



COUNCIL WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Mayor: Jody Carney **Administrator:** Haley Lupton
Director of Finance: Renee' Sonnett **Director of Law:** Paul-Michael La Fayette
Council Members: President J. Sintz, M. Terry, J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, F. Reed, J. Rucker.

Call to Order:

Mr. Sintz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: J. Carney, J. Sintz, M. Terry, J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, F. Reed, and J. Rucker.

Absent: None.

Approvals:

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Ms. Ferguson motioned to approve the March 1, 2023 agenda, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

Old Business:

2nd Reading Resolution 05-2023: Authorizing a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Wilcox Investment Group

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 05-2023, seconded by Mr. Reed. All in favor.

New Business: None.

Discussion Items:**Uptown Master Plan Update**

Mr. Kim Littleton from OHM introduced himself and thanked Council for their time. He provided an overview of the process that OHM used to formulate the Uptown Master Plan and stated that tonight's meeting is the culmination of that process. He explained that public input has been collected throughout the plan development process. Mr. Littleton described several priority areas with accompanying projects and described why those specific areas are listed as a priority. Priority areas include: the old elementary school site, the intersection of Main Street and Chillicothe Street, Heritage Trail connectivity possibilities, and additional surface parking options.

Mr. Littleton provided Council with several different approaches that could be utilized to make the above listed priority projects a reality. He emphasized the importance of implementing pedestrian connectivity options and increasing overall walkability for the entire Uptown area, which he believes Plain City is excellently poised to do.

Mr. Reed noted the importance of maintaining consistent architectural styles throughout the Uptown area. Mr. Littleton agreed and provided examples of surrounding municipalities that have done well in that regard.

Mr. Stanford, the Development Manager, provided details on the public-private partnerships that would need to occur for several of these projects to take place. He described the benefits of public-private partnerships in projects such as these for both short-term and long-term goals.

Cybersecurity & Ethics Training Opportunities

Mr. Sintz explained the importance of cybersecurity and ethics training for new Councilmembers and Mayors as they are onboarded. He recommends that, on an annual basis, elected officials participate in training to ensure that everyone is on the same page and operating in the most transparent and secure way possible, both in terms of ethics and cybersecurity.

Mayor Carney thanked Mr. Sintz for his comments and believes that this is an excellent topic to pursue. Mr. Terry agreed and advised that it may be prudent to separate the topic into different categories as it relates to Village staff and elected officials. He believes that separating the training to each of those categories would be more efficient and relevant given the differences between the two. All of Council agreed that steps should be taken to participate in advanced training for cybersecurity and ethics.

Adjourn:

Mr. Sintz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucker. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.