

On Friday, February 3, 2017, through Saturday, February 4, 2017, beginning at 4:44 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 Joseph, Mims and Shaw were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present. Commissioner Williams later joined the Special Meeting.

Mayor Whaley welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She briefly highlighted the agenda and the accomplishments from year 2016, and spoke about the vision for moving forward into year 2017.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. An Opportunity for All Dayton
- B. Asset Development Strategy
- C. Budget Update
- D. City Charter
- E. Community Engagement Initiatives
- F. Community Police Relations
- G. Dayton Delivers: At Your Service
- H. Dayton Public Schools
- I. Green Sustainability
- J. Inter-Governmental Affairs
- K. Neighborhood Development

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Update

Ms. Barbara LaBrier, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Ms. Diane Shannon, Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, provided an overview on the budget process for the City's annual budget. They spoke about the 2017 budget process to ensure transparency, adequate timing to allow for input from the City Commission, and the preparation of budget submissions from the departments. The presentations included all major operating funds, capital investments, major grant funds, and highlights on the long-term financial forecast. They pointed out that future funding levels are very uncertain and to prepare for significant cuts. They said the Issue 9 financial and performance data will be reported monthly on the City's web-based portal, Dayton Open Data.

Neighborhood Development/An Opportunity for All Dayton

Ms. Dickstein, City Manager, provided an update on the 2016 resources allocated toward positive community outcomes. The areas of focus: provide quality services with excellent customer service, strengthen neighborhoods and communities, incent wealth creation and economic growth, foster City of Learners and create opportunities for youth, reduce gun violence, welcome and support immigrants, support community police relations, demolish blight, prevent loss due to fire and hazard, promote green initiatives, ensure safe drinking water, improve roads and infrastructure, optimize efficiency through equipment and technology, maintain financial stability, encourage employee wellness and development, and clear communication, transparency and accountability. In 2017, the focus will continue addressing the major areas for continued growth.

Mayor Whaley provided an update on the City of Learners initiative launched in 2014. She highlighted the on-going progress and said the passage of Issue 9 will expand and grow the initiative. She said the success of the initiative is critical to the growth of the community, and she looks forward to positive results through the implementation of Issue 9.

Ms. Dickstein said the passage of Issue 9 generated a "Residential Street Resurfacing Program". Resources allocated from Issue 9 will target residential streets, parks, and vacant properties. She highlighted the various services that will be provided, and said the community will be made aware of the services through messaging "Your Dollars/Your Neighborhood". Signs will be situated throughout the community when services are provided.

Community Police Relations

Commissioner Williams, along with Mr. Richard Biehl, Chief of Police, and Ms. Catherine Crosby, Executive Director of the Human Relations Council, provided an update about Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence (CIRGV), community police relations and a strategy to improve citizens' involvement through community engagement and transparency to address crime. Chief Biehl reported that there has been an increase in violent crime involving firearms, and stressed the importance of addressing the crime incidents and the need to align resources to meet the increase in violent crimes.

The Human Relations Council will be responsible for staffing the Citizen's Appeal Board, and to assist with the mission of strengthening community police relations.

Dayton Delivers: At Your Service

Ms. Dickstein, City Manager, provided an update on the Dayton Delivers: At Your Service initiative. 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 2016, and said that 2017 will focus on implementing a cultural change.

City Charter

Commissioner Williams spoke about the need to frequently review the Charter to ensure the Charter is current with trends and structured to address changes that will impact the City well into the future.

Dayton Public Schools

Mayor Whaley and Ms. Dickstein spoke about the relationship between the City of Dayton and Dayton Public Schools. They stressed the importance of maintaining effective communication and the budget challenges that potentially impacts Dayton Public Schools and the City of Dayton.

Green Sustainability

Ms. Clements spoke about Green Sustainability efforts. She said the goal is to have a thoughtful and purposeful dialogue that reflects on Dayton's current state; relative to organizational and community sustainability efforts, with the goal of developing a comprehensive strategic plan to guide Dayton's sustainability program now and into the future. Currently, the City of Dayton does not have a formal plan; however, it has implemented key initiatives around sustainability across the City with a focus on quality of life and maintenance of a healthy environment.

CONTINUE SPECIAL MEETING

At 10:51 p.m., Commissioner Joseph made the motion to continue the special meeting to February 4, 2017, at 8:00 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.

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:06 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 City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

Inter-Governmental Affairs

Ms. Ariel Walker, Senior Policy Aide to the Mayor, along with Ms. Monica Jones, Assistant to the City Manager, and Jim Smith, Paul DiNino and Brett Garson, Lobbyist, provided an update about the proposed policy changes from the new administration that may have a major financial impact on the City. Proposed changes from the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Labor, Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency were discussed, and the overall local impact resulting from the proposed changes.

Asset Development Strategy/Community Engagement Initiatives

Ms. Dickstein, City Manager, along with Mr. Aaron Sorrell, Director of Planning and Community Development and Ms. Karen DeMasi, CityWide Development Corporation, provided an update regarding Asset Development and Community Engagement. Mr. Sorrell explained that work is underway involving community development projects.

Ms. Dickstein, City Manager, spoke about investment activities and opportunities impacting the City. She stressed the importance to attract new investments and development and discussed 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.

Ms. Demasi spoke about the Community Engagement Initiatives. It is designed to foster open communication and collaboration among Dayton's residents, business owners, stakeholders and City government. The initiative is comprised of four major components: Neighborhood-Focused Outcomes, Leadership Development and Training, Active Community Engagement and Neighborhood Communication.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens' comments were received.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

The 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 12:43 p.m.

Mayor Nan Whaley

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission