



CITY COUNCIL PLANNING COMMISSION

May 11, 2021

A special joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting was held from virtual locations with staff and the Mayor reporting in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Roll was called at 5:30 P.M. and the following were:

Present: John Murphy, Mayor, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Kate Marshall, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Derek Shiels, Harbor Springs, Emmet County, MI
Brian Wagner, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI

Cynthia Linn Robson, Chairperson, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Betony Braddock, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Carolyn Dettmer, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Rose Fitzgerald, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Richard Mooradian, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI
Richard Neumann, Petoskey, Emmet County, MI

Absent: Lindsey Walker, H. Ted Pall and Kent Warner

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, City Planner Amy Tweeten and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Discuss Livable Petoskey Master Plan Final Draft

The City Planner gave a brief presentation on the Livable Petoskey Master Plan and that the Planning Commission reviewed City Council changes to the plan and public comments at their April 15 meeting and Commissioners had questions on the intent of some of the Council changes; that Commissioners wanted clarification on two main areas regarding the need and benefits of art in the community and the strategy language was removed; that clarification was also needed on an added goal and strategies under Local Economy – Assets and Opportunities and that Commissioners did not understand the intent of the additions or the role of the City in their implementation dealing with local wealth building.

City Councilmembers and Commissioners discussed the importance of art education; heard inquiries from those on how the City would accomplish advocating for art education funding and how to integrate; heard from those in favor of including the strategy since a lot of public comments talked about it and it would be beneficial to include; and that the strategy language be expanded.

City Councilmembers and Commissioners concurred to change strategy for arts and culture to read as follows: Participate in efforts to ensure arts and cultural education are supported and promoted equitably throughout the community.

The City Planner reviewed that information on community wealth building was included in the packet and that the Michigan Municipal League has changed its focus from place making to community wealth building.

City Councilmembers and Commissioners discussed the term wealth building and that it is a new buzz word; that community wealth is reflected in the City's shared assets; that individual wealth provides benefits to developers; heard a suggestion to use definition from Michigan Municipal League; discussed pros and cons on new goal and strategies and heard from those both in favor and against; that a lot of wealth building ideas are already addressed in other areas of the master plan; heard from those in favor of broadening the language and include the concept of shared wealth with community assets and also to preserve; that community wealth information could be included as a footnote; and Councilmember Shiels reviewed his position on wealth building and the information he supplied in the packet.

City Councilmembers and Commissioners concurred to change the goal and strategies under Local Economy – Assets and Opportunities to read as follows:

Goal: Preserve and build upon community assets in a manner that enhances our shared prosperity and well-being.

Strategies: Encourage discussion of Community Wealth Building business models.

The City Planner reviewed process and that the Planning Commission will review final draft at their May meeting, potentially schedule a public hearing for the June meeting and then will be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Planning Commission, this May 11, 2021, special joint meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.