

On Saturday, July 14, 2018, through Sunday, July 15, 2018, beginning at 5:10 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 George Rogers Clark – Ballroom B. The facility moved the meeting room from the James Demint Conference Room to the George Rogers Clark – Ballroom B.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Whaley welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She briefly highlighted the agenda, and spoke about the vision for moving forward in 2018 and the progress made since March.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Community Engagement
- B. Human Relations Council
- C. Policy Budget Structure
- D. Water Update

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Human Relations Council

Commissioner Mims spoke briefly about the immigration issues impacting the country. He noted his concern for families that are separated as a result of current federal mandates. He suggested that the City Commission consider the role the Commission can play in providing support to the community while cooperating fully with all laws. He said it would be nice to have state support on the issue.

Water Update

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, provided a Water Update related to the Source Water Protection Program. She said the City of Dayton's drinking water remains safe, with PFAS readings well below the EPA health advisory level. Dayton proactively protects the region's sole source aquifer system, the City's drinking water sources, through the Source Water Protection Program. The program identifies and mitigates risk to the drinking water through various safeguards, including a network of approximately 300 early-warning ground water monitoring wells.

The City is expanding the network and has completed installation of additional monitoring wells. City staff is currently reviewing the draft toxicology report for PFAS (released last week for 30-day public comment through July 2018), and the City applauds the release of the draft report for public comment. The draft report evaluated multiple routes of PFAS exposure (air, dermal contact, inhalation, ingestion, occupational, etc), and is not focused solely on drinking water. She said The Minimal Risk Levels listed in the draft report are preliminary and do not represent regulatory guidelines.

The City is collaborating with other experts in reviewing the report; including Ohio EPA, Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She said the City will continue to use the latest technology to proactively monitor and safeguard the drinking water in coordination with the Ohio and U.S. EPA.

Commissioner Joseph asked about House Bill 602.

Ms. Dickstein said the legislation, as written, would pre-empt municipalities from setting water rates for political subdivisions to which the City have extended water and sewer services. Not only does it infringe on local authority, but in its current form, raises several questions and issues with implementation. For instance, higher rates can be charged if they are reasonably connected to the service being provided, but the bill does not define what reasonable is.

Recently, Dayton and Montgomery County successfully negotiated a collaborative, historic water agreement using a best in class Cost-of-Service Model. Under this contract, the City of Dayton provides water to the County Water District which adds fees for the cost of providing service to their customers. Additionally, the Bill prevents municipalities from utilizing local research, best practices, and data analysis to set water rates when developing, installing and maintaining water and sewer infrastructure to neighboring municipalities.

She said the legislation does not take into consideration that the utility may have sold 30 year bonds on the assumption of the higher rates outside the municipality and that by cutting the rates on January 1, 2022, municipalities may be violating their bond covenants or may be unable to meet their bond coverage ratios. Also, it penalizes the tax supported services of the municipality for actions taken through negotiated contracts with the fee-based supported services of the municipality. Instead, it would harm tax supported services like roads and bridges.

She said the legislation does not take into consideration times when townships may be willing to pay higher rates in return for some consideration. It is likely that the municipal utility has a higher bond rating or the ability to borrow several million dollars to pay for infrastructure extensions and improvements to allow development in a township. The township may be willing to pay a higher rate since the municipality utility is financing those improvements. This legislation could adversely affect Joint Economic Development Districts.

She said House Bill 602 is a confusing and unwarranted intrusion in local government operations. It leaves more questions than it answers and ensures implementation would be tied up in protracted legal challenges. She said the City of Dayton is opposed to the legislation.

Community Engagement

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, briefly pointed out the various ongoing projects throughout the community. She highlighted the projects and timeline towards completion in each quad of the city. She said there is notable progress.

Also, she spoke about the Dayton survey. She said the survey was mailed-out to citizens and she briefly reviewed the results of the survey. She said responses were well received and the community was engaged in the survey process.

Beth Whelley provided a presentation on the draft report of the Community Impact Conversation that was held on June 7th at the Dayton Convention Center. The 211 participants provided comment regarding their vision for the Dayton Community and considerations for the budget planning process. The Commission discussed the preliminary findings, possible form for a final report and how future engagement on the issue might occur.

CONTINUE SPECIAL MEETING

At 10:35 p.m., Commissioner Joseph made the motion to continue the special meeting to July 15, 2018, 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 Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild were present.

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:04 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 Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

Policy Budget Structure

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the budget process was changed to allocate resources to more directly meet the Policy Objectives and Priorities outlined by the City Commission and obtained through various community engagement forums. She said to do so; the creation of a Policy Framework that communicates the City Commission's strategic priorities and the values in advancing the priorities was created. The Policy Framework will focus energy and resources to ensure that the City organization and other stakeholders are working together toward common goals in order to drive meaningful results in the future.

There are five Community Services Areas: Economic and Community Development (foster a viable, sustainable and healthy urban community by providing quality amenities, economic opportunities and affordable housing options), Justice (ensure a just and secure city where individuals, families and organizations can live, work and thrive), Building and Environmental Safety (safeguard the City's physical environment through the provision of services that protect people and property), Infrastructure (invest, maintain and improve the City's public assets to promote development, public safety and community value) and Corporate Services and Governance (ensure the efficient and effective use of tax-payer dollars in providing City services while fostering a fair and just community).

There are five strategic areas: Community, Innovation, Knowledge, Opportunity, and Service. In addition to the five strategic areas, the Policy Framework would also include five core values. The values represent the City's commitment with respect to community engagement in each of the five strategic areas: Stewardship, Accountability, Transparency, Diversity/Inclusivity and Equity.

Office Procedures

Ms. Ariel Walker, Director of City Commission, spoke briefly about staffing in the City Commission Office, and assignment of responsibilities among staff to support the City Commission.

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 restated the vision of the City Commission, and noted her appreciation of staff's hard work.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Mayor Nan Whaley

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission