

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Roll call, members present: President Barry Keller; Tom Duvall, At Large; Michelle Blanton, At Large; Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Caryn Koch-Esterline, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward and Linda Chancey, Clerk. ABSENT: Jeff Hallinin, First Ward. Invited Guests Law Director Gary Kenworthy.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Theis motioned to approve the March 15, 2022, minutes, and Koch- Esterline seconded.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Brady announced a Service Cmte Mtg. Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm
- Blanton announced a Finance Cmte Mtg. Tuesday, March 29th at 7:15 or following the service cmte mtg.
- Keller stated that Council received six quotes for the Strategic Growth Plan. The plans were distributed to six different groups to review, the results were tallied and the three companies at the top based on the six groups are Montrose Group, Crossroads community Planning and Envision. A Cmte Of Whole Mtg is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th to interview the three groups in public session. The meeting will start at 5:00 pm and each group will have the opportunity for 10-15 minutes of presentation and 10-15 minutes of questions from Council members, this process will follow the same for all three groups. Once the groups depart, Council members, will have a 30-minute window to discuss the interviews. Cmte of Whole will make a recommendation to forward to City Council a firm to complete the Strategic Growth Plan for the City. Also, the public will not be allowed to ask questions during the interviews.
 - In addition, the Strategic Plan booklets are available for Council members who have not had a chance to review. Please sign out and return by March 26th
 - Also, on April 12th Cmte Of Whole at 6:00 pm will hear from the Charter Commission what they are presenting to the public, based on that meeting there will be legislation drafted to be considered on April 19th Council meeting.

NO REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tom Spring, 335 Meadow Lane, wanted to ask three questions to offer and think about.

1. Will this plan attack the problems with vacant properties, lots, and empty buildings? What are the goals.
2. There is a survey in the water bills for food trucks, there is a question asked would you rather have a food truck in a vacant lot in the downtown or a building with shops and restaurant on the ground floor and apartments above it, which one benefits most people. Which one of those alternative uses goals that were set out in the Edsall Plan and Heritage Ohio assessment recommendations for the downtown where the blue zones planning recommendations were for the downtown. Keller stated that survey was recommended by the administration because of a lot of conversation around food trucks and pop-up tents, the Mayor is looking for public input. My understanding is administration received a lot of feedback on that and Council will hear the results of that survey.
3. Why was the survey being released after Council forwarded the proposal codes to the Planning Commission? And why were citizens not given a choice, there are preferred food trucks but there are some other uses on those lots. Wondering why the survey was not mailed in quantity to register voters in households. And why the survey was not mailed to Earnhardt Water District, one of our residents did not get the survey. I was wondering, is the survey available in Survey Monkey to keep from ping in on different ID addresses and stacking the vote? Wondering what the survey was designed to accomplish and whether these questions were vetted from a professional pollster to remove bias and leading questions and that could suggest a particular response. And will the results be statistically valid?

NO COMMUNICATIONS

NO LEGISLATION FOR THIRD, SECOND OR FIRST READING

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Brady motioned to excuse Jeff Hallinin and Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Koch- Esterline stated that she did receive the food truck survey and you can do it online too and anyone in the world can do it online. The survey is incredibly flawed, and I am fearful that we are going to look too much to that survey to put in toward the city new zoning codes.

Blanton stated that it was partially developed by someone who we hired to do our zoning codes.

Hedges was curious that the questions asked by Mr. Spring suggestions, I do not know if we have ever done those questions that he suggested, maybe a suggestion in the future that will make it less flawed. Or hire someone better suited to design it.

Keller stated this survey was not something that Council requested or required so you need to direct your questions to administration. Koch- Esterline stated that she already has done that.

Blanton stated she asked additional questions regarding the survey. Blanton read the statistics of the survey from Brian Frost, Operation Manager of the WWTP.

Koch- Esterline stated that she is very aggravated by the survey.

Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, and Duvall seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Council Clerk