

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Below called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were committee members Gabe Below (Chair), Roseann Hickman, and Joel Freedman, Police Chief Rob Hickman, Mayor Hugh Wheeler, Will Hays, Bill Moon, Rick Noderer, and Ryan Meisner.
2. PORT CLINTON VISIONING
 - a. Mr. Below welcomed Will Hays who attended the December 1, 2015 town hall committee meeting and spoke about creating a citizen-development vision statement for the community. Mr. Below said that he attended Mr. Hays' first meeting at the library and appreciated his willingness to step up. Mr. Hays stated that the next visioning meeting is February 3rd at the Performing Arts Center.
 - b. Mr. Hays discussed how he considered approaching a visioning project with the community and city government: (1) Moratorium on all planning and visioning-type activities until this project is completed; or (2) securing the commitment of city council to move forward; or (3) conduct the project and as that the city take it seriously and carefully consider the process and results.
 - c. Mr. Freedman stated that listening to constituents is important. Mr. Below said that timing will be key since several city projects are still scheduled to take place in the coming months and years.
 - d. Mr. Below said we would check with the Law Director about how council could endorse the visioning group.
3. GRANT PURSUIT UPDATE – Mr. Below referenced potential Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) program for Fulton or East Second Streets likely in September. Mayor Wheeler said the project would include new road and sidewalks approaching Magruder Hospital where there has been a gap along Fulton Street.
4. FIRST SIX MONTHS
 - a. Mr. Below referenced the town hall-style committee meetings in November and December 2015 and next steps based on that community feedback. Mr. Below said five major themes emerged: (1) long-term planning, which could be addressed by the visioning group; (2) amenities and activities like events in parks and a downtown ice rink; (3) riverwalk and pier expansion; (4) public art; and (5) downtown parking requirements, for which Mr. Below will seek an ordinance for the March committee meeting.
 - b. Mayor Wheeler discussed the wetlands restoration and possible Ohio EPA funds to match the Army Corps of Engineer. Mayor Wheel said he is exploring with Mr. Colston.
 - c. Mr. Freedman said working to attract businesses should be an activity of the committee. Mr. Below said he will invite the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation and Port Clinton Main Street to the March meeting to be sure these organizations are doing all they can to recruit businesses into the city.
5. ADJOURNMENT – With no further discussion, Mr. Freedman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hickman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Submitted by

Gabe W. Below, Chair

February 23, 2016