

On Saturday, January 9, 2016, through Sunday, January 10, 2016, beginning at 12:30 p.m., the Dayton City Commission met in a special session at Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Springfield, 100 South Fountain Avenue, Springfield, OH 45502 in the James Demint Conference Room.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Williams, Joseph, Mims and Shaw were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the Interim City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

Mayor Whaley welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She briefly highlighted the agenda and the accomplishments from year 2015, and spoke about the vision for moving forward into year 2016.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Budget Process
- B. City of Learners: Navigating The Way Forward
- C. Crime Strategy
- D. Dayton Delivers
- E. Dayton Economic and Community Development

#### **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **Budget Process**

Ms. Dickstein, Interim City Manager, provided an overview on the budget process for the City's annual budget. She spoke about the changes to the 2016 budget process to ensure transparency, adequate timing to allow for input from the City Commission, and the preparation of budget submissions from the departments. It was proposed to start the budget process earlier and to standardize the budget presentation by making a universal template for use by all the departments. The 2016 Budget was presented by the six Community Service Areas and the programs that compose each area. The presentations included all major operating funds, capital investments, major grant funds, and special assessments. Accomplishments and goals of the various departments will continue to be highlighted throughout the budget presentations.

##### **City of Learners: Navigating The Way Forward**

Mayor Whaley provided an update on the City of Learners initiative launched in 2014. She highlighted the on-going progress and proposed new actions for long-term steps to expand and grow the initiative. She stressed the importance of creating a first-class workforce and said it begins with young learners. She thanked everyone for their support, and said she looks forward to collaborating more in year 2016.

##### **Dayton Delivers**

Ms. Dickstein, Interim City Manager, provided an update on the Dayton Delivers (2016 Customer Service Plan). She said the goal of the initiative is to enhance and grow the customer service culture within the City's organization and promote excellent service delivery. The initiative is important in order to increase efficiency and responsiveness by focusing on processes and policies that affect customer satisfaction. The objective is to address three areas of concern: the need for well-informed and competent staff, the need for courteous, patient and polite staff, and the need for good systems and processes that interface well. She spoke about the Customer Service Team and highlighted the progress made in year 2015.

#### **CONTINUE SPECIAL MEETING**

**At 5:48 p.m., Commissioner Joseph made the motion to continue the special meeting to January 10, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., 100 South Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Williams, Joseph, Mims and Shaw were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the Interim City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 8:30 a.m., Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order and said the meeting is proceeding from the prior motion to continue the special meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Williams, Joseph, Mims and Shaw were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the Interim City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

**Dayton Economic and Community Development**

Ms. Dickstein, Interim City Manager, spoke about investment activities and opportunities impacting the city. She stressed the importance to attract new investments and development and provided an outline to achieve the goal. She said it is important to leverage the City’s resources with private investment to grow existing businesses, attract new businesses and create competitive development locations making Dayton a place of choice. She spoke about the importance of strengthening and stabilizing neighborhoods.

**Crime Strategy**

Commissioner Williams provided an update on the Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence (CIRGV) launched in 2008. He highlighted the on-going progress and proposed new actions for long-term steps to expand and grow the initiative. He spoke about the importance of promoting community engagement and transparency. He highlighted the various community events, forums and dialogues that were held throughout the community. He thanked everyone for their support, and said he looks forward to year 2016.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

No citizens’ comments were received.

**COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

The Interim City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said she appreciated the opportunity to work with the City Commission and for being involved with the mission of the organization.

**COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSION**

Mayor Whaley thanked everyone for their input. She reiterated the vision of the City Commission.

Commissioners Williams, Joseph, Mims and Shaw noted their appreciation for the dialogue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Mayor Nan Whaley

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Commission