

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 22, 2020

6:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck, Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development Franzen, Finance Director Beckdahl, and Law Director Allen.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, were:

1. Mr. Heck reminded Commissioners of a previous discussion at the 2020 City Commission Retreat where staff planned to look at an overall redevelopment plans for the City Hall Plaza. One of the Commission's goals is to continue downtown redevelopment and encourage use of the plaza as a community gathering space. Changes to the plaza area would be considered during the required repair work on the underground parking garage below the plaza. The rubber roof membrane for the parking garage has outlived its 25-30 year lifespan considering the building was completed in 1979. Staff worked with Moda4 of Dayton to look at the existing layout and make suggestions for the overall look and use the plaza.

Mr. Franzen described Moda4's concept drawings for the four quadrants of the plaza. Each area would focus on usable spaces including lighting and landscaping. The four areas included a residential structure, updates to the existing office tower building, a tiered lawn with an amphitheater area or playground area, and the City Hall space with updated outdoor seating.

Mr. Heck stated the empty office tower last used by the E.F. Hutton Company would be available in an upcoming foreclosure sale as well as the former State Theater on Fountain Avenue.

Upon discussion of possibly moving the Oracle's Vision statue from the front of City Hall to the southeast quadrant's greenspace area, Mrs. Chilton stated that she would want to see additional information on the plan. Mr. Heck stated a final plan would be presented to the City Commission before implementing changes. Mr. Heck noted the statue was intended to be an interactive art piece; changes to the landscaping over the years do not allow citizens to easily reach the piece as a greenspace area could.

Mr. O'Neill spoke on previous repair work to the plaza and parking garage. Both Mr. Heck and Mr. Beckdahl spoke on prior repairs and continued maintenance. The expansion joint and roof membrane need to be addressed after years of water drainage similar to a flat rooftop.

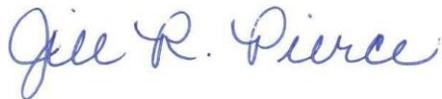
Dr. Estrop shared compliments from a recent group of visitors on the cleanliness and good maintenance of the City Hall area. Mr. Heck noted Service staff members have continued to do good work with no seasonal employees to help this year.

2. On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the City Commission