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Delaware City Council

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

February 1

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The work session meeting of Council was held on February 1, 2021 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and was held remotely through Cisco Webex and streamed Live through Facebook due to the State of Emergency – Executive Order 2020-01D. The following members of Council were remotely present: First Ward Chris Jones (exited at 7:27 p.m.), Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Riggle who presided. Absent from the meeting was Second Ward Lisa Keller.

Staff Present Remotely: Dave Efland, Planning and Community Development Director, Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

Motion to Excuse: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to excuse Councilwoman Keller, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL'S 2021 GOALS

Mr. Homan reviewed the goals for the work session and revisited the mission, vision, values and strategic pillars, as well as to discuss updated initiatives/tactics supporting goals for 2021 and high-level strategic goals. He reviewed the priorities determined at the 2019 City Council retreat that were updated by new councilmembers Mr. Farrell and Mr. Hoffman in 2020.

The goal of a healthy economy and more white-collar jobs was discussed. The March 1 Work Session will discuss the Real Estate Market Study. It was discussed the need for continued discussions with developers and to explore the Special Improvement District with the Downtown Delaware Strategic Plan with OHM Advisors. Also discussed was prime office areas including the Riverfront District, Southern Gateway and the downtown office space.

The second goal discussed related to the transportation funding. Staff was directed to prepare a report funding options by the Finance Committee.

The third goal related to the Downtown Parking Strategy. Staff recommends not making substantial changed to parking rules in the downtown until 2022 or post-pandemic. It was discussed that the OHM Downtown Development Study will include recommendations for parking. Staff recommends continuing carryout only spaces until the pandemic is over.

The fourth goal related to healthy economy and development opportunities. Mr. Homan discussed that the Spring Street Site for a hotel did not happen, but that the City has purchased the property to allow for future development. The Sawmill Parkway Development Agreement is underway. It was discussed to align development with the Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

The first goal related to healthy economy and attainable housing. It was discussed that the Delaware Together Comprehensive Plan should be

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completed in 2021 and will be looking at the comments and recommendations to have policy toward supporting attainable housing.

The sixth goal relates to greenways and connectivity. It was reviewed the new trail connections and improvements to parks, paths, and play areas. Current Greenway projects include the Delaware Run Greenway and Mill Run Greenway.

Staff reviewed other initiatives including Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program to ensure organizational policies and actions reflect fairness and equity. The Parks and Recreation program that will be run in house by City Staff. There will be a internal employee focus to evaluate city Employee Management Development Program and create a succession planning strategy for the next 36 months. It was discussed the hope to return to in office work and reopen buildings to the public. Police body cameras will be starting to be utilized in the second half of the 2021.

Mr. Homan discussed the conversation of Community Energy Aggregation and the request by Sustainable Delaware to have this discussion and action. He discussed the thought to expand the boundaries to the DORA and make hours permanent and allow for spirituous liquors.

Vice-Mayor Shafer discussed the need to start taking active steps to achieve goals.

ITEM 3: NEXT WORK SESSION DATE: March 1, 2021

A. Proposed Topic: Real Estate Market Study Results

Mr. Homan discussed having a discussion regarding energy aggregation in addition at the March 1 Work Session.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle



Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk