AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2022-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present Meeting is in Session.
- 4. Proclamations & Presentations.
- 5. Approval of Minutes.
- 6. Reading of Communications.
- 7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
- 8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
- 9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

11. NEW BUSINESS

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A. An **ORDINANCE** Approving the Replat of Canfield City Lots 6899, 6900 and 6901 and Creating Lots 6902 and 6903 by Charles Masters on Lake Wobegon Drive.

Description:

The developer of Plat 10 of the Stonebridge Development (Charlie Masters) has submitted a replat of specific lots to be located on Lake Wobegon Drive. Lots 6899, 6900 are the specific lots that have been surveyed and are the subject of this replat, however the replat of these lots have also created new City of Canfield Lots 6902 and 6903. Lot 6902 and Lot 6903 will be the subject of a future replat to create additional lots with the subdivision of Stonebridge Plat 10.

This ordinance approves the proposed replat of Plat 10 of the Stonebridge Development by Charlie Masters by creating new City of Canfield lots 6899,6900,6901,6902 and 6903. At their May 12th meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this replat, and the City of Canfield engineering consultants have certified the replat as proposed.

Action Needed:

Approval of Ordinance approving the replat of Canfield City Lots 6899,6900,6901 and creating lots 6902 and 6903 by Charlie Masters on Lake Wobegon Drive.

Attachment(s):

Ordinance approving the replat of Canfield City Lots 6899,6900,6901 and creating lots 6902 and 6903 by Charlie Masters on Lake Wobegon Drive

Stonebridge Plat 10 Replat Certification & Map

Planning & Zoning Recommendation Letter (May 12th)

Public Comments

B. A <u>RESOLUTION</u> Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into A Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement on Behalf of The City of Canfield for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Wastewater Facilities; Namely the Red Gate Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 and 3 Design Project, and Designating A Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency.

Description:

The City of Canfield is applying for a loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund ("WPCLF") for the planning, design, and/or construction of wastewater facilities related to the development of the Red Gate Farm property, specifically Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the project.

In June 2019 the City of Canfield approved a loan for Phase I of this project that extended sanitary sewer to the corner of W. Main St. and S. Palmyra Rd. This loan is for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the project which will extend the sanitary sewer south down Palmyra Rd. to Leffingwell Rd.

As part of the loan application process the WPCLF requires the governing authority of applicant to pass legislation for the execution of agreements and to designate a dedicated repayment source.

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into agreements on behalf of the City of Canfield for the WPCLF loan for Red Gate Sanitary Phase 2 and Phase 3, and dedicates user fees as the source of repayment.

Action Needed:

Approval of resolution authorizing City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into agreements on behalf of the City of Canfield for a WPCLF loan for wastewater facilities upgrades. This resolution should be passed as an emergency in order to meet the application deadline of June 1, 2022.

Attachment(s):

Resolution authorizing City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into agreements on behalf of the City of Canfield for a WPCLF loan for wastewater facilities upgrades for Red Gate Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Public Comments

C. A <u>MOTION</u> Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Settlement Agreement with Canfield Township, and an Amended Agreement on Behalf of the City of Canfield with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education Regarding the Allocation of Costs Related to the Provision of School Resource Officers.

Description:

In 2018 the City of Canfield, Canfield Township, and the Canfield Local School District Board of Education entered into an agreement for the allocation of costs related to the School Resources Officers (SRO) provided by Canfield Police Department. In the middle part of 2020 Canfield Township raised concern regarding the invoiced amount from the City for the SRO services. The City and the Township disagreed on the calculation of the cost allocation owed by Canfield Township. Sporadic discussions took place through 2020 and 2021, with the final settlement agreement being reached between the two parties in early 2022.

In order to settle the dispute, the City of Canfield has agreed to a reduction in the outstanding balances owed by Canfield Township for their cost allocation of the SRO services provided to Canfield Local School District, and the City of Canfield has agreed to execute the "First Amendment to the agreement between Canfield City, Canfield Township, and Canfield Schools".

The settlement agreement reduces the outstanding balance owed by Canfield Township to \$8,834.01 for SRO Services for School Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Further, the settlement agreement clearly defines the amount that Canfield Township will owe for school year 2022-2023 to be \$37,794.23. The First Amendment to the agreement amends the calculation for the cost allocation, amends the insurance amount requirements, and allows Canfield Township the right to terminate the agreement by providing 90 days written notice.

This motion authorizes the City Manager to enter into a settlement agreement with Canfield Township and an amended agreement with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education on behalf of the City of Canfield regarding the allocation of costs related to the provision of School Resource Officers.

Action Needed:

Approval of motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amended agreement on behalf of the City of Canfield with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education regarding the allocation of costs related to the provision of School Resource Officers.

Attachment(s):

Motion the City Manager to enter into an amended agreement on behalf of the City of Canfield with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education regarding the allocation of costs related to the provision of School Resource Officers.

Transmittal Letter and Settlement Agreement

First Amendment to the Agreement between Canfield Township, Canfield City, and the Canfield Board of Education.

Public Comments

D. A **MOTION** Changing the dates of the Council Meetings for the Months of July and August, Pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Canfield.

Description:

Pursuant to section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, "...regular meetings must be held twice each calendar month, except during the months of July and August, the Council may dispense with one of its regular meetings."

This motion sets the date and time of the authorized one (1) meeting for the months of July and August. Staff is recommending July 13th and August 24th for the scheduled meetings.

Action Needed:

Approval of motion changing the dates of the Council meetings for the months of July and August.

Attachment(s):

Motion changing the dates of Council meetings for the months of July and August.

Public Comments

- 12. Council Comments.
- 13. Adjournment

Introduced by:
First Reading:
<u>ORDINANCE</u>
An Ordinance Approving the Replat of Canfield City Lots 6899,6900 and 6901 and Creating Lots 6902 and 6903 By Charles Masters On Lake Wobegon Drive
WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission at their Regular Meeting on May 12, 2022 approved the replat of Canfield City Lot 6899, 6900 and 6901 and Creating Lots 6902 and 6903 by Charles Masters.
WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends to Council the approva of the replat of Canfield City lots 6899, 6900 and 6901 and Creating Lots 6902 and 6903 on Lake Wobegon Drive.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO:
Section 1: The Council of the City of Canfield approves the replat of Canfield City lots 6899, 6900 and 6901 and Creating Lots 6902 and 6903 by Charles Masters.
Section 2: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.
PASSED IN COUNCIL THISDAY OFA.D., 2022
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:
CLERK OF COUNCIL
Certification of Publication
I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit:
CLERK OF COUNCIL
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY



City of Canfield

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DATE:

MAY 12, 2022

TO:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM:

MIKE COOK, SECRETARY

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

SUBJECT:

A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL A REPLAT OF STONEBRIDGE

PLAT 10 CREATING CITY LOTS 6899,6900,6901 AND LOTS 6902 AND

6903 BY CHARLES MASTERS.

At the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 12, 2022,

the following motion was made:

Mr. Kristan made a motion to recommend to Council a replat of Stonebridge Plat 10 creating city lots 6899,6900,6901 and lots 6902 and 6903 by Charles Masters.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Palermo.

This motion passed 4 - 0







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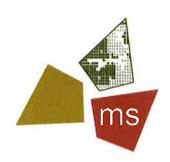
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Replat of Stonebridge Plat 10 Creating City Lots 6899, 6900, 6901, 6902, & 6903

This is to certify that the Replat of Stonebridge Plat 10 Creating City Lots 6899, 6900, 6901, 6902, & 6903 in the City of Canfield prepared by Advanced Land Measurement, Inc. for ASM Investments Inc. does not exceed the mathematical error in closure as stated in Administrative Code Chapter 4733-37-04, Measurement specifications for the Standard for Boundary Surveys in Ohio. I also certify that the acreage for Lot 6899 is 0.4387 acres, Lot 6900 is 0.4469 acres, Lot 6901 is 0.4946 acres, Lot 6902 is 1.4335 acres and Lot 6903 is 4.6295 acres, the owner's deed reference is Deed Book 919, page 151 and is current. Adjoining subdivisions are verified with referenced instrument number and plat volumes and pages. The boundary monuments are found and set at the corners as required by 4733-37-03, Monumentation for the Standards for Boundary Surveys in Ohio and that the Replat of Stonebridge Plat 10 does meet the standards as outlined in 4733-37-05, Plat of Survey.

I hereby certify that this report was prepared under my direct supervision.

Chad S. Snow

Registered Professional Surveyor No. 8559







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Introduced by: First Reading:
RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; NAMELY THE RED GATE SANITARY SEWER PHASE 2 AND 3 DESIGN PROJECT, AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
WHEREAS, the City of Canfield seek to upgrade its existing wastewater facilities; and
WHEREAS, the City of Canfield intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the planning, design and or construction of the wastewater facilities; and
WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:
<u>Section 1</u> : That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of Wastewater or Water facilities on behalf of the City of Canfield, Ohio, for the Red Gate Sanitary Sewer Phase 2 and 3 Deign Project.
Section 2: That the dedicated source of repayment will be sanitary sewer user fees.
<u>Section 3</u> : That is Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.
Section 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Canfield, Ohio. Said emergency exists by reason of the fact that the loan award is scheduled for June 1, 2022 and this Resolution will not be in effect until June 17, 2022.
<u>Section 5</u> : That this Resolution and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Resolution were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.
PASSED IN COUNCIL THISDAY OFA. D, 2022.
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

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	CLERK OF COUNCIL	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY		

Introduced by:	Motion No:
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amended Agreement with the Ca	ne City of Canfield desires to enter into an nfield Board of Education and Canfield of costs related to providing a School ard of Education; and
Board of Education have re-negotiate	field, Canfield Township and the Canfield the terms of an agreement allocating the Officers through school year 2022-2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVE CANFIELD, OHIO:	D BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
	of Canfield shall enter into an amended of Education and Canfield Township in the porated herein as Exhibit 1.
Section 2 . That the City N authorized and directed to enter into t	Manager of the City of Canfield is hereby he Agreement.
this Motion were held in open meeting	nd all deliberation relating to the passage on ngs of this Council, all pursuant to Section and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the
PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS	_ day of, 2022.
-	CLERK OF COUNCIL

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I, tr	ne undersigne	ed Clerk o	of Coun	icil of the C	City of Canfield,	Ohio, he	reby
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May 13, 2022

Attorney Karen Gaglione Mahoning County Prosecutor, Civil Division 21 W. Boardman St. 5th Floor Youngstown, Ohio 44507

Attorney Angela Battaglia Mahoning County Prosecutor, Civil Division 21 W. Boardman St. 5th Floor Youngstown, Ohio 44507

Karen and Angela:

Please find enclosed the SRO Agreement and the First Amendment thereto executed by the City of Canfield.

Be advised that the City is executing the First Amendment based only upon the procedural requirements which you have identified. However, neither the terms of the First Amendment nor the terms of the Agreement should be considered or otherwise characterized as the terms of, or even a "starting point" for negotiations, between the parties moving forward with regards to a new SRO Agreement commencing with the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN THE CANFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE CITY OF CANFIELD REGARDING THE SRO AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CANFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE CITY OF CANFIELD AND THE CANFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

This A	greement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered into on this
day of	, 2022 by and between the Canfield Township Board of Trustees
having its prin	cipal place of business at 21 S. Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (hereinafter
referred to as t	he "Township") and the City of Canfield having its principal place of business at
104 Lisbon Str	reet, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (hereinafter referred to as the "City").

WHEREAS, the Township and the City, for good and valuable consideration as set forth herein, and intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of full execution.
- 2. The City, the Township and the Canfield Board of Education (hereinafter "BOE") had entered into an Agreement dated August 15, 2018 for police protection and sharing of costs related to the School Resource Officer at the Canfield High School and Canfield Middle School (hereinafter "SRO Agreement").
- 3. Thereafter, a First Amendment to the SRO Agreement entitled "First Amendment to the Agreement by and between Canfield Township Board of Trustees, City of Canfield and Canfield Board of Education" (hereinafter "First Amendment") was approved and signed by both the Township and the BOE, but has not been approved and signed by the City. A copy of the First Amendment is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A".
- 4. Also thereafter, a dispute had arisen between the Township and the City as to the proper calculation of the Township's portion of the costs relating to the School Resource Officer at the Canfield High School and Canfield Middle School (hereinafter "SRO") pursuant to the SRO Agreement and the First Amendment (hereinafter the "Dispute").
- 5. In an effort to settle and resolve the Dispute, the Township and City acknowledge and agree as follows:

- a. That the City will approve and execute the First Amendment simultaneously with its approval of this Agreement.
- b. That the Township has already made certain payments to the City for the Township's portion of the costs relating to the SRO for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.
- c. That after mutual execution of this Agreement and the City's execution of the First Amendment, the Township will pay the amount of \$8,834.01 to the City, and upon such payment, the Township will have then paid in full its portion of the costs relating to the SRO for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years.
- d. That notwithstanding anything contained in the SRO Agreement or the First Amendment regarding the calculation of the Township's payment to the City relating to the SRO, the full amount the Township will pay to the City for the 2022-2023 school year for the Township's portion of the costs relating to the SRO will be exactly \$37,794.23, which the Township shall pay to the City on November 1, 2022.
- 6. The parties acknowledge that the payment of any and all consideration hereunder is not intended to be, and is not deemed to be and is not evidence of or admission of liability on the part of the Township but constitutes a compromise and settlement of a disputed claim. The Township hereby disclaims all liability. Further, nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver by either party of any immunity or other defenses provided by any applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year set forth below.

Approved as to form:	CANFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Attorney for Canfield Township	By:
	Trustee
	By:
	Trustee
	By:
	Trustee
Fiscal Officer Certification:	
Approved as to substance and form:	CITY OF CANFIELD:
·	By:
Attorney for City of Canfield	Wade Calhoun, City Manager

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CANFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF CANFIELD AND CANFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

This First Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "First Amendment") to the Agreement dated August 15, 2018 for police protection and sharing of costs related to the School Resource Officer at the Canfield High School and Canfield Middle School (hereinafter referred to as the "2018 Agreement") by and between the Canfield Township Board of Trustees having its principal place of business at 21 S. Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (hereinafter referred to as the "Township"), the City of Canfield having its principal place of business at 104 Lisbon Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (hereinafter referred to as the "City") and the Canfield Board of Education having its principal place of business at 100 Wadsworth Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406

(hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is made on this (q day of Yougust 2020 by and between Township, City, and Board.

WITNESSETH:

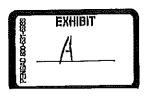
WHEREAS, the Township, City and the Board hereby wish to amend the terms of the 2018 Agreement as follows:

- The effective date of this First Amendment shall be the date of execution of the 2018 Agreement.
- 2. The following shall be inserted after the third "WHEREAS" Paragraph in the 2018 Agreement:

WHEREAS, the Township, City and Board have agreed to the sharing of costs related to the School Resource Officer Program and desire to reduce that agreement to a written agreement.

3. Paragraph 3, Subsection A. of the 2018 Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in its place:

A. The Township shall annually compensate the City a fixed annual charge in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of seventy-five percent (75%) of the costs to



the City for the yearly compensation for one police officer to perform the obligations pursuant to the SRO Agreement, which amount represents all of the costs for such police services included under the SRO Agreement including, but not limited to, the salary of the officers assigned as the SROs, the cost of funding retirement pensions, workers' compensation coverage, unemployment compensation coverage, hazardous duty pay, longevity pay, uniform allowance, Medicare, hospitalization, life insurance and training ("Compensation"). Any grant money received by the City for the officers assigned as the SROs shall be deducted prior to computing the Township's fixed annual charge. The Township shall compensate the City on November I of each year of this Agreement. The City and Township acknowledge that the amount due pursuant to this section is currently calculated at Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven and 73/100 Dollars (\$32,187.73). See attached Exhibit "2". The parties acknowledge that although the same formula will be used annually to determine the Township's share of such expenses, the amount to be paid to the City is subject to change upon notice to the Township of such change. Any increase shall not exceed 2% of the total amount paid by the Township to the City in the prior year excluding increases related to health care coverage which shall not exceed 5% of the total amount paid by the Township to the City in the prior year.

4. Paragraph 5 of the 2018 Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in its place:

With respect to its officers serving as the SROs, the City shall comply with the laws of the State of Ohio relating to insurance coverage and shall carry, during the performance of this Agreement, and keep in full force workers' compensation insurance. If operation of an automobile occurs in the performance of this Agreement, then automobile liability insurance shall be mandatory, and provided by the City at the City's sole cost and expense, in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1 000,000.00) per claim and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the annual aggregate. The City agrees to obtain and maintain, at the City's sole cost and expense, at all times throughout the term of this Agreement, general liability insurance with insurance companies licensed in the State of Ohio. The liability policy shall have limits of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per claim. A copy of the documents evidencing said coverage shall be furnished to the Township upon request.

5, Paragraph 7 of the 2018 Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in its place:

This Agreement will be effective from September 1, 2018 and shall continue thereafter until August 31, 2023. Notwithstanding the above, this Agreement shall immediately and automatically tenninate if the SRO Agreement between

the City and Canfield Board of Education terminates. The City agrees to notify

Township prior to amending or entering into a new SRO Agreement with the Canfield Board of Education so that the Township can participate in the negotiations.

- 6. The following Paragraph 9 shall be inserted in the 2018 Agreement after Paragraph 8:
 - 9, Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the Township may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon 90 days advance written notice to the City.
- 7. The remainder of the 2018 Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Approved as to substance and form: Way May Lagian Attorney for Canfield Township	CANFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES By: Cartungtof Trustee
	By: Trustee By: Trustee
Approved as to substance and form:	CITY OF CANFIELD
Ву:	
Attorney for City of Canfield	Wade Calhoun, City Manager
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MINUTES

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4, 2022 -5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by John Morvay, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Morvay, Mr. Nacarato, Mr. Neff and Mr. Tieche.

Staff present: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; Charles Colucci, Chief of Police, and Mike Cook, Zoning Inspector.

Absent: John Rapp, Pubic Works Superintendent.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS, there were none.

Under MINUTES, the Minutes of the four (4) public hearings held on April 20, 2022 and the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2022 were approved as presented.

Under READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

MR. TIECHE: I have none.

MR. NEFF: I have none.

MR. DRAGISH: I have none.

MR. NACARATO: I have none.

MR. MORVAY: I have a few. Just an announcement, May 30th the American Legion is having a ceremony at 10:00 am on the Green. Please plan to attend, so we can give respect to our Veteran's.

Rotary is having a Civic Day that is May 13th. If you're interested, see a Rotarian, we might be able to get you in there. We invite the school kids to come. We teach them a little bit about what Government is and how it runs. We teach them a little bit about the structure of our city. We try to educate them in that fashion. We have a mock council meeting here. The Trustees have one at the Township. They do a mock board meeting at the school. It just gives them a little education about how government runs. If you're interested, see a Rotarian.

Anthony, you can see him if you want to give him some money for the Gazebo Project. We're looking for sponsors. There are different levels. You get your name somewhere and recognized. If you have a few thousand dollars you want to get rid of, see Anthony. We are a 501(c) (3) so you can write it off.

In the paper, I like to recognize our students our young people in this city. Canfield High School Students, Josh Farley, Abigail Faix, Grace Min, Aamna Khan and Nicole DeFabio earned the Academic All-American Award from the National Speech and Debate Association. This award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success and personal excellence. From more than 141,000 student members of the National Speech and Debate Association, fewer than 1 percent of students earn this award each year. The Academic All-American award recognizes high school students who have earned the degree of superior distinction (750 points). Kudos to these Speech and Debate students. Rotary, every year we have a Speech and Debate Competition, we send them onto the district and the district sends them to the state. We are always so impressed with this curriculum here at Canfield and the product that they produce. These kids are just unreal. Going along with that, responsible for all that, is Jeremy Hamilton, he's a school teacher, he's a mathematics teacher and he also teaches Speech and Debate at Canfield. He was inducted into the Ohio Speech and Debate Association's Hall of Fame at the 2022 OSDA State Tournament. Jeremy, meeting him, you'll understand why these kids excel the way they do. I wanted to recognize our Speech & Debate and Jeremy Hamilton. With that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Calhoun.

MR. CALHOUN: Just a few things. A reminder we've been doing this all week, "Screen Free Week" activities. Last night, Chief Colucci and one of our K-9 Officers did a demonstration and read a book at the Library. There was a princess story held at Piccadilly Parlour. This evening is the "Get Outside and Play" over at Fair Park. On Target Outfitters, Boy Scouts, the bird sanctuary and a couple other vendors are over there for trail walks, all kinds of activities for families to do over there. Thursday night will be the Cinco de Mayo fiesta with Canfield Police on our Village Green. Those happen from 5-7 every night. So, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. You mentioned Civic Day and just a reminder that we're in our second round of pick-up for brush pick-up. This week we're in quadrant 4; which is the north west section of the city, if you use Broad Street and 224 as the dividers. Quadrant 4 is the north west section. We'll now go in reverse order, quadrant 3, quadrant 2 and then quadrant 1 to finish out each week for the month of May. That's all I have.

Under **REPORTS** of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent:

MR. TIECHE: I believe Council all received the Parks Board Minutes from this month. Please note, as Patty noted, the top should be May and not April. That would be my report, the Minutes of the meeting.

MR. NEFF: Planning & Zoning isn't until next week.

MR. DRAGISH: I have nothing.

MR. NACARATO: Design Review met yesterday, we have a Special Meeting to get with MS Consultants over Design Review Guidelines for our district. It's a work in progress that we're going to move forward on. As a side note we did have one item come in front of us. We have an Eagle Scout Project that came in front of us, a young man who happens to be my son. Dominic is working towards his Eagle Scout Merit Rank. His project is to redo the signs on each side of the Green. He presented last night to the Board. They were overwhelmingly impressed with the design. He is using the same architect as we did for the gazebo project. It will make things cohesive within the Green. That was really everything that we had.

MR. MORVAY: The Fire District would like to thank everybody for passing the levy. We will be able to provide services as we have been going forward. Just a big thank you for the support from the community. Last month, we ran 189 calls, of those 189 calls 103 were EMT Transports. We do have a need in this town for the ambulance service. Two of those were COVID. It's been running 1 or 2 a month now. Those are down, thank goodness. Again, a big thank you. Mr. Rapp is not here.

MR. CALHOUN: I do have his report. John has a senior that is running in the county track meet. We wish Julia luck. The Columbarium at the east main cemetery, the landscaping is getting installed this week. City crews are busy doing landscaping and mulch of all the city properties and well as mowing and weeding that has started. The week, myself, Superintendent John Rapp and Tony Snovak our Public Works Coordinator worked on the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report; which is the annual required CCR Report that we have to put out for the Ohio EPA; which puts out the information on the quality of the water in Canfield. All of the contaminates get tested, basically it's a duplication of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary Districts CCR. We do have some components that are specific to Canfield for Lead & Copper Testing and some other components. What the EPA is offering this year is we can compile the CCR Report and send it off to them for a prereview, just in case they pick up on anything before we send that final review; which must be done prior to July 1st. We're all set and ready to go with that. We're going to send it off for the prereview and as long as everything comes back okay, we'll publish that. If everybody remembers, you used to get the CCR Report mailed to your house. Now, we're able to mail a postcard with a direct link from our website to view that CCR Report electronically. Much like we've done over the last two years. We'll mail that postcard out, there will be a direct link on our website that will provide citizens all the information as it relates to Canfield water. This year, we're also including the MVSD's Water Quality Report. All of our information comes from them since they are the water providers. That will probably be hitting mailboxes sometime in early June. Crews were locating utilities for the Bradford waterline start. Part of my report, we had our preconstruction meeting with Kirila, they are anticipating starting here within the next few weeks for the Bradford waterline replacement. It should take 6 to 8 weeks for the project itself. We'll have construction going on, on Bradford Drive, pretty much the entire summer. I think every resident on Bradford Drive will be glad to know that they will have a brand-new waterline when the project is finished. There was one

water break that city crews repaired on Maple Street. If you drove south, I believe it was last Thursday, they had a section of it closed off. It was during the day, so no extra work (overtime) or middle of the night phone calls had to be made. That is John's report.

MR. TIECHE: I have a question in regard to John's report. The CCR, you're sending the postcard out, if an individual's household is in violation, do they get something more than that card?

MR. CALHOUN: Violation for?

MR. TIECHE: Lead & Copper.

MR. CALHOUN: When we do the lead & copper, that's done during June, July & August, when we're doing the lead & copper sampling, if there is elevated levels above the contamination, then yes, notification processes happen separately from the CCR. Lead & Copper sampling is done annual in conjunction with the information that needs to be provided for the CCR. But, like, currently we're doing lead & copper sampling for 2022, that will go into next year's CCR Report. It's a year in arrears.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Julian & Grubb sent me the initial draft of our GAAP Report today. I'll be looking through that and providing any comments to them. They are also still reviewing and they will file it before the end of the month with the State Auditor's Office. The March Check Register will be put on the website tomorrow. I will be working on the records retention schedule with Lynda Seabrook from the police department. Her and I are meeting tomorrow because we have a records commission meeting next Tuesday. We will be putting together our list to propose at that time.

MR. MORVAY: Are we allowed to electronically store records now, Christine?

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Yes.

ZONING INSPECTOR: For the month of April, we issued 38 permits for total valuation of \$247,776.00. I'm working on the first permit today for Charlie Masters, Stonebridge Plat 10, he sold one lot there. He'll be coming in with a replat next week for 3 more lots in total. That will be 4 out of 14 in that area, they're running gas lines today, so that development will be almost finished and ready to go.

MR. MORVAY: Our Chief of Police, Chief Colucci. Saturday, we had our open house at the police department. The entire police department was open to the community. The amount of people that came through was really good. We had a conversation with everybody and showed them around, show them the new dispatch center and show them the new addition that was built about 4 or 5 years ago. We had a good dialogue with everybody. It wasn't overwhelming that we couldn't speak with everybody, so the communication was good. Rubbermaid, we had a lot leftover. We've been giving it away to resident. Today, the street department made a donation to the Mahoning County Food Bank. Tony Snovak has a connection there. So, I want

to say, good job to the street department for thinking of the Mahoning County Food Bank. Overall, it was a good event. Everybody was able to see where their money went, what we do, how we do it. The media was out. We did a story with Channel 21. Last night was very successful. Myself, Officer Young and K-9 Officer Nix, those are the two that work for (inaudible) those were the two that were at the Library with us and there were about 26 kids and parents. They were able to give a demo of canine Nix; which is our newest dog. I was impressed with Officer Young. That was the first time I was around him doing a K-9 demonstration. I'm used to being with Officer DeBarr and Rocky. Young did well. He's got to learn to be able to communicate with children because he's got twins at home that are new. He did awesome and we were able to explain to the children how the dog is trained. We trained them on how to read the dog, when the dog is getting close to what he's looking for and ultimately getting his treat. We were able to place narcotics in the Library and all the kids noticed when he alerted to the narcotics. They got the coolest K-9 surprise, it's our little stuffed dog, Nix dog that we bought from donations from the community. They had a blast. The parent had a blast. That was good dialogue with the community. There were quite a few residents there. I read the book Officer Buckle and Gloria. We had a good time. It was cool. There was a lady there from somewhere in Pennsylvania. She was a babysitter. The parents came home and they all went together. She said she is from inner-city Philadelphia which is one of the big cities in the United States. She is an advocate for community relations and she was so impressed that we were at the Library doing that. I told her that as long as I've been here, when I got trained, it was community-oriented policing. Canfield is special in that regard. We'll be out Thursday night. Our guys are over at Fair Park tonight. They've started traffic enforcement, traffic blitzes in specified areas before and after school, so you're going to be seeing some of that. Thank you.

CLERK: No report this evening.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Just a brief report. I've prepared some Charter Amendments pursuant to our recent conversations. Two amendments, one that will provide for staggered terms and one that will provide for some local requirements in terms of petitions, etc. We'll beat those up for a week or so and then get those to you. The same with two pieces of legislation. The fireworks limitation ordinance. I appreciate all of you getting back to me on that, as well as the gun range ordinance which would be proposed conditional use in the (M) Manufacturing District. Look for those on future agendas.

MR. MORVAY: Would the staggered terms have to go onto the ballot, Mark?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes. To create staggered terms, we need to amend the Charter and that would require a ballot question.

MR. TIECHE: Have we heard anything from the Cardinal Joint Fire District with regard to their recommendations on fireworks?

MR. CALHOUN: We have not received anything from them. I'll share all 3 of those draft documents in the Friday memo, so Council can provide some insight as well.

MR. CALHOUN: I mentioned about the preconstruction meeting so, that was one of the two items that I had. The other item which is appropriate to give it some time is this year for our resurfacing program we did not get selected for the OPWC Grant Fund. We're fully funding our street resurfacing program this year. Our City Engineer, Steve Preston, started thinking about how we can keep our costs down given all of the circumstances around everything in any sort of supply chain. He came up with the idea to potentially, collectively, bid, or joint bid our street resurfacing program with some other neighboring communities, most notably the City of Struthers and Poland Village. They have MS as their consultants as well. Both of those communities discussed the idea of joint partnership in bidding. I think this week for each respective community. Both are interested in doing that. I informed him we would get council's opinion on that. The County Engineer's have seen bid prices come in substantially higher than what the cost estimates were. That's the county projects that are a lot of bid projects, as far a quantities, those are the big projects. Smaller communities like ourselves, Poland, Struthers, 90% of communities in the county are doing smaller projects that aren't going to have that buying power if we have the quantity levels. The first question is, is council open to the idea of coming up with an agreement an (MOU) to set up for a joint bidding for those 3 communities on our street resurfacing program? The way it would be set up is, each community would have a bid project. There would be a lead community; which I think we would want to be the lead in both communities that we're speaking with have allowed us to be the lead on the project. It's basically how we do our street resurfacing, we have that base bid and then alternatives. In this case, we'd have 3 separate base bids that the contractor or potential bidders will be bidding on. It's important to note that the overall low bid may not be the lowest price for our community. The overall low bidder for the 3 communities, may be the lowest for the community of Struthers or the community of Poland or Canfield. But it may not be the lowest for us. There is sort of hedging our bets, trying to increase our buying power, knowing that we may have a higher price than what, we potentially may have done if we went on our own. But again, you have to factor in quantities and how bidding is done.

MR. MORVAY: I think it would behoove us to pursue that. It makes sense.

MR. TIECHE: What controls do we have with regard to other communities, if they fall by the wayside, or if we get into some sort of dispute about payment?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes, that's why when we first heard about the process, we said to Steve, we have to be the lead. Steve is going to couple together an MOU based on some others that he's worked on. We'll make sure that issues like that are addressed. You'll have an opportunity to approve that.

MR. CALHOUN: The way I envision it, there will be 3 separate contracts. Like we would typically do our resurfacing, we have our bid book, contract documents, they're signing with us, same as

Struthers and Poland. Any discrepancy that comes down to payments, are then dealt with specific to contract.

MR. TIECHE: The contractor bills the individual community and payments go to the contractor from the individual community. We're not involved in that....

MR. CALHOUN: We're the lead on project, bidding. The utilization of engineering at MS will kind of, it's cohesive, all the documents will be the same, for the communities we're sort of synergizing to ability to hopefully get that low price based on the quantities. At the end of the day, Council can always reject our portion of that bid.

MR. TIECHE: We are standardizing specifications?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes.

MR. DRAGISH: Other communities could deny it also.

MR. CALHOUN: Correct.

MR. TIECHE: As far as maintenance bonds, individual maintenance bonds for each project and enforceable separately by each community?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes. I think when we were talking about it at staff meeting, it's going to require a little bit more work from the bidder's standpoint but just in the sense that it's going to be one big project as opposed to if they were bidding 3 individual projects, like they typically would.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: 3 separate performance bonds, 3 separate maintenance bonds.

MR. TIECHE: We are only speculating that the overall rate for us is going to be cheaper because the volumes are greater?

MR. CALHOUN: Right. I think there is an anticipated increase, I think Steve said in June because asphalt prices are only going up because of oil prices. Struthers did get some OPWC Funding. Struthers couldn't start the project until after July 1st. We can potentially start whenever we can but we got to line up right around June/July for the resurfacing start date.

MR. TIECHE: If we look at this say, next year, would we be wise to consider this kind of a combination to make an application through the State for grant funding for the whole project?

MR. CALHOUN: That's what Steve mentioned, Trumbull County Engineer's do this almost on an annual basis for a lot of the smaller communities, through OPWC. You'll see a project for resurfacing for all of these 3 communities. So, again, not trying to put something onto the County Engineer but it's a concept that's going to help us in the future, whether it's us taking the lead with other communities or somehow getting in a pipeline with somebody countywide,

regional, to really start looking at how we can increase our buying power, like they do with any State Cooperative Purchasing, to get costs down. Once they go up, they rarely come down.

MR. TIECHE: I'm fine with the concept, as long as we're the lead agent.

MR. CALHOUN: That was Mark's first stipulation.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We've had experience with that We're not good follower's and we're very good leaders.

MR. CALHOUN: Other than that, we'll start moving through that process. Those MOU" s we'll see on future agendas as we start hammering this out.

MR. TIECHE: That's a good thought.

MR. CALHOUN: That's Steve Preston.

MR. MORVAY: Council any other questions for these Board Reports that we've just heard? Hearing none, I'll open it up to residents.

Under **Public Questions on Reports**, Hearing none, we'll move on.

Under Person's Desiring to Appear Before Council:

MR. FRANK MICCHIA: Good evening, Frank Micchia, 220 Glenview. In regards to tomorrow's Cinco de Mayor party, are there going to be Margarita's? (Laughter)

CHIEF OF POLICE: I don't know.

MR. MICCHIA: I'll take care of that myself. The school bond issue. Not only did the school bond issue fail, it got an ass whipping. Apparently, the idea was ill- conceived, ill- planned and not in touch with reality. Over 70% of the voters rejected the issue. City Council, in their haste, to relieve the Red Gate albatross around residents necks was happy to support the issue by donating a portion of Red Gate in exchange for the middle school property. Not one of our best decisions. Who knows what the city would do with that property. If the issue had passed, the city would have to borrow over 2 million dollars to install water and sewer lines to Red Gate. I understand the issue may appear again in a special August election. We've all heard the story about doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Thank you.

COREY MCLAIN: Corey McLain, 120 East Main Street. About 6 months ago, I talked to Mark about a gentleman who destroyed my property during a water tap. He hired a company to do a water tap for his property but the line was on my side of the road. They did the tap. The construction crew left. I asked him to fix it 3 times. I think Mike may have called him and asked him to fix it. He didn't fix it. I asked him a 3rd time and he wanted to hit me in the head with a

shovel. He's like 65. Then after that, I filed a police report for the damage of the property. I made a statement here at the podium about trying to protect maybe the elderly or someone who couldn't afford to fix someone else's problem that they did on someone's yard. Maybe some type of Ordinance to protect someone. Have we gotten anywhere with that?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I'm glad you brought it up. That flew off my radar, it really did. So, I'll put that back on my radar. We did have that conversation and I thought that was a good idea. I'll get back to you with that.

MR. CALHOUN: I think the problem was rectified and that's probably why it fell off.

COREY MCLAIN: It was rectified, but not by him. I could have fixed it myself but if it was someone elderly who don't have the muscle to do it, they would have been screwed. Another thing, I've been talking to people out in the public about the schools that just failed. I'm clearly in favor of the schools. I don't even have any children but I do believe a new school system is a good way in the future, I know I'm a little bit of a different spectrum than Mr. Micchia, as far as age and whatnot. I'm in Canfield because of the quality of Canfield. There are a lot of surrounding areas that I personally feel don't have the quality of Canfield. To keep the quality of Canfield going in a positive direction for me and my future children and my lucky wife, whoever she is, I do think we need the schools. Thank you.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there is none.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**:

ITEM A: <u>An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 1185 at 580 W. Main Street from "M" Manufacturing to "B-2" General Commercial.</u>

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes 0 Votes-No Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 1185 at 580 W. Main Street from "M" Manufacturing to "B-2" General Commercial. This constitutes first reading.

MR. MORVAY: That's June 1st at 5:00 P.M?

CLERK: Correct.

ITEM B: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 2986 at 374 Newton Street from "M" Manufacturing to "B-2" General Commercial.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NEFF: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes0 Votes-NoMotion passes.

MR. NEFF: I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 2986 at 374 Newton Street from "M" Manufacturing to "B-2" General Commercial. This constitutes first reading.

MR. MORVAY: Patty that will be set for June 1, 2022 at 5:05 P.M?

CLERK: That's correct.

ITEM C: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning the Preserve Plat 2, Lots 2499 to 2528 and Preserve Blvd. Lots 2598 to 2603 from R-5 (3 to 4 Family Residential) to R-3 (Single Family Residential).

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes0 Votes-NoMotion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning the Preserve Plat 2, Lots 2499 to 2528 and Preserve Blvd. Lots 2598 to 2603 from R-5 (3 to 4 Family Residential) to R-3(Single Family Residential). This constitutes first reading.

MR. MORVAY: Patty, June 1, 2022 at 5:10 P.M.?

CLERK: Correct.

ITEM D: <u>A Motion Nominating Mayor Don Dragish to the Mahoning County Commissioner's for consideration to serve on the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative</u>

MR. MORAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes0 Votes-NoMotion passes.

MR NACARATO: Mr. President, I have a Motion nominating Mayor Don Dragish to the Mahoning County Commissioner's for Consideration to serve on the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. I move for passage.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Wade can you tell us what we're nominating Mr. Dragish for please?

MR. CALHOUN: Sure. Back in 2018, then Attorney General, Mike Dewine, filed suit, much like many Attorney General's did against the Opioid Drug Manufacturing Distributors in order to receive monetary compensation for damages. In 2020, now Governor Mike Dewine and the Attorney General Dave Yost received support from 2/3 of the local government in signing what's called the One Ohio Plan. This takes the joint approach to settling the negotiation of litigation as a result of the lawsuits that were filed against the drug manufacturers and distributors. Part of the One Ohio MOU, a Memorandum of Understanding, outlines the plan to distribute and allocate those funds to the various public entities that have been impacted by the opioid epidemic. What they've done is split up Ohio by different regions. Mahoning & Trumbull County are One Ohio Region 7. The Mahoning County Commissioners created the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. It has stipulations on how that membership is made up. For the One Ohio Region 7 collaborative, there is a Mayor representative, that representative is selected by the majority of Mayor's in Mahoning County. What the Mahoning County Commissioner's have requested is that every Municipality nominate somebody to be considered to then be selected by the Mayor's to serve on that One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. What we've done and Patty reached out to Mayor Dragish, to see if he was interested in serving, sorry, willing to be nominated to potentially serve. He agreed to do so. That's what this motion does, it nominates Mayor Dragish for consideration to serve on that Region 7 collaborative.

MR. TIECHE: Isn't Region 7 both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties?

MR CALHOUN: Correct.

MR. TIECHE: Aren't the Mayor's then selected from Mahoning and Trumbull County?

MR. CALHOUN: Correct.

MR. TIECHE: You had said Mahoning County.

MR. CALHOUN: So, Mahoning County Commissioner's requested that every Municipality in Mahoning County select a nominee. I assume Trumbull County is doing the same thing.

MR. TIECHE: The next question is, how many members will serve on this Board to actually make these decisions.

MR. CALHOUN: Region 7 collaborative is comprised of 11 representatives. A lot like how we do our Boards & Commissions or JEDD Boards. I think there is like 1 medical doctor representative, 1 municipal representative, and then a variety of other....

ATTY. FORTUNATO: For a total of 11.

MR. CALHOUN: Then it's a majority rules of that, as to what's going to happen?

MR. CALHOUN: Correct. I would assume.

MR. MORVAY: I'll open it up to residents. Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION: 5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No Motion passes. Motion 2022-08.

Under Council Comments:

MR. TIECHE: It was an interesting election. I was surprised by some things and not surprised by others. Probably the size of the defeat of the school levy was my biggest surprise. Those are my comments.

MR. NEFF: I have none this evening.

MR. DRAGISH: With the defeat of the schools, the way it was, I think people need to do their research, go through all the information whether good, bad or indifferent, read it, understand it, if they have questions, I think there is enough time to go to the proper people to get the right information and everybody needs to go out and vote.

MR. NACARATO: I just want to say, kudos to Chief Colucci and the police for all they're doing this week. I think it's a wonderful project and I think it's a great thing to get our kids off the screens.

MR. MORVAY: I would like to thank, again residents for passing the fire district levy yesterday, to provide and maintain the services that we are with the EMT. You seen last week the representative from Boardman go to the County Commissioner's trying to ask the County Commissioner's for help to put together an ambulance service for the district or the county. They don't have the money to do that. Fortunately, we had the insight to put this EMT, this ambulance together and it's a well-oiled machine. Thank you for the additional funds and we'll keep these services coming. Thank you. We are adjourned.

	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:	
CLERK OF COUNCIL	

MINUTES

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING APRIL 27, 2022-6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by John Morvay, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Manager called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Morvay, Mr. Nacarato, Mr. Neff and Mr. Tieche.

MR. MORVAY: I will turn the meeting over to you, Mr. Calhoun to guide us through this work session.

MR. CALHOUN: You should have the presentation in front of you and there is an outline of what we'll go through tonight. There is what we're calling a Strategic Plan Guide Book and a Strategic Plan Work Book. The 142-page Comprehensive Plan, I've taken the Implementation Matrix for each of those sections and dwindled that 142-page document down to 18 pages. So, hopefully it will be a quick reference, digestible for the purposes that we're using the Comprehensive Plan to now develop a Strategic Plan over the next 3 to 5 years, taking those implementation items from the Comp. Plan and saying, here's what we're focusing on in the next 3 to 5 years, as we go towards that 10-year goal that is laid out in the Comp Plan.

MR. TIECHE: So, I didn't need to read every word of the 142 pages?

MR. CALHOUN: You still needed to reference, read and understand what the Comp Plan is saying because a lot of the stuff that's within the implementation work book and matrix, sort of goes back and you have to know where you're going back into the Comp Plan, but I know it's not always easy to reference back to 142-page document. The Work Book, literally does the same thing, it takes the objectives that were set forth in the Comp Plan and in preparation of our next work session, is developing the goals that we're going to set over the next 3 to 5 years that we can make sure that we can achieve those as we progress towards that 10 to 15-year vision that's set forth in the Comp Plan. The work book is sort of the homework. It shouldn't be too hard because all we're doing is taking the huge amounts of information that are in the Comp Plan and putting them in digestible action items that we can start to implement and work towards over the next 3 to 5 years to accomplish the overall objectives that are set forth in the Comp. Plan.

Briefly, when I came onboard in 2018, Council Member Nacarato and Mayor Dragish weren't here. The other 3 remaining council members, we sat down and went through, sort of, not a Strategic Plan, it was a Strategic Goal Setting. As much for my benefit as well as council's coming in new to the community, I wanted to understand what some of the issues were, what things needed to be worked on immediately and that kind of guided me over the first 3 to 5 years here in the City of Canfield. Going through that, one of the first goals that were identified were to address:

Abate Nuisances in the City.

Proactive Code Enforcement: By switching to a more proactive code enforcement on certain issues vs the reactive. We're still reactive in some capacity but we're also being more proactive in other areas.

Strengthening Property Standards: Strengthening the property guidelines which is sort of those ongoing things as we review codes and as issues come up, we address those.

Establishing "Clean Up Canfield Campaign": This is something I hope we can accomplish and build into our Strategic Plan, as far as that overall aspect of creating a sense of place in the City of Canfield.

MR. CALHOUN: The next objective is:

Increase Economic Development for the City of Canfield.

Annex Red Gate Farm: That was done.

Promote Shop Local or "Canfield Campaign": We started to do a lot of that through the Mayor's Business Forum. We started that network up and trying to get a lot more partnership and campaign started through that. Hopefully, now that COVID has subsided, we can start to pick those back up again. For the Mayor's benefit, what we did was we now got a pretty comprehensive list of all the businesses that are in the City. We started to do quarterly meetings, bringing in all the business people in Canfield to either a topic generated by the City that we wanted to discuss with businesses or businesses wanted to talk to the city and discuss a certain topic. Kind of a council meeting for the businesses, since they're citizens too, just as much as the residents who come to city council. They can tell us all the things that they want to see happen in the city.

Partner with Community Organizations: That was critical in the partnerships between Rotary Clubs, the churches in town, different service organizations.

MR. CALHOUN: Every year, as I've written my end of year summary, I've kind of included this strategic goal and try to show a status update of things that we're accomplished and what we're still working on and how we've sort of implemented some of these goals.

> Utilize and expand technology for city services, communication and involvement

Improve Website to be more comprehensive, user friendly, and provide expanded services beyond city hall physical location. "Virtual City Hall":

We've improved the website. It's always being improved and more content is being added, creating the virtual city hall, now more so than ever. COVID has sort of forced that into the forefront.

Improving Citizen Communication Methods, and Implement mass communication technology:

We're inching closer to that. The full utilization of our social media pages. Getting more and more information put on the website. Trying to get as much attention to the technology side of communications, more so than, people don't show up to council meetings, we've got livestreaming and different ways to mass communicate with people. With some of the new technologies we're bringing in house for operations that will synergize a lot more of those mass communications.

MR. TIECHE: Are you seeing a lot of communications by way of internet and that sort of thing, at city hall because of these? Has that not increased?

MR. CALHOUN: It's hard to tell. I do know probably from a Facebook standpoint, I get maybe 1 or 2 messages a month. It's usually related to a general post that the city has done or general information. That's their main communication method is Facebook, they fined the city and they communicate through Facebook I think that's more of the goal. If somebody's main communication method is they pick up the phone and call, we need to answer the phone and answer questions over the phone. If they communicate through email; which I would say 70-80 percent of communications I send or receive are through email. Most of the phone calls are typically handled at the other departments or Patty does a fantastic job of handling most of the phone calls. The social media is not the mostly widely used, more people stop by here and want to talk to somebody. I think the availability is there. I don't know if we're seeing a shift in the utilization. The goal is to have that availability and as times progress and we offer all those different options, we should start to see that shift.

Electronic access to City information to provide more transparency

We do a fantastic job with all of our meeting minutes that Patty types verbatim that we post to the website. We now post every recorded meeting. We've tried to put more meetings, Planning & Zoning, tonight's work session, our budget work sessions. As we put more and more content on the website, not just the financial documents and meeting minutes, it adds to that level of transparency that everything the City of Canfield is doing is out there for public consumption. There should be no questions as to what we're doing, why we're doing it. If somebody has a question, they have more than one means to get the information.

INVESTMENT IN OUR CITY

Improve infrastructure to attract investment:

MR. CALHOUN: To show that we're upkeeping our city from anything from roads that people see to the general landscaping and the things that they don't see, water, sewer, storm water infrastructure type things.

Establish and maintain a capital equipment replacement schedule.

I think we're in about the 3rd or 4th year of doing that both from the Public Works standpoint and the police standpoint. We've done a pretty good job of setting those schedules in place and trying the best that we can to adhere to those schedules without a lot of deviation, so we don't get behind the 8 ball on our capital equipment and vehicles.

MR. TIECHE: One of the items that I've had the most comments about as far as, it really wasn't capital equipment but observation of maintenance. It had to do with the mausoleum at the East Main Street Cemetery. I can't tell you how many people said, it really looks nice.

MR. CALHOUN; I think it was one of the things that was brought up during the abate nuisances. Not just citizens nuisances-our own nuisances. I was very happy that we were able to do a lot with very little for that mausoleum just to make that improvement. It's like the gazebo, people see that every time they drive into Canfield.

MR. DRAGISH: It's a daily thing.

MR. CALHOUN: When it had plywood on it, it sent that message that it's a mausoleum that Canfield doesn't really care to do anything more than board up and ignore.

MR. TIECHE: A gentleman who now lives at Copeland Oaks and he used to live here, made some comment to me about that maybe 2 weeks ago.

MR. NEFF: Can we track people that are logging onto the website or watching our council meetings and so forth?

MR. CALHOUN: There is not a specific way. During COVID when we were doing those GoToMeetings, we would know who all was attending those meetings virtually because they had to log in using that code. With the livestreaming, there isn't that ability to specifically say, we got 15 people watching. The only way to do that would be to monitor or check the traffic on that particular webpage that our meeting is livestreaming to. Google Analytics, you can go into the backend of our website and see when somebody visits the page, they go to Income Tax, they click on Income Tax, which you would probably see this month, Google Analytics, 90% of the traffic is going to the Income Tax page. So, it would be the night we have a council meeting or like tonight, specifically and I don't know if it does timeframes, you can see who was on this page between the hours of 6 pm and 7 pm. They give you a number, like you had 42 people. You can have a general idea. That's something that we could probably get the stats on and if there is any particular (inaudible) that council has as far as where people are going on the website, so we can focus our services to that areas of the website.

MR. NEFF: I had asked before and I don't know whether this is possible but if there is some way that citizens can participate in a straw poll. It would really be a good way for us to gauge some of the things that we're talking about. We've had people come in and say, we didn't know anything about this. If you don't come to council meetings or if you don't follow what we're doing, how can we......

MR. CALHOUN: I think that they're the ability, I know there is the availability on Facebook but I think on our website, if we funnel through to a particular page, there is the ability to put a poll out there.

MR. DRAGISH: I think that's doing that for several companies. We can do it but if we had a specific question or a poll or something specific to have people utilize social media to answer a question, drive them to a specific page, then say like fill this out. It would be a page like, name, address, then we can follow those people and we can answer them back. Then we can find out who is actually coming to those specific pages.

MR. CALHOUN: Now we're getting more consistent on the Newsletter. There are 1,200 subscribers to the monthly Newsletter that we're putting out. The technology tells you who is opening those emails, who is reading those emails. I think we got 800 of the 1200 recipients that actually opened the email. We assume they read it.

MR. DRAGISH: That's good. What are our stats through the analytics for the amount of people that visit our website?

MR. CALHOUN: I don't know. That's something I'd have to look at it. Probably very quickly our I.T. Department could get it. I'm not astute enough to get in there.

MR. MORVAY: I just started using a service at my little business, I was talking to Donny about it, I get their email address or their cell phone number and I can send messages out to groups or a group, that would be a way to take a straw poll.

MR. CALHOUN: I believe with the Newsletter sign-up that is on our website, that we generated the 1,200 emails from, there is also a field for cell phone numbers and I believe it's called Mail-Chimp, it's constant contact. I believe there is the ability to send those text message out.

MR. DRAGISH: If we were to do something citywide, we can do it via social media. If we did something, specific, citywide to have people answer questions. To go to the website to put their information, like something specific. Like when you do an enter to win. They're going to do that because they think that they're going to get something back. We can utilize it that way to give up that information, say this quadrant of people in this section of town, we need to know about your leaf pick up or your roads. Something specific to where, not that we're tricking them, we're not just fishing. We're going to get a lot of people that answer the question, so that we can actually have people from each side.

MR. CALHOUN: Like we're doing the brush pick-up right now. A quick little, hey zone 2, how was your brush pick-up this year? Hey, it was great or if 47 people are saying, my brush is still sitting there and it's Friday afternoon, that's the instant feedback that is valuable to us. As we do more programming on the Green, whether it's music, we can ask for suggestions, types of music, band suggestions, artists.

MR. DRAGISH: It's kind of limitless, what we can ask social media wise. The whole city is not on social media, so that where you kind of get your disconnect.

MR. CALHOUN: The biggest questions I get we say how we're communicating this information out, the website, social media, and then the question becomes, what about the people that aren't on social media? What about the people that aren't actively using social media.

MR. MORVAY: They're at six foot under.

MR. CALHOUN: That's the hardest part. Technology has helped government and government services communications because you can mass communicate in one central place vs relying on other forms of media, newspapers or news media outlets to spread your information for you. You can now spread your own information. It's just the citizens and people engaged in what the city is doing to stay on top of that. As we seen with our zone changes, people only care when it directly affects them. For the most part, we get 2 or 3 people that sit in the audience that are active with the city. Nancy Brundage, even though she hasn't been here for a year and a half or two years since COVID, knows everything that is happening in the city because she livestreams the council meetings, she stay on top of what's going on. It's having those engaged citizens and providing those options. If they're getting their information from social media, get the information on social media, to those people.

MR. DRAGISH: We could even send something with the water bills. Here is this information, please as a citizen of Canfield log onto our website. Give them a step by step and have them answer questions or put information in. Then we would track that. We would have everybody. Not everybody but every household

MR. TIECHE: It would be interesting to see what percentage of return comes on something like that. The thing that we got to be concerned about is if we start taking surveys and we get 10% of the population, we then have to discern what the other 90% are really thinking and make decision based on that. You can use that 10% how ever you want to but ...

MR. DRAGISH: With that, usually that 10% is usually a certain age group.

MR. TIECHE: Maybe your age group. My age group might be entirely different.

MR. DRAGISH: Exactly.

MR. CALHOUN: I think that's the good point. The water bill hits every house. That's the way you communicate to people that aren't actively using social media or the website. Our problem, historically has been we send out quarterly water bills. You can't communicate to everybody all at the same time. We're sending each quadrant a communication every 3 months.

MR. DRAGISH: I guess that's what I'm saying, even every 3 months, at the end of that, we would have people logged into the website and fill out a form or whatever, guide them through it and we would then have that information.

MR. CALHOUN: One of the benefits to moving to the monthly billing and not just sending the post card and sending a water bill where you have space to put information out, like the gas company or the cable company, they got a full 8 ½ x 11, there is information on it. That's something I didn't think of, you're not getting that instantaneous information, you're compiling the data over a certain period of time.

MR. MORVAY: On those same lines of communications, there is so much misinformation in the public that I think, this is a good way to address it through some kind of contact whether it's their cell phone, text message or an email. That's one way to combat that. The other thing is, like Walsh University and Eastern Gateway, when there is inclement weather, they'll send a warning out. They have the ability to reach everybody.

MR. DRAGISH: That's what we'd be able to actually do. My vision of this is, eventually we can get to a point where, if you move to the City of Canfield one of the main things that you do is download the City of Canfield App. In that app you click on it and all that information is there. Everything is there, up-to-date information, your social feeds. If you need information, it's not going to be misinformation if you go to the Canfield City App. The website is a website. I'm saying, like an app. We can send out stuff for like a storm is coming or the street department or leaf pick up whatever it may be. These things can be shot out through the app.

MR. CALHOUN: This is all stuff that we need to work towards. I'm understanding that the biggest complaint that we're getting from people was, I don't know where to find the information or you're not doing a good job of putting the information out, that's our focus. How do we communicate and give that information out?

MR. TIECHE: There are all kinds of comments on Canfield Neighbors about different things.

MR. DRAGISH: That is kind of specific to only a small group of people.

MR. CALHOUN: That's the challenge with any mass communication, social media particularly. It's more of an art form.

MR. DRAGISH: There is a lot of misinformation on social media. It's not necessarily a place to go for the right information. You just go there for information.

The Strategic Planning Process

MR. CALHOUN: This is what we're trying to do now. We got the first 3 to 4 years, we had those identifiable items, working on them, checked some of them off the list. Now that we've got a Comprehensive Plan that was adopted. Now we're starting to eat the elephant. We're going to take one bite at a time and actually go through a strategic planning process. Hopefully, this year over the next couple of weeks, we'll do this and sort of have a mini-comp plan, also known as the Strategic Plan. It takes the Comp Plan and puts it into action over the next 3 to 5 years. The benefits of doing this, one it provides the guidance to myself and the other department heads on what the priorities are from City Council and the community on what we need to focus on and prioritize. Again, it gives us that action item implementation of the Comp Plan; which is where we want to be in the next 10 to 15 years in the City.

There are 5 steps for basic strategic planning.

Step 1: Determining our strategic position.

Step 2: Prioritizing Objectives.

Step 3: Developing the plan.

Step 4: Execute and manage the plan.

Step 5: Annually reviewing and revising the plan.

Hopefully, tonight we'll get through the first 2 steps. Step 3 will focus on at the next Strategic Planning Work Session. Obviously, steps 4 and 5 are just making sure we execute and manage the plan and adjusting and annually reviewing as we move forward.

It's pretty basic and simple. However, it does require a little bit of that more poignant discussion and emphasis that can't be accomplished through just normal council meeting discussion; which is why we have the separate work sessions. Tonight, we'll focus on determining those. What we'll do in prioritizing our objectives is utilize the resources I mentioned, the Comprehensive Plan, most importantly the implementation matrix and then using our strategic plan guidebook and workbook.

Our Comprehensive Plan Objectives:

Area Focus 1: Land Use.

The three objectives:

- 1. Prepare for expansion
- 2. Collaborate on School Facility Planning
- Enforce Desired Development Patterns.

All of these figures came from the Comp Plan. It sort of focuses on what the community has give us feedback, through Steering Committee Meetings and Stakeholder Interviews. This figure particularly you'll see retain and reimagine. You'll see green dots for everything that people like and wanted to preserve and maintain. Red was everything that they either wanted to enhance or reimagine. You'll notice a lot of focus on the corridor; which was one of the other objectives that came out of the Comprehensive Plan. The red is sort of the Route 11, Village Green (most notably the IGA Plaza), then out west as you start to get more of that industrial feel to the city, were the main areas that people identified.

For the Land Use Survey, the question was: What do you think is the most important development priority for Canfield to focus on over the next 10 years?

Over 50% of respondents said, attract, grow and retain small businesses. That's sort of that hometown, small town feel. We don't want to be known as the strip plaza corridor. We don't want to have the big box retailers come in and sort of take over Canfield. We want to grow and attract and retain our small businesses. The goal is to have the Village Green being that vibrant center of town that has any mix of restaurants, retail and other uses; which I believe is on the Village Green objective. You'll see all of these are sort of tied together but they're also each individually enhanced by what we can do to make one happen that will then, sort of domino effect some of the other things.

Existing Land Uses: You'll see that 51% of them, what we have today is residential. Another Civic Institutional Parks is the next biggest. Then we have 10% commercial, Industrial Manufacturing and then agricultural and then unclassified shows up in the smaller percentages.

One of the other takeaways was, what is the greatest challenge related to infrastructure and city services currently in Canfield and what will it be in the future? The highest percentages on both current and future, was the current conditions and state, and future of the Canfield City School Facilities. Obviously, we don't have a driver's seat in that objective but we're passengers, for lack of better terms. So, everybody in the community, I think understand that. We talked about it extensively during the Comprehensive Planning process and that's why one of the objectives that came out of our land use is collaborating with the school on facility planning at whatever capacity that may be. Oddly enough, we're currently working on that as we all know, in helping the school secure that 100 acres at Red Gate Farm to build their new facilities.

The next major concern was fiscal operations and taxes increasing over what we currently have vs what the future concern would be.

All of the other categories, actually people were more concerned today than they are 10 years from now. So, road maintenance, traffic, planning & zoning services, maintenance of public properties did have an increase, public safety services was the last one which was relatively small. This kind of gives us the area to focus, these are the things that people are satisfied with. Public Safety Services being the one that is most notable. People don't concern themselves with

it because they know we've got top notch safety services, police and fire. They anticipate that, that's what it will be present today and, in the future, and throughout the history of Canfield. Some of the things they do worry about are schools and are my taxes going to go up, what am I getting for my taxes. Those are all the things, through the Comp Plan that we can digest down into these actionable items, specific to land use.

The Village Green

As mentioned, one of the other areas of focus is the Village Green. Objectives that came out of that are:

- Promote Development of Underutilized Properties.
- Preserve & Promote Canfield's Historic Character
- ➤ Institute Design Guidelines for Future Development. The Design Review/Historic Preservation Committee is currently working on that. We have sort of a Work Session but Information Session for Design Review on next Tuesday. MS Consultants will be here. They will walk through, I think it's the first final draft of what those Design Guidelines will be. Council is welcome to attend. It's advertised as a public meeting. There are no issues with having a quorum of Council. Council is not taking any action. If you have some insight that you'd like to add to the Design Review you're more than welcome to attend. Planning and Zoning is also doing the same thing through sort of the zoning code audit. What we're seeing now is going through the comp plan's future land use map and identifying those properties that today may be zoned something that in the future, if we can rezone it today, to have the desired land use pattern of development in the city. We're taking those actions now.
- ➤ Utilize Community Partnerships and Collaborations with Business & Non-Profits. The utilization of the Village Green. That was the biggest thing when I came onboard. We had our Monday Night Concerts. But we wanted to offer more opportunities for more people with different demographics to utilize the Village Green. I think we've done a good job accomplishing that, this year specific. We were on the podcast the other night, we literally are offering something for everybody in this community, at least once on the Village Green this year. Again, we can always grow out of that and offer more and more things. With that becomes more programming whether that's music, public spaces, public art, kids activities, public activities. We can always grow into that. That's something we can do a lot of on our own. But we have to partner with other businesses and non-profits and organizations to make that happen.

The interesting feedback that came out of the comp plan:

How often do you visit the Village Green? 6.3 never comes to the Village Green.

Almost 40%, a few times a year.

Collectively about 55%, at least once a week or a couple times a month.

To me that says, people are going to our Village Green a lot now, probably just to walk around or visit something on the Village Green.

MR. DRAGISH: 55%?

MR. CALHOUN: So, 27.9% at least once a week. 27.9% a couple times a month. It's an open-ended question. It could be, I go for a walk everyday and I walk around the Village Green. They are visiting the Village Green

MR. DRAGISH: There are a lot of people that walk.

MR. CALHOUN: The Village Green is very active with walkers, people that are biking, exercising, whatever the case may be, or sitting at the gazebo or a picnic table. It's just a matter of understanding how are they utilizing it. Right now, that's the only way they're utilizing it.

But the second figure from that is, what do you want to see on the Village Green?

- 1. Dining
- 2. Play features
- 3. Retail
- 4. Events
- 5. Bike Amenities
- 6. Public arts
- 7. Signage
- 8. Housing- obviously nobody wants housing on the Village Green.

Obviously, nobody want housing on the Village Green. The respondents, nobody responded that they wanted it. The biggest thing was dining, play features and retail. So, utilizing the Village Green, we understand how many people are doing it but what are they going there for. Right now, we don't envision them going there for anything more than literally just visit. They're not there because there is a restaurant that they frequent. They're not there because of the public art or any amenities that are found on the Village Green. I think these are those valuable insights that we start to digest the comp plan to understand and know what this community perceives as priorities over the next 5 to 10 years in the city.

MR. TIECHE: Interestingly enough, the reason why the Village Green has diminished as much as it has been is because big box stores. We were very particular about where we went to buy things. Tom White's Western Auto, the Fountain, and those kinds of things, people decided they were going someplace else. Them people got old.

MR. CALHOUN: What's interesting, I went to the Smart Growth Seminar at the Avion and he was the Youngstown- Columbiana Association of Realtors, talked about Smart Growth and some of the trends; which we sort of identified during the Comprehensive Planning Process, I forget who I was just talking to, the shift is becoming more back to that, I want to go to the local hardware store, I want to visit the

local mom and pop restaurants. We're starting to get a shift back to the Main Street, neighborhood feel.

MR. TIECHE: Like Columbiana.

MR. CALHOUN: Exactly. That's what's happening. I think we're at the prime position to be able to take advantage of that. Hopefully, we'll start making some of those things happen. A couple of things on the Village Green, just from a visioning standpoint. You look at some opportunities in vacant parcels or redeveloping property, sort of a vision of the vacant land that sits right next to Newton Square could potentially be in the future. You've got a mixed-use type of building with some housing options that transition back to the Newton Square that is existing, kind of that open public space with some additional landscaping.

MR. DRAGISH: Whose property is that?

MR. TIECHE: I don't know if Bob Steiskal still owns that or not.

MR. CALHOUN: Bob Steiskal.

MR. DRAGISH: That lot? That square?

MR. CALHOUN: He owns everything north of Newton Square. The lot, plus the plaza. The picture on the right is just that aerial of what you can potentially see around the Village Green. You have a cut-through Village to the western end and you sort of see some redevelopment of buildings. This includes the post office; which we learned through some conversations that we had, the post office isn't going anywhere. There is no way to redevelop a post office. They're trying to save the post offices, as we stand today. You look at another potential, access backroad that then gets people in and around the Village Green. It makes that corner property and the property behind it becoming more attractive to the overall moving people in and around the Village Green. With this plan, you'll kind of see the streetscaping aspect; which is trees and the different things from an overall trend standpoint, you're starting to see more, not just functional transportational type envisioning but aesthetic sense place that make people want to walk around the Village Green. There is landscaping, public art that is just aesthetically pleasing as they're visiting. Hopefully, when all of the amenities that we have on the Village Green.

CORRIDOR ANALYSIS:

- > Reconfigure traffic patterns on the eastern section of 224 (Hillside to St. Rt. 11)
- Enhance the Village Green Intersection & Traffic Patterns.
- Create a sense of place.

A sense of place a lot of cities are doing the public murals on the side of buildings, adding these awning type things, adding more of the public greenery- landscaping, trees. All the different things that make people feel like they're in this nice quaint downtown walkable area. Some of the things from a corridor analysis standpoint, we looked through the comp plan and had some discussion with the Village Green potential of a roundabout, shifting the Village Green to one way in either direction and how that would move and create a better way to move people in and around the Village Green, whether they're riding bikes, walking or driving.

MR. TIECHE: Has there been any further discussion about the location of Route 46 and 62 onto 224, west of town to the bypass and around that you can take out of the center of town? Especially with the major truck traffic.

MR. CALHOUN: When we talked to the transportation engineer, Ryan Bush with MS Consultants, about the potential of basically taking Fairground Blvd. and connecting it to 446 to create the bypass, his preliminary projection would probably be about a 12-million-dollar project to do that. Again, everything is going to cost money. It's just a matter of how much we're willing to spend and how we're going to make that happen. It's not the only option. But that seemed to be, in my mind, the most feasible and what could be the cheapest option to connect 446 to Fairground Blvd. Even the cheap option is not so cheap.

MR. DRAGISH: Something else came up about adding an additional entrance/exit for the turnpike.

MR. CALHOUN: That was something that very early on we looked at trying to do. Obviously, that wouldn't necessarily be the city, that would be more township.

MR. TIECHE: I think the Fairgrounds was interested in doing that.

MR. CALHOUN: I think Tom Mosure had the envision of an access road that once you got off route 11, it would be an access road that would take you take you down route 11 and put you off on Leffingwell near the Fairgrounds. That would allow for a lot of this activity on the access road but also provide for that truck bypass to keep the traffic out of the center of the Green. Again, all those options, I think if we prioritize them it's something we look at doing. We'll fully investigate and see what the most reasonable option was and put a cost to it. Some of the traffic pattern reconfiguration east of Hillside on 224, we looked at potentially where Manor Hill comes in, that becomes a traffic light, with back roads that connect Talsman Drive to that traffic light and then Manor Hill; which sort of connects now to Fairground Blvd, but it's not a public right of way, it's property that's privately owned, so you create those back roads that connect Talsman to 224 at Manor Hill and you connect Manor Hill on the south side to Fairgrounds, you put a light there, you eliminate the light at Talsman and you create a controlled left turn onto Talsman off of 224, with your main 2 turn lanes.

MR. TIECHE: Say that again.

MR. CALHOUN: A controlled left turn, if you're going east, a controlled left turn on Talsman and you keep your two driving lanes going east also considered a back road that also connects to Talsman all the way to Hillside, so then you got your two lights, one is at Hillside, one is at Manor Hill. With that, you take the north side of 224 and those properties are a forced right hand turn, either through the front of the property onto 224 or utilizing the back roads to hit one of the other lights. Then you basically force everybody to the lights and control the access. It provides two benefits, one, you're not having conflicting traffic turning into each other or somebody sitting at the exit to Giant Eagle to turn left, constantly dealing with the traffic that is coming west in that middle turn lane, turning into the Giant Eagle Plaza. I'm sure that anybody who has made that turn has sat there and waited, and waited and waited, as the traffic just kept coming.

MR. DRAGISH: I just go to the light.

MR. CALHOUN: That's the thing, that's where most people are going now. That light is not programmed in a fashion that it's handling large volumes of traffic. The main purpose of that light is the traffic on 224.

MR. DRAGISH: That light at Talsman, that light is not right.

MR. CALHOUN: It's controlled by ODOT; which that is a 5-signal intersection for ODOT. If you notice, if you get the green light, if you're coming from west and you get a green light and it will turn red at Talsman but the sequence then takes the right hand turn off of the Route 11, onto 224, that light instantly turns green again. It's programmed to unload....

MR. DRAGISH: And you're still sitting at the light trying to turn left.

MR. CALHOUN: If you're on Talsman you sit there forever. The light is programmed to unload the traffic off of the freeway, and not necessarily the sequence of whoever is sitting on Talsman Drive. That is something we looked at. MS provided some potential recommendations for the resequencing some of those lights for ODOT.

MR. TIECHE: The concern was getting the traffic off of Route 11, so it wasn't backed up onto the main portion of roadway.

MR. DRAGISH: I know what you're saying, it makes sense but something needs to happen there.

MR. CALHOUN: That's the thing, the way we can control that is eliminate the Talsman light. I think there are other options for the people that need to get onto 224 and head east. West is easy, you're making a right-hand turn. It's getting east that's causing a lot of the issues. That comes with installing a middle median, that forces people to the access points. It's just in how we do that and still keeping what we envisioned through the comp plan; which is that sense of plan and the historical characteristics of Canfield. We're not adding lanes to handle the volume of traffic, we're strategizing on ways that you can efficiently move those vehicles in and out but again, that's adding roads, back roads, getting the right of ways and easements to do that. Going back to the red-green dot exercise, that was a red dot area. That whole Route 11, Talsman Drive area.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- > Upgrading existing Park Amenities- I think we've started doing. We converted our Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts. We're exploring the bike/playground type of thing.
- > The grand vision is to create that bike loop around the City of Canfield that connects all of the amenities, city amenities parks, schools, fairgrounds and some things that will hopefully happen on the Village Green.

MR. TIECHE: Some of that may be eliminated depending on what the schools do.

Utilize Parks & Recreation to attract new residents and elevate Canfield's image.

MR. CALHOUN; The bike path kind of dissects Canfield, the vision is to connect the bike path to various areas in the City of Canfield, so if somebody is on the bike path, they're using the bike path to come to Canfield. Whether that's having somewhere on the Village Green where they want to go, they ride their bikes here, as opposed to getting in the car and driving. It's sort of going with the trends of how people are sort of shifting from, they don't have their vehicles anymore, they're not traveling with their vehicle.

They're using Uber, taking mass transit, they're riding bikes. It's still appeasing what we have today but planning and being ready for whatever the future holds in transportation.

Overall, Parks & Recreation, I think people have a high image of our existing. Average respondents, rating on a scale of 1-5, was 3.6. How would you rate the importance of parks and open space in the future? They rated it as a 4. The focus on Parks & Recreation are on, we try to provide amenities to our public in our parks and have them utilized and make sure that we preserve those and we actually technically need add more. We only have, other than the Village Green; which tends to be a big giant park in the middle of town, I think is the vision that a lot of people have for the Village Green, we only have 2 other parks. One is the Greasel Park, neighborhood park and the other is Fair Park. Other than some of the school playgrounds, and access to the bike trail you have an entire section of town that literally has no public recreation amenity provided by the City of Canfield.

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS:

- Promoting walkable mixed-use neighborhoods.
- ➤ Encouraging a variety of senior living options. We're seeing the trend where you're getting the baby boomer generation, empty nesters, they're not taking care of the large homes, large lots, that they currently live in and they're looking for downsizing options. The real estate market is seeing it too. Everybody wants Villas. We have people building condos. We have a condo development going in on 46. We've got a potential for a future one, I believe this week, there is the 70 acres on Leffingwell and Tippecanoe Road that was a proposed condo development. There is aspects of that in the Millennial Moments JEDD that is happening. There are those condo type villas that are geared towards those downsizing, senior living options. For me, one of the most important things is:
- Promote responsible residential growth patterns- We've got the availability out west at Red Gate Farms. We have to make sure that we are responsible in controlling that residential growth to where we can not only satisfy the needs today, but also allow for responsible growth and the type of growth that we want in the future.

MR. TIECHE: A question about the development going west toward Red Gate. Do you know whether John Rapp and his guys have checked the water valves that have been put in to make sure they are right hand close?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes, that was part of one of the main specs that we put into all of the projects.

MR. TIECHE: And that the fire hydrants meet Canfield specification as far as the openings.

MR. CALHOUN: Yes. We had the pre-construction meeting today for the Bradford Water Line Project. When John Rapp is in the pre-construction meetings he always makes sure they're aware, I think they're Clow fire hydrants or I think Mueller and the connections are fitting. I think when we did our updated water specs, last year or the year before, we added that into it.

One of the questions from the community survey from the comp. plan was:

Which housing issues do you think will be most pressing for Canfield to address in the next 10 years? The biggest response, 30% was maintain neighborhood amenities. The next biggest response was maintaining older housing; which kind of falls in line with address and abate nuisances and proactively

keep things looking nice in the City of Canfield. What is surprising is, is your preferred housing type available in Canfield? Overwhelmingly, everybody said yes. I think, historically Canfield has done a very good job of being responsible in our residential growth. We've got the subdivisions, the Preserve, Stonebridge I think was the most recent one, you've got PUD's that came throughout the years, then you got all the established housing throughout the historical build out of the City of Canfield. Really our job now and in 10, 15, 20 years in the future is continue that responsible growth pattern that Canfield has allowed to happen over the years. The only place we have to grow right now is west at Red Gate Farm, so it sort of focused on how we continue to do what we've successfully done over the years and duplicate it out there.

MR. TIECHE: The other aspect of that is to make sure that those that are here maintain them.

MR. CALHOUN: Correct. Another surprising thing. Would you be willing to live on a smaller lot than you currently do, if it meant you would be in walking distance of parks, shops, and restaurants? Of the people that responded 42% said no and 30% said yes.

MR. TIECHE: That is sort of surprising.

MR. CALHOUN: That one is very surprising. I think it's the general nature of people buying a house, living in the house and never wanting to leave that house. I have a feeling that if you took that same question 5 or 10 years from now, we would see a shift, even that same question 3 years from now.

MR. TIECHE: It would be interesting to know the age groups.

MR. CALHOUN: Some of the data we use is benchmarking some you use as reference points, some you just have to take with a grain of salt. I think that's an accurate representation of what we believe to be the case in our community.

MR. TIECHE: Just looking at that number, I would have thought they would have been pretty close to the same.

SETTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN:

MR. CALHOUN: We got all of our areas of focus. We got our objectives. Within those objectives, if you look at the implementation matrix, the strategy section has the five things that we should be doing, or could be doing to help accomplish those goals. There are priorities as far as high, medium or low. Then who is the responsible party in doing that. When you went through the Comprehensive Plan exercise, you identified if it's the city, the school, township, Metroparks, MCCTC. So, whatever the idea is or the plan or implementation, who is the lead on that and who are all the parties that are involved.

➤ Taking it from a Strategic Planning standpoint, it's looking at how we determine what our current strategic position is, which is the old traditional SWOT Analysis (strength, weakness, opportunities and threats) Some of the new stuff you look at is literally combining 4 things that are just literally, look at this and then look at that and putting those together into one thing and then taking in those other aspects. It's the 4 I's:

Identify issues that need to be addressed (opportunities and Threats)
Industry & Market Data (We have as a result of the comprehensive plan)

Insights (Current and Future Demand)
Input (Strengths & Weaknesses)

As we go through these things, that is sort of our focus, looking at these 4 l's. Looking at each of our objectives and the strategies in setting our goals, we look at these 4 things and say, what needs to be addressed or what's an opportunity, look at the industry and the market data what's our community saying and what's the industry saying. Provide the insights, what are we seeing today and what are we going to see in the future. That's amongst ourselves, having conversations with community members, trying to get feedback from our citizens. I think a test of what we talked about to begin with maybe involving the community more in the strategic planning process. Not your average citizen is going to read 142 pages of a comprehensive plan that we've worked on for 2 years. So, if we can even further take that down to those snip-its of a text message that says hey, this is what our goal is for the Village Green. Do you agree or disagree? I think that's how we potentially start to engage more citizens than we have in attendance tonight. Obviously, input goes along with the insights of what are we doing good, where can we improve.

PRIORITIZE OBJECTIVES

MR. CALHOUN: You'll see we got 5 areas of focus with 3 to 4 objectives in each area of focus and then you have a strategy for goal and implementation for at least 5 strategies for each of the objectives within the area of focus. That's not all going to happen over the next 3 to 5 years. Your job tonight and moving forward is starting to look at those and say, these are our main priorities of what we need to look at and focus on in the next 3 to 5 years. We go through this exercise of 3 to 5-year snip-its and hopefully one day look back 15 years from now and pull out the comp plan and say, man look at what we did. It said this, this is how we worked on getting it done. This is the result of our hard work, blood, sweat and tears.

Mission, Value and Purpose: Everything as we look towards those prioritizations of the objectives is looking at what our mission is from the City of Canfield, what the value in providing that and what our purpose in providing that.

Visioning: You look at it and say, what does success look like. If our main priority is, transportation on the Village Green. If we decide that we need to do something with the two lights at the Village Green, knowing what we know with the options that were presented, or maybe another option to pursue, what would success look like, if we were to do whatever it is we prioritize as an objective. It could be as simple as eliminating the Talsman light. If the success is creating a new park in the neighborhood of Stonebridge Development, what does that look like.

Competitive Advantages: What are some of the competitive advantages that we as the city have in making that happen. What are some competitive advantages that we can utilize, partnerships, collaborations, other community members, business, private sector, non-profit, we can make happen. That could be partnerships with developers, partnerships with engaged citizens in the community, or the sky is the limit. It's anybody in the Canfield Community that could provide us or community a competitive advantage in accomplishing our goals.

MR. CALHOUN: Just a general overview of how e progressed in visual form. Strategically looking at our issues, the Industry, customer insights, employee input, SWOT. This is generic. Developing our Strategy, mission, values, vision, competitive advantages and then sort of these bottom pieces become my job to

then take the organizational wide strategies and look how we implement those in small snit-its, in the organization. Long-Term Objectives, how do we succeed. Forecast, financial projections, what can we achieve, how much is it going to cost, is it feasible. What's interesting, once we've built our strategic plan, then we start to set our department goals, individual goals, to accomplish those. We talked through the implementation of our employee evaluation system last year, what we've done is council's goals that come out of my annual evaluation become goals that are set for department heads. The department heads are tasked with insuring that their subordinates are producing to accomplish their department goal, to accomplish the overall goal of the city management area; which then accomplishes the goals that were set by city council. It's kind of that up and down management style of how do we accomplish that and make sure that from top to bottom, everybody is working towards that goal, in everything that we do. Just managing and following up and making sure that we're annually reviewing the things that we do. The biggest problem with Comprehensive Plans in general, when cities go through them is, it becomes this document that was done in a point in time and it's put on a shelf and it sits there. It may get referenced every once in a while, just to look back and say, I think we did that. The next step after you do the Comp Plan is Strategic Planning. That's what we're doing tonight. That's where we're at. Hopefully, it's what's going to keep the Comp Plan alive as a breathing document over the next 10-15 years. Either new people are here, the same people are here, but we're able to use that in our guidebook in accomplishing all of the things that we set forth. It doesn't mean we can't change objectives. If we start to look at something and it's just not going to work, we can definitely change it. That's the point with keeping it as a living breathing document. You just can't let it be what it is and then look back and say, we couldn't accomplish that, so we didn't do it. Basically, you eliminate that entire section of the comp plan.

MR. CALHOUN: Now what we'll do is go to the Guidebook. I went through everything, how do we want to tackle, prioritizing our objectives. We take each section and try to pick one or two things from each section. That is sort of our focus. If there is one thing in particular that we believe the 3 or 4 objectives should be worked on exclusively and maybe pick up some other areas. I think maybe for efficiency purposes we go through, collaborative on school facility planning, is already being done, so we probably don't need to add that to our goals and objectives, other than to keep working on it. There was one other one that we sort of started down the path. Preserve and promote Canfield's historic character. There are some things that I think we can probably be doing. Institute Design Guidelines for future development. We're already currently working on it. It's just least valuable to put those items in our Strategic Plan. What we want to do is look at the focus on what we want to start homing in on.

MR. TIECHE: My thoughts would be Village Green, 1,2, and 3 and corridor analysis 1 for the eastern portion of 224. Under Village Green, promote the development of underutilized properties. Two: preserve and promote Canfield's historic character. 3: Institute Design Guidelines for future development.

Under Corridor Analysis, reconfigure traffic patterns on the eastern portion of U.S. 224.

MR. NEFF: Design Guidelines are coming. That's what is being worked on right now.

MR. CALHOUN: So, that's under Village Green. We're already doing Land Use number 2.

MR. NEFF: We got a couple of eyesores on the Village Green. They've been there forever. We haven't made any progress.

MR. CALHOUN: So, Village Green, promote development of unutilized properties. So, what is our objective to create the goals to accomplish that objective? How are we going to promote the development of unutilized properties? This is something we looked at, the company that came in and did the analysis.

MR. NEFF: Town Center Associates.

MR. CALHOUN: They talked about different strategies that you can do, that would sort of promote or force people that are currently doing nothing with either vacant land or vacant properties into doing something with them. Whether that's charging an annual monitoring fee, in making sure that they are upkeeping with all the zoning regulations. There are different ways that you can start to promote the development of the unutilized properties when we aren't necessarily the controller of that property. That's been the biggest roadblock, we want something done. We saw that vision of what that one vacant parcel potentially could look like. How do we make that happen? We've identified them in the Comp Plan, we know, here's our underutilized properties, here are our vacant properties that need to be addressed. How do we make that happen from a legislative, government standpoint?

MR. TIECHE: Do we have the ability through the Community Improvement Corporation to actually go out and start looking at acquiring properties?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes. The Community Improvement Corporation has that ability to go and acquire properties and potentially develop them.

MR. TIECHE: If any debt was necessary on that, is that debt that we would acquire become part of our 10-mill limitation for debt? Do you know that?

MR. CALHOUN: That's a good question. I don't know. The CIC can take on debt itself as an entity. That's a good question. I don't know if that becomes part of what the city's debt limit is or if they stand alone. I believe they should stand alone. They are a registered 501 with the IRS as a non-profit.

MR. TIECHE: That's sort of what I was thinking but I haven't looked at that in a long time.

MR. CALHOUN: I think that maybe where we're going is, so we've created the CIC, and that's it.

MR. TIECHE: Utilized CIC?

MR. CALHOUN: Utilize CIC.

MR. TIECHE: Stimulate one to get going.

MR. DRAGISH: My personal opinion, a side note of the CIC, I think once one of those pieces, whether it's the IGA property, once we stimulate that particular piece, I think the other pieces, there will be more ability to get those sold and purchased. But we need one to start.

MR. CALHOUN: That was something Town Center identified. It won't take but one to really start that snowball rolling. The CIC is interesting. There are a couple of strategies that we can do to start utilizing it. Currently it's in existence. As CIC's grow and become active, they're able to provide grant money for redevelopment or economic assistance to attract new businesses coming into town.

MR. DRAGISH: What's the downfall of the CIC? Anything?

MR. CALHOUN: (INAUDIBLE).

MR. TIECHE: Do we know any individual developers that might be interested in something like that, with the idea if we work with the CIC for a tax abatement for whatever they do, and they're going to see a return and that kind of thing.

MR. DRAGISH: In my opinion, yes.

MR. CALHOUN: From a council perspective, do we look at potentially budgeting money from the General Fund that is given to the CIC, in order to start invigorating the CIC? You can only do as much the CIC has in terms of money. Right now, the CIC has no money, it has no property. It needs that.

MR. TIECHE: I would like the answer to the question about whether the CIC can borrow money. If they have the ability to borrow money, we can use that as seed money as opposed to us having to commit General Fund dollars.

MR. NEFF: I thought the CIC was also going to be involved in funding the development at Red Gate.

MR. CALHOUN: Potentially. That was the original strategy behind the CIC is, the City currently owns that property, in order for the City to sell that property you have to go to public auction. The City can transfer that property ownership from the City to the CIC. The CIC then controls the land and does with it what it wants. Which is essentially controlled by what the City stipulates what the CIC can and cannot do.

MR. TIECHE: In my view, the concept is, we need to get the CIC money in some way, so they can do what they need to do.

MR. CALHOUN: So, explore finance options for the CIC itself.

MR. DRAGISH: Once we create money for that, can't we then in turn get other monies, like Look at the particular property that was in the Vindicator today, they were allotting \$305,000,000 and \$87,000,000 of it they were going to give to 20 Federal Place downtown, to redevelop the Federal Place. The City of Youngstown is going to have to come up with \$2,000,000.

MR. NEFF: We had a meeting, it was over a year ago, in fact, we brought in people and met in here, remember? Johnson & Johnson, Nils has been wanting to develop that because he's a neighbor. We had the concept of just an odd name but Cardinal Alumni Village, building a PUD there. There were people that would say, I'm in. I'll buy a unit as long as it's under a quarter of a million dollars. I'll put my parents there or whatever. I think that if we came up with something and somebody sold it, if you want to sell it, because I know Johnson & Johnson would be in it and there are enough developers and alumni from Canfield, that have moved away, that would still want to have a place to come back to here. That's one concept. You'd still want something on the Green that would be a restaurant.

MR. DRAGISH: I guess my thing is, the restaurant portion still stands. But there is nothing that exists. I guess the only way you're going to get a restaurant to come in and build a restaurant is if they're going

to get money, to build a restaurant. A restaurant is not cheap. A kitchen is not cheap. I've talked to several people that want to come here. That's basically what they're saying, figure something out for us and we'll come. But they're not going to come here and draw ten million dollars to say, we'll maybe this restaurant is going to work.

MR. CALHOUN: Every conversation that I've had with a prospect or a potential something that looks at the IGA, one of the first questions is, is there any programs in place that the city can help. My answer is, recently we got the CRA implemented; which helps. But the biggest thing is utilizing the aspects of the CIC. We can provide x-amount of dollars as seed money or a low-interest loan or no interest loan, for x amount of years, to help get those businesses viable. There is not a lot of people that have that huge amount of capital, to come and do what they need to do. Specific to the IGA Building, we all know you're in it for 1 million dollars to then decide what you want to do with the building. When people start doing their financial feasibility analysis, very quickly, they're like wait a minute, it's going to take me 7 years to break even. They say, this isn't going to work. I think that's been a major deterrent, as I mentioned is the financial component of everything. The building does need a lot of work but it doesn't necessarily scare people off. It's when they start doing the math and doing the numbers. It doesn't become feasible. We're in that position of, it's our number 1 priority.

MR. NEFF: Weren't we looking into getting a grant for razing that building?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes, so if you saw the news this morning, the City of Warren and East Palestine got those Brownfield Grants, it's part of those grants. We've applied through Mahoning County for the residential piece of the Brownfield Grant. When you start talking commercial properties you have to do a phase 1 study; which identifies anything that may potentially be in the ground. I have yet to approach the current property owner to see if they would be willing to do a phase 1 study because if there is any result that comes back out of that study, it then really renders the property, almost unusable or changes the way that the private owner of that property can market the sale of the property. There was a gas station on the corner where the current Edward Jones Building is.

MR. NEFF: The original Ford store.

MR. CALHOUN: So, who knows. If it was city owned property, we'd do a phase 1 study and figure it out. Once you do the phase 1, if it comes back that there is something there, then you do a phase 2 study to identify what is there. Again, it's sort of that, if you're a property owner, do you want a phase 1 or phase 2 study done on property that you own for the purposes of demo. Again, with that grant, we then have the ability to recoup the costs for that debt. That's a conversation that we haven't had yet. I'd be more than willing to have that conversation as we, sort of target it, which I think we are doing. I've been here 4 years, the IGA comes up in almost every discussion I have with anybody. It's time now because it's not happening on its own. We as the city may need to start taking those proactive steps to make things happen in our community.

We believe our sole focus is going to be that IGA incentive and then watch what happens as a result of our efforts.

MR. NEFF: We also need to have somebody keeping their eyes on the guy that owns the Court House. What's going to happen to that? Now that Jim Sabo has passed away, what's going to happen to the WPA Building? What's his name that bought the old Texaco Station. That thing has been vacant for a year.

MR. DRAGISH: I thought somebody went in there.

MR. NEFF: Somebody bought it. People are going to be grandfathered, probably if we create legislation that somehow says, that after 6 months or a year of vacancy, then you have to start paying a fee that escalates.

MR. CALHOUN: You can stipulate grandfathering, with zone changes or code enforcement. Whatever comes out of the zoning code audit or Design Review Standards, which I think Shannon has mentioned before, if you say this is the Design Review Standard, you can grandfather everybody that is currently in existence, or provide them a transition to comply. Then if they don't it becomes an enforcement aspect. It's definitely something we can explore and if that is a priority and really starting to force action to happen on the Village Green.

MR. NEFF: I think we should explore that.

MR. CALHOUN: When we start putting ideas down, in those goals for the workbook, if your writing those down, the smart goals. The Smart Goals in setting specific, measurable, obtainable and time sensitive. As you're going through and saying, we need to do that, here is our timeframe. This allows us to say, priority number one is this. This is going to be year 1-3. Year 3-5, that's when we start looking at some of those other things, whatever that is. If it's years 1-3, it allows us to look at things and go, wait a minute, that's not realistic, that's not going to work. Okay, let's do year 1-3 in these snip-its and years 3-5 focus on these, so that we're not overwhelming any one of us or anyone in the city to try to make all of these things happen too fast. I think we've been doing good, going as fast as we humanly can over the first 4 years. Now as we look at everything that we've done, we now have the ability to step back and start to slow down a little bit and say, okay, we've done what we need to, to get to the point where we're at, now how do we start progressing and moving forward. I tell people, I'm done putting out fires now. We can start now prioritizing and making the improvements that we had to put the fires out to get to the point we are today. So, Explore Compliance Options. 2: Preserve & Promote Canfield's Historic Character, which I think will happen in the Historic Design Review Guidelines and Implementations.

MR. NACARATO: Once those are set, I think we'll be in good shape.

MR. CALHOUN: Corridor Analysis: We said, #1-Traffic Patterns.

MR. DRAGISH: Get rid of the light at Talsman.

MR. CALHOUN: That was one of the first things when I started, that was a major issue. Everyone said, if you can fix that, every thing else doesn't matter.

MR. DRAGSH: I think you're right. I think from Talsman and in my personal opinion any development that comes forward at Hillside, that light is going to have to be looked at too.

MR. TIECHE: Is the solution, that drive to make it loop around there, is the solution to widening 224.

MR. CALHOUN: Or exploring the Manor Hill at least the back to Fairgrounds. I don't know how you get Manor Hill, then to Hillside. But at least that starts to provide that Hillside to Fairgrounds connection on the north side.

MR. TIECHE: That hill is too steep on Manor Hill.

MR. CALHOUN: Even on the north side to go from Talsman to Hillside, there is a lot of fall there.

MR. TIECHE: And you got to acquisition a couple....

MR. CALHOUN: Then there is always the acquisition.

MR. DRAGISH: Which way, on the right side?

MR. TIECHE: You on the north side of 224 or the south side?

MR. DRAGISH: Coming down towards Hillside on the right. We're saying we have a problem on the right-hand side?

MR. CALHOUN: No. On the south side, the left-hand side. Where the old Advanced Auto Parts is, the option would be to inquire about making a public right of way or a street from Manor Hill connecting to Fairgrounds. That just alleviates some of the traffic and congestion there.

MR. TIECHE: There is a drive up through there. I don't know if you've been on it or not. I went by mistake the other night.

MR. CALHOUN: That could be the start of the bigger picture plan; which is then going to the north side and then saying now, we've got this, we're going to sort of do the same thing on this side of the street connecting Talsman to Hillside and then having a Manor Hill intersection that's going to get you going east. That eliminates the Talsman light.

MR. DRAGISH: I don't think you'd have a problem on the right.

MR. TIECHE: Where are you saying on the right-hand side?

MR. DRAGISH: Coming down towards town. Those properties on the right-hand side.

MR. TIECHE: The vacant properties you mean?

MR. DRAGISH: Yes. And the corner lot.

MR. TIECHE: Kasmer Insurance?

MR. DRAGISH: Yes.

MR. TIECHE: It sounded like they had new owners from what we heard the other night.

MR. CALHOUN: There was interest on the properties on the north side of 224. Those conversations centered around getting the access to 224. That's not in the best interest of the conflicting traffic patterns, lining up with the Giant Eagle entrance. We had a discussion about the backage roads. I think the availability is there. We just need to know the direction on, this is what we plan on doing and sort of

making sure that if anybody wants to do that they build that into their plan. This is how this is all going to work.

MR. TIECHE: Aren't the backage roads, aren't they all going to back up to the properties that are up north of that? Are we going to have potential issues with all the property owners that back up to where that roadway is going to be?

MR. CALHOUN: Here is sort of the proposed plan, where you basically have that connection from Talsman to Hillside. Every X you see is the elimination of a curb cut. The controlled left-hand turn on Talsman is where it segregates it and they turn at will, when it's free, to make that left-hand turn and these people are only turning this way on Talsman. That way, they can come to this light and potentially make the U-turn at the light or come down here and get back. One of the other major findings was, every circle you see is a curb cut. That's an ingress/egress to the property that's on 224. That also potentially causes traffic issues because every circle is potentially somebody turning; which stops traffic behind them.

MR. TIECHE: Where is the other drawing you had up showing behind there. My concern was, this road would be so deep that it would back up against the backs of these properties. So, you would have lot inbetween there.

MR. CALHOUN: Sort of a buffer zone. When we first had the conversations, when I first started, this is sort of a plan. When we talked to the owner here, I don't know if you know the owner of the plaza, this is parking, delivery.

MR. DRAGISH: This is the guy from Akron.

MR. CALHOUN: That happens at Hilltop Plaza. Trying to figure out how we then potentially can offer parking in exchange for the ability to acquire that right-of-way, to allow this to happen.

MR. DRAGISH. I can tell you right now. This is so underutilized. Technically, you could come in and around and have entrance off the backside.

MR. CALHOUN: The main issue was they needed to get their deliveries in and out. They had to go to 224.

MR. DRAGISH: I'm saying, this would allow it.

MR. CALHOUN: This will allow them to get to the light to come out. One of the issues that we raised is they could not have two entrances in and out on 224. One, it would conflict with traffic patterns coming out of there. No interest in forcing a right-hand turn to the light because how do you get back.

MR. TIECHE: Another issue is our new zoning ordinance requires a setback for the building much greater than

MR. CALHOUN: Correct. So, the zoning that was implemented for this whole corridor is 50-foot max setback. It literally lines up with what you have here. This building is approximately 50 foot and this building is approximately 50 foot. To prevent what we have over here; which is a huge vast parking lot and buildings. Planning & Zoning made the decision to force everything to a maximum of 50 feet. It will give you that first 2 to 3 lanes of parking but you must be close to 224.

MR. DRAGISH: That would make sense for them to do that.

MR. CALHOUN: The parking becomes the back and allows

MR. DRAGISH: They have access in and out that way. That's busier.

MR. MORVAY: While we're up on that part of town. The southeast from the CVS, that property that sits there.

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MR. TIECHE: East or southeast?

MR. DRAGISH: Along Route 11.

MR. TIECHE: The property on Fairground Blvd?

MR. MORVAY: No. Right after CVS. We need to get a road to Fairground. That opens that property up.

MR. CALHOUN: That's never going to happen. This is our water storage tank and there is a lift station right here; which has a fire hydrant and the main water line feed that comes down Route 11, the valve is right there that feeds the storage tank and there is not a whole lot of room that would allow major traffic to be going in and out close to and the pump house is right here for our storage tank. It's been explored.

MR. MORVAY: You find a way in there from Fairground, you open that property up for huge development.

MR. DRAGISH: There is no way to do anything down here?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes, there is. I think this property may be for sale.

MR. NEFF: That's Coy Brothers, isn't it?

MR. TIECHE: You got one brick house in-between there.

MR. CALHOUN: If you're in this property, you have to turn right because you're going against the oncoming traffic to get left to go this way. And you can't access the onramp here. At least if you can get here, then you can go straight to access going south on 11.

MR. CALHOUN: From a risk standpoint, unless we're hell-bent on allowing this access drive there. I always very cautiously said, I just can't let that happen, close to the infrastructure that is sitting there.

MR. MORVAY: I understand that. Boy that would be nice to develop that.

MR. CALHOUN: This is not a public road but if you put this in there and make it that nice streetscape, with middle median landscaping. All of the underutilized backage pieces of these properties become developable. It makes these storage units become potentially something, more than what they currently

are. You repurpose them and turn them into shops. You can kind of create a mini town center. Pittsburgh did it, the district where there was nothing but the tractor trailer delivery warehouses.

MR. DRAGISH: You're talking about the strip. What they built in there is absolutely beautiful. It was garbage. It's gorgeous now.

MR. CALHOUN: They utilized all those trailer, that became the front of the....

MR. DRAGISH: You're right, they landscaped it to make it walkable.

MR. CALHOUN: The previous owner of the Perkins building; which has now changed hands and is sitting vacant. They had the vision of doing food trucks, a brewery, they were hopeful that something would happen here. It doesn't take much to start to reimagine what that could look like.

MR. TIECHE: I thought I heard something about Dairy Queen was moving up there.

MR. CALHOUN: They currently own the property.

MR. DRAGISH: They bought it but they're sitting on it.

MR. CALHOUN: It's an investment.

MR. TIECHE: I had understood the Dairy Queen had a franchise issue. They have some restrictions on how close you can go from one Dairy Queen to another. There is one in Cornersburg and the closest you can get from Canfield to Cornersburg is the one that's on the Village Green. You move it east or north, you're too close. The question was, if the same franchisee owned those two, would that eliminate that. The follow-up question was, what if they sold it.

MR. DRAGISH: They would because it's the same thing with the Belleria. They have overlap. Cornersburg and Canfield.

MR. NACARATO: What I heard from the Smith Family is the reason they have a hold on that property is because they are doing the one on Market Street in Boardman. When they get that one finished and up and running, they'll close the one on Market Street currently, then they're going to focus on the one here.

MR. MORVAY: Where is the new Dairy Queen in Boardman?

MR. NACARATO: It's across from Akron Children's Hospital.

MR. TIECHE: They think they're going to move on East Main?

MR. NACARATO: Right.

MR. TIECHE: They think they're going to do a better business up there than at the Village Green?

MR. DRAGISH: Yes. I personally hope they do move on East Main and let the one on the Green go. I have an idea of what could go there.

MR. NACARATO: The biggest problem with the one on the Green is that they're locked. They can't develop it anymore.

MR. DRAGISH: The guy that owns the laundromat owns that property.

MR. CALHOUN: We have no limit on how many strategic planning work session it can take to get through this. We set 2 to get this ball rolling. If we wanted to stop and pick back up with some of the other objective setting at the next one, as opposed to going back to our goal setting activity until we have the 3rd, 4th or 5th, planning work session. By no means are we saying let's put these things on paper and start working on them. The point of this is to literally take the time to strategically think through. This is fantastic what we've done. Again, the next one we're not going to have the presentation that takes up the first section. But this is the point where we can start homing in on these type of ideas and activities. We can say yes, let's figure something out here. Let's do this. Now we got a few things that we're actively working on. The idea is to continue to say, let's identify and let's implement an action plan.

MR. MORVAY: What is that 2+3 continuing?

MR. CALHOUN: That's the 2 and 3 under the Village Green which is collaborating with the school and force the desired development patter; which are some of the things we're already doing. Under the Village Green, 2 & 3, are happening; which is the preserve and promote and the Design Guidelines. So, under Land Use we said 2; which is the schools and that's currently happening. The Corridor Analysis that we've identified that number 1, traffic patterns. Do we want to visit anything else in the Corridor Analysis? I think enhancing the Village Green intersection needs to be sort of delayed. Let's tackle one transportation project at a time.

MR. DRAGISH: I don't think the intersection at the Green (in my personal opinion) is a deterrent to the Village Green.

MR. NEFF: I don't think so. I don't think we should tackle it. You're better off thinking about whether you can make at least one of the sides one way.

MR. CALHOUN: To Council Member Tieche's point at the beginning, there is not a whole lot, if we reconfigure something, it's going to impact the truck traffic that currently comes through town. I think that's the first solution is figure out how you get the truck traffic out of the center of town before you really start messing with the center of town. Do we want to start looking at least creating that sense of place in the Village Green? I think they mentioned in the Comp Plan, they provided a speaker at that Smart Growth Seminar, Tuesday morning, he was from Missouri but it's called Betterblocks.org. Essentially you take a day, a weekend, you transform your downtown into what it could be temporarily. With hard work and paint, you basically create your bike lanes. You get put it, close down one of the lanes on the Village Green and create that new sidewalk space. You have pop-up shops that now open up on the sidewalks of the Village Green. You'd put some temporary public art to then engage the community to come out and say, where is what this could look like.

MR. DRAGISH: I think any transforming of something on the Green (in my opinion) a start to a beginning of something cool.

MR. CALHOUN: People start taking that pride and realizing how you can enhance the Village Green with very little aesthetic changes. The mausoleum is the perfect example of that.

MR. DRAGISH: The Green itself is a wonderful thing.

MR. CALHOUN: It has the natural beauty.

MR. DRAGISH: But there are things that aren't really falling into place with it.

MR. TIECHE: If you got something going, it would stimulate more activity.

MR. CALHOUN: The corridor analysis is going to be 3 but to include focus on Village Green. When we talk creating a sense of place on the corridor, we're sort of doing it with the entryway signs. You create that feel when you enter Canfield and then what we can do to enhance that. Explore both corridors, 224 and 46, and also Village Green enhancements. We're sort of taking 3 and applying it to the corridor and village green.

MR. NEFF: I guess I didn't tell anybody, a month ago I met with Kevin Helmick from Farmer's National Bank and told him that we'd really like the bank, when they demo the buildings at the south end, the old Neff Agency, Tom White was there, if they could put public restrooms on the bottom floor, that would solve our public restroom. There would be a lot of questions. Who would take care of them? Who would clean them? Who is responsible for it? On and on and on. He said, it's not my decision. We got a Board of Directors. If anybody knows shareholders in Farmer's National that would be a solution for having some facilities.

MR. CALHOUN: I would hate to see them demo what's there, repurpose it into potentially retail space. I believe we can solve the public restroom problem by not taking or forcing private property owners to implement public restrooms on our behalf. I think the Metroparks, Experimental Farm, they've got bathrooms there as you're coming off that bike spur. They don't feed into a sanitary sewer system. That's our only challenge with getting public restrooms somewhere on the Village Green, as Council Member Tieche knows the sanitary sewer lines actually runs behind Farmer's National Bank. But I think there is a way, depending on what public input would be on such a thing, you can put a building like what you have at the Metroparks on the Village Green in some capacity and not have the stigma of there are bathroom in the center of town.

MR. NEFF: If you look closely at those, it's like a bathroom at Disney World. It's fake stone.

MR. CALHOUN: I'm just saying the concept. We don't have to duplicate it. We can make it Canfield. We're doing it with the Columbarium. We could have gone as bare bones as a pad and a Columbarium there. But we have the knee walls, the landscaping. Everything we do has that promoting the historical characteristics of Canfield. That's not just the historical concepts, that's the characteristics of the look and feel of Canfield.

MR. NACARATO: I'd still like to see us have a pad at there to have committal services right at the Columbarium.

MR. CALHOUN: There is the availability to expand what we currently have.

MR. NACARATO: We wouldn't have to do all these tents that we do everywhere. It would be a nicer place. As a funeral director, you know exactly where you're going.

MR. CALHOUN: You'll have that availability with the first one because the pad is designed to have 2 columbarium's. The first one will be set and you'll have that open space. But once we set the second one, hopefully the demand for the columbarium fills up fast, we can set a second one, we can look for the expansion of more columbarium's of providing spaces for services.

The Village Green restroom access, prioritize, keep in mind.

MR. NEFF: Keep in mind. Are we able to use the restrooms in the Methodist Church?

MR. TIECHE: I can't tell you that. There was a problem with people wondering around the church.

MR. NACARATO: I think it's something we need to keep in mind but I don't think it's something we can really move forward with at this point.

MR. CALHOUN: I was hoping when the Rotary does the gazebo they could put some restrooms in there too.

MR. NACARATO: There were a couple of Rotarians that wanted to put a basement in there.

MR. CALHOUN: I think on an annual basis we're looking at these upgrades to existing park amenities. We add that to the overall plan, if we want.

MR. NACARATO: Wouldn't that fall basically where the restrooms all too?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes. Again, like the Pickleball upgrade, the bike playground that we're exploring at Fair Park. At Greasel, there are opportunities there for other things.

MR. TIECHE: The north end of the Village Green the sewers are back out in the street.

MR. MORVAY: I think that's a lot to tackle. I think that's a good start.

MR. TIECHE: All we need is money. By the next meeting, might you be able to find out about the whole CIC financing?

MR. CALHOUN: Yes.

MR. NACARATO: I thought you were going to write the check, Chuck?

MR. TIECHE: I can write a check.

MR. CALHOUN: We have Council on the 4th and then we have another Strategic Planning Work Session on the 11th. Do we want to dive more into some of this or have you guys look at those smart goals and try to strategize specific, how we make that happen? I'll share this in a lot better format so that everybody can use these to say, maybe build a (inaudible). What success looks like. How we can utilize

whatever we're going to do with the IGA, what's that plan, when does that plan need to happen? Who do we need to talk to? Who are the people that we need to bring into the conversation?

MR. TIECHE: I think a lot of that is going to depend on the answer you give us as far as financing.

MR. CALHOUN: The CIC, the Corridor, and then Village Green was the sense of place.

MR. MORVAY: So, the next meeting is on the 11th. What do we want to focus on? Do we want to go to the Smart Plan?

MR. CALHOUN: Patty already advertised it.

MR. TIECHE: The advantage of getting back, if Wade can get us the information about money and the CIC, that's going to give us, at least in my mind...

MR. CALHOUN: We got the meeting set. I think everybody has it on the calendar. We can at least have it. We've got 4, sort of objectives that we're focusing on. CIC, Sense of Place as it pertains to the corridor, and then the Village Green. I think we can start diving into those. It doesn't necessarily have to be the Smart Goals but use the workbook to jot down those ideas.

MR. NEFF: We'll have been through the meeting with MS on Design Review Guidelines.

MR. NACARATO: We will have been through that.

MR. CALHOUN: 2 and 3 on the Village Green will be Design Guidelines. That will be pretty far along, I think it's the final draft. I anticipate some feedback.

MR. TIECHE: When Design gets a final draft, is Design going to approve the final standards or are they coming to City Council?

MR. CALHOUN: I believe it is Design.

MR. TIECHE: In that case, what I would suggest is that city council get a copy of the proposed final draft before they vote on it.

MR. CALHOUN: I think it would be worthwhile for the proposed final draft with feedback from Design Review to potentially discuss at the next Strategic Planning Meeting, to give Design Review that direction on you're going in the right direction.

MR. TIECHE MOVED TO ADJOURN

MR. NACARATO: Second.

All were in favor

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