and it would come back more flushed out. Muryn confirmed that they would do that and also help flush out action items. Russell asked to discuss 4.5. Muryn read the previous red line version and the current.

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Wobser said that the next step will be PlanningNext reviewing the document and make recommendations. Muryn confirmed that they will make sure it aligns with our current budget process and how the community can provide feedback on how the community can provide feedback throughout the year. They will be on zoom for the June 6 meeting. Wobser asked if the document will change and said that we would not be sending it to Council yet. Muryn confirmed and said once the reviewed version is voted on by the committee it would then go to council. Wobser said that the group can either continue the meeting or start the discussion on how to move forward with the action items.

Staschiak motioned that the group adjourn to take the sunshine ethics training.

Wobser questioned why he pushed his concern to this group specifically and not to the whole council. Staschiak said that people are personally accountable and that people should know what the appropriate behavior is. Warnecke questioned that the issue was voted on at the last meeting. Muryn said she has done it as well as many of the department heads of the City. She requested that the group look at the action items and start thinking about where they would fit in committees or if there should be ad-hoc committees, it would be beneficial to wait for the recommendation from PlanningNEXT.

Wobser motions that the committee send the document to PlanningNEXT for their review and continue discussion on June 6, 2023.

Hellmann said that the conversation should continue because everyone came here today and they should not waste time. Russel, Greeno, Warnecke concur with Hellmann.

Wobser questioned how the committee would like to proceed with the document process. Wobser feels that since this group is the one that has been fully immersed in the document since the beginning that they should be the ones to carry it on. Outside help and input is also allowed but the majority of the decisions should stay with the committee. Hellmann agreed. Russell agreed. Warnecke agreed. Greeno agreed. Staschiak said that by this being a standing committee of council already a major part of the process is already in place. This committee can make decisions and get support from other committees as needed.

1.1 Action Items

Staschiak said he's heard public comments that the STRICT center does not fit into the neighborhood it's in. Muryn said that Chief Eberle will be sending out a new rendering and there will be landscaping. Greeno questioned 1.1b and if we are looking to create something new or enhancing. Muryn said this facility would be a more consistent emergency process between the City and EMA. Staschiak said there was a performance audit 11 years ago that would save money by combining City and County dispatch. Muryn said she is ok with adding that as an item, it has been discussed, it has not been discussed recently. Staschiak suggested clarifying emergency operations center and combining it with dispatch. Muryn clarified it is an actual procedure under state and federal, she will speak with fire and police to provide more understandable language. Wobser clarified that actions items will not happen until all of council reviews, approves, and acts on them. Guest Frische said it would be beneficial to look at the plan before adding this to the strategic plan, she does not want to duplicate efforts. Muryn said it can be related to how employees respond to an emergency-operations and that we have the best processes, industry standards, etc. in place to keep us safe. Staschiak wants the police and fire chief to come in directly to hear it first hand for access. Warnecke trusts the Mayor to relay those conversations to the committee and wanted clarification on EMA. Muryn clarified that it is Emergency Medical Services. Muryn said putting items on the list means it is something we want to have in process. Muryn said that she believes that each item will be vetted by the whole council as they arrive and do not need to be fully explored by this committee because they cannot be approved. Wobser said that he agrees that there should be a basic understanding of what the action item is. Muryn said her team will start compiling information on the action items from research and also department heads, if there are specific questions please reach out and she will get you answers. Warnecke said that some items don't need to be looked into with depth because of the trust of the community. Staschiak disagrees. Wobser said with the addition of the word evaluate then taking out the worst establishing takes out the needing to know each detail. Staschiak wants more than the executive plan. Warnecke said again that is the implementation of the disaster plan and that is at the council level and administration level.

Wobser moves to adjourn. Second by Staschiak.

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