

On Friday, January 10, 2020, through Saturday, January 11, 2020, beginning at 4:12 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, 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 2020.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Budget and Policy Update
- B. Census Work Program Update
- C. Construction Field Auditor Program
- D. Development Update
- E. 2020 Sustainability Plan

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Census Work Program Update – (2020 Census – April 1, 2020)

Ms. Nikol Miller, Community Relations Manager with the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority and Chair of the United States 2020 Census, along with Mr. Austin Railey, Legislative Aide with the City Commission Office, provided an update about the Census Work Program.

Every ten years, since 1790, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. The data effects the distribution of more than \$675B in federal funds annually to communities that impacts housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. Additionally, the data is used to redraw boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. Miller spoke about the 16 Large Federal Assistance Programs that distribute funds, the breakdown of population, by percentages, in Montgomery County, and the Sub-Committee Types and mission affiliated with the Census.

She explained the data driven approach, and the outreach timeline:

- Planning (May 2018 – January 2019)
- Education (February 2019 – December 2019)
- Awareness (January 2020 – March 2020)
- Motivation (Mid-March 2020 – May 2020)
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She said The Census Solutions Workshop for the 2020 Census, was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Thurgood Marshall High School located at 4447 Hoover Avenue in Dayton, Ohio. The purpose of the workshop is to assist with gathering community input.

Ms. Miller cited Montgomery County Challenges – Hard to Count Groups:

- Areas in Montgomery County with a low response score
- People with limited internet access or internet capabilities
- Children under the age of five (over one million children were not captured in the previous Census reports)
- People affected by the Memorial Day tornadoes. She explained the Natural Disaster Residence Guidance states people temporarily displaced by natural disasters are to be counted at their usual residence to which they intend to return. Also, people in temporary group living quarters, established for victims of natural disasters, will be counted where they live and sleep most of the time (or at a facility, if they do not report an usual home elsewhere)

Ms. Miller said the City of Dayton has engaged with several departments and initiatives that pertain to the success of the 2020 Census. She thanked the City Commission for their support. She said the Census is hiring for all positions, and reasonable wages will be paid.

2020 Sustainability Plan

Mr. Mark Charles, Sustainability Manager for the City of Dayton, spoke about the Sustainability Plan. He highlighted his first 90-days at the City of Dayton and his visits to many of the Dayton Area Stakeholders: Environmental Advisory Board, City of Dayton's departments, Montgomery County, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Metro Parks, Bike Miami Valley and Drive Electric Dayton, University of Dayton, Technical Vendors and Trade Associations, Sierra Club and the Great Miami Watershed Network, City of Cincinnati's Sustainability Program Staff and Zoo Sustainability Staff, Ohio Environmental Council and Energy For All.

Mr. Charles spoke about the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. He said the first Earth Day occurred 50 years ago on April 22, 1970. A proposed celebration planned for Saturday, April 18, 2020. The recommendation of "March for the Earth" from Levitt to Riverscape with speakers and music at each location. Possible participation by public schools, and booths for stakeholders and City departments for public outreach.

He explained the recommended strategies for a Sustainable Dayton. He said climate change effects are sobering and the timeliness associated with catastrophic conditions are coming rapidly. He said to expect more frequent and more severe flooding and storms with resulting disruption to transportation and food systems. Communities need to plan for the new reality and be as resilient in their recoveries as possible.

Sustainable Communities defined as:

- Address carbon (GHG) emissions by being as efficient as possible (minimize energy from buildings and transit) and derive power from alternative energy sources (solar, wind, hydro, geothermal)
- Minimize refuse while maximizing reuse and recycling, including composting or digesting food/green waste
- Conserve potable drinking water and efficiently produce and distribute it

He explained what it will take to be more sustainable:

- Contemplate use of every available tool (incentives, grants, loans, tax rebates, internal training, public outreach, and regulatory authority) to bring about the needed change
- Reduce as much electrical consumption as possible
- Move away from electricity generated from fossil-fuels (facilitate and purchase electric vehicles and charging units)
- Move toward alternative energy (solar, wind, hydro, geothermal) as opportunities present themselves
- Vigorous groundwater and storm water protection (to protect surface water)
- Improvements in recycling
- Avoid one-time plastics and Styrofoam materials
- Consider establishing the City as a No-Fracking Zone
- Adopt a Sustainable purchasing policy that emphasis total cost rather than off-the-shelf price along
- Follow through on sustainable projects already underway: 2,000 street lights, airport lighting, water upgrades, HVAC systems, recognize positive contributions, bicycle action plan, tree canopy goal, community gardens and emergency preparedness

Budget and Policy Update

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, highlighted the 2020 Budget and spoke on programmatic projects, policy opportunities and challenges for the upcoming budget year.

Human Relations Council Update

Ms. Erica Field, Executive Director of the Human Relations Council (HRC), provided a brief update about the Human Relations Council. She explained the Human Relations Council's internal strategic focus: build the capacity, capacity, and expertise of HRC staff; increase internal/organizational understanding and appreciation of HRC mission as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion; routinely distribute community surveys to gather feedback on HRC programs and services; hold strategic planning sessions to assess progress and challenges and revise accordingly.

The Human Relations Council's Community Strategic Focus: amplify the voices of Dayton residents by creating pathways for civic engagement and advocating for and enforcing inclusive and equitable city policies; elevate engagement and convening efforts into a systemic change by assisting with the development of responsive,

relevant, and self-sustainable initiatives and policies in partnership with the city department and communities; foster a culture of mutual understanding and trust by bringing diverse parties together in safe and facilitated spaces for productive dialogue; and advise the Dayton City Commission on positive intergroup relations and human rights by identifying, collecting, and analyzing community input and transforming data into policy briefs with actionable recommendations.

The Human Relations Council's Civil Rights Focus Areas: expand outreach efforts to include programming/training for young people addressing contemporary issues of race; launch a comprehensive educational program to affirmatively further fair housing and prevent and eliminate discrimination in the larger community; and strengthen ordinance and enforcement authority.

The Human Relations Council's Business and Technical Focus Areas are; cross-departmental collaboration; increase the pool of PEP certified companies; outreach and engagement/capacity building; and compliance and enforcement.

The Human Relations Council's Welcome Dayton Focus Areas: evaluation of Welcome Dayton; economic development, civic engagement; continued partnership with ABLE; and redesign of the Ambassador Program.

Ms. Fields provided information regarding the revenue and expenses of the Civil Rights Program including budgetary options for program structure.

Ms. Dickstein discussed potential policy and cost-savings opportunities.

Golf

The Deputy City Manager, Mr. Joe Parlette, provided an overview on the history and the budget challenges impacting the City's golf courses. He pointed out the location of the various golf courses throughout the community, and cited the percentage of utilization of the golf courses by citizens, and the cost to maintain the golf courses throughout the year. He highlighted potential cost-savings opportunities for the golf courses.

CONTINUE SPECIAL MEETING

At 11:13 p.m., Commissioner Fairchild made the motion to continue the special meeting to January 11, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., 100 South Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Commissioner Mims 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. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:21 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.

Construction Field Auditor Program

Commissioner Matt Joseph and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, presented on the Construction Field Auditor Program. They discussed the following:

Financial Tax Analyst I Position and the Construction Compliance Project in 2020

2019

Construction Compliance for income tax continued through a contracted employee and then the use of a portion of full-time staff in the Tax Compliance section: the average compliance rate is 85.4 percent compared to 89.6 percent last year. The rate is down slightly because of the lower response rate from subcontractors.

State of the Project

During 2019, the project has identified:

- 13 major construction projects
- 151 companies affiliated with these projects
 - 11 general contractors

- 140 sub-contractors
- 85.4 percent (129/151) of identified companies registered in the Production tax system or responded with an exemption
- Sent 73 letters
 - 65 requests for information
 - Eight delinquency letters for missing filings
 - 22 companies have yet to respond to requests for information

2020

In 2020, the Construction Compliance project will roll into a comprehensive special tax collection initiative.

A full-time Finance Tax Analyst-I will be funded specifically to monitor and ensure compliance for construction related business and individual worker tax payments as well as other specific tax circumstances for businesses that are not easily detected through the normal tax collection system.

Finance estimates that this work will generate an additional \$35-50,000 per year, which will cover about half of the full-time position.

The position's job description has been approved and the hiring process has been initiated.

Finance expects to have this professional on board by April 1, 2020.

Community Impact Conversations Update

Ms. Beth Whelley, Facilitator, provided a brief overview on the City of Dayton's Community Impact Conversations held on November 7, 2019, at the Dayton Convention Center.

The objective is to provide additional information and context to help frame neighborhood investment priorities and level-set expectations. There were a total of 102 participants representing 48 different neighborhoods. The sessions were for 90 minutes that included a 30-minute breakout session.

She said the participants enthusiastically engaged particularly in breakout session with dynamic idea-sharing and many questions for neighborhood leaders. She said participants respectfully were attentive to general session presentations, but definitely wanted more time for the breakout session.

Overall, there was an overwhelmingly positive sentiment of 87 percent from the participants. The feedback received reported the community conversations on neighborhood investments is an asset that the City of Dayton can build on while managing through other challenging issues and tough times. The neighborhoods with a track record of successful improvement projects have rock-solid, experienced, committed neighborhood leaders to drive and guide their association participants through the process. The City of Dayton could benefit from helping to create more of these high-capacity neighborhood leaders and may want to consider investing in additional training sessions and workshops focused on the first steps in making neighborhood improvements.

Development Update

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, provided a development update regarding the various projects located throughout the community. She highlighted the following projects:

Northwest

- Hope Center
- Gem City Market

Innerwest/Southwest

- Completed construction/build out of Rubenstein first floor space for expansion of Zik's pharmacy
- Sold the Allaman and West Side Chevy Building to private developers
- Completed murals with community partners along Germantown Street
- Provided business façade loans to five businesses along Germantown
- Provided 22 home improvements loan in Choice area through partnership with County Corp.
- Put out to bid, sign and lighting projects for gateways
- Raised funds to launch West Dayton Voices, a digital storytelling project
- Finalizing a Good Neighborhood Agreement between the Carillon-Edgemont neighborhoods and One Fifteen
- Raised \$20K for a farm manager to assist Edgemont with Solar Garden production and management

- Raised \$6K to assist Carillon in implementation of branding work
- Raised \$7,500K for Children’s Bicycle Playground at Welcome Park
- Seek Plan Board and City Commission approval of Pineview Neighborhood plan
- Assist Five Rivers Health Centers Project Manager and architects in the development of the new health center at former Whittier School site

Northeast

- Kroc Center Expansion
- DaVinci 2020
- Complete Neighborhood Plans OND/McCook Field

Downtown

- Oregon East
- State Historic Tax Credits
- Fire Blocks
- Barclay Hotel
- Manhattan Project – 601 E. Third Street
- 537 E. Monument
- 607 E. Third Street
- Centerfield Lofts
- 15 McDonough
- Adoption of Streetscape Guidelines and Downtown Corridor Plan
- OnMain

Construction Updates

- Salem Avenue Design rebuild
 - Phase 1 – North Avenue
 - Phase 2 – Riverview to North Avenue
 - Phase 3 – Manhattan to Cornell
- Springfield Street Phase II
- Springfield Street Phase III
- Wyoming Street Reconstruction
- Third Street Bridge
- Valley Street Realignment Project

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 THE 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 10:55 a.m.

Nan Whaley
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission