

# Strategic Planning Committee

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City Hall, 127 South Court Street, Council Chambers

## **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

Chairman: Sheri Theis

Members of the Committee: Tom Klitzka and Jeff Hallinin

Non-voting members: David Crawford, Council President; Don McIlroy, Mayor;  
and Al Sedlak, President of Planning and Zoning Commission

Pat Hughey, Assistant Clerk

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1. Call Meeting to Order
  
2. Approval of Strategic Planning Committee minutes from January 15, 2020
  
3. Old Business
  - Certified Local Government Application
  - Park Board Update
  - Charter – Review Timeline of Election Cycles
  - Funding for Community Development - \$150,000 from Norfolk and Southern
  
4. New Business
  - Tree Commission – Update and Applications
  - City Website
  
5. Adjourn

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## STATUS OF ORDINANCES AND INITIATIVES

1. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT** (2015 and 2017 Council Goal) – Amendments establishing a Board of Zoning Appeals (with planning as duty of the Planning and Zoning Commission), and miscellaneous other changes, recommended by the Long Range and Strategic Planning and Judicial Committees of Council, and reviewed by Planning and Zoning Commission. Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to remove the miscellaneous other change. **Ordinance 12-68-2019, passed by council 7-0 on December 17, 2019.**
2. **DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS** – An Ordinance Creating the East Main Street, Court Street, West Main Street, and Franklin Street Redevelopment District Improvements to Certain Parcels of Real Property to Be A Public Purpose and Exempt from Taxation; Requiring the Owner of the Parcels to Make Service payments in Lieu of Taxes; Specifying the Plan for Using Service Payment to Promote Economic Development and Job Creation; Authorizing the Execution of Economic Development Plans; Establishing the East Main Street, Court Street, West Main Street and Franklin Street Downtown Redevelopment District Funds for the Deposit of Such Service Payments; Approving Related Matters; and Declaring an Emergency. **Ordinance No. 12-64-2019 adopted by Council on December 3, 2019, amended December 17, 2019.**
3. **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT / DESIGN REVIEW BOARD** – Committee voted October 7, 2019, with the mayor’s endorsement, to apply to become a Certified Local Government by amending existing ordinances to provide for a new Design Review Board and a district/landmark designation process. Committee is working with local resident Frank Quinn, Heritage Ohio Director of Preservation, and Nathan Bevil, Ohio Historic Preservation Office Planning and Preservation Manager. **Frank Quinn reviewed proposed code with committee, which voted December 17, 2019, to forward draft of code to Nathan Bevil for review and approval.**
4. **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – December 10, 2019, recommended to Finance Committee and Council that funding for services under the purview of the Committee be appropriated as follows:
  - A. That \$150,000 in unrestricted Norfolk & Southern RR money plus revenues from the Vacant Property Registry ordinance be budgeted in the Council portion of the General Fund to advance strategic initiatives and core values under the purview of the Committee.
    - \$2,500 be appropriated in the Council budget for legal training of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and future Design Review Board, training for the Tree Commission, and memberships/subscriptions be purchased in the American Planning Association for P&Z and BZA, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions for DRB, and Heritage Ohio for elected officials/staff/board training.
    - \$5,000 be appropriated in the city budget for the Tree Commission in addition to any grants.
  - B. That the city prepares a cost estimate for renovating City Hall, including a fire museum, for the 2020 State Capital Appropriations Bill. Meeting (Crawford, Spring) with Administration and CT Consultants held December 10, 2019. **Letter/white paper due to state rep. and state senator by Jan. 10. 2020.**
5. **CHARTER** – The Committee recommended that the city place the question of electing a Charter Commission to frame a Charter on the ballot in 2020 or 2021.