

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Ridge on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Weissenborn, Hoogstra, Mayor Ridge, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Armitage and Councilmember McRae.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Hoogstra to excuse both due to illness.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. SETTING GOALS TO IMPLEMENT VISION 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN:

Mayor Ridge began by summarizing the strategic plan and noting the organization of goals under the seven elements. She noted that other organizations in the community would be involved in implementing portions of the plan. Council members offered comments about objectives listed under each of the elements.

Arts and Culture. Members favored expanding outdoor art experiences in conjunction with expanding music in downtown with the Community Development Director acting as a liaison to other groups working on arts activities.

Basic Needs. It was noted that the Council would be addressing rental inspections in the fall. Mayor Ridge said she would contact Claudine Williams for additional information about food security.

Neighborhoods and Communities. It was suggested that the Planning Commission identify neighborhoods as part of the strategic plan update. The objectives related to communications would be taken up by the ad hoc communications committee.

Economic Opportunity. It was felt that the community development director should increase his participation with Tri-County Regional Planning and should coordinate with the Chamber and CharlotteRising to establish a business roundtable. The city manager was asked to find out how a vote is conducted to include our area in the Lansing Community College district.

Education. A joint meeting with the school board was proposed. It was felt that references to adult education should be clarified and might related to the need for life-long learning.

Environment. Objectives 6.2 and 6.3 were assigned to the DPW director. It was suggested that the Parks Advisory Board should look into an adopt-a-park program.

Health and Wellness. Discussion focused on sidewalks and how sidewalk conditions are measured. It was suggested that Eaton Community Health might be involved in measuring satisfaction with health offerings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Council member Baker moved, seconded by Dyer to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No

Mayor Yvonne Ridge

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC

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