

**DEXTER CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 AM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: Mayor Keough

J. Carson	D. Fisher
J. Knight	Z. Michels
J. Smith	R. Tell - ab

Also attending: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/ Treasurer; Dan Schlaff, Public Service Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; and Mike Fitzpatrick, DDA Treasurer.

C. REVIEW OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Ms. Nicholls reviewed the draft of goals and objectives for 2017-2018. She then requested comments or other goals to consider. City Council provided the following ideas:

- Need to revisit the idea of connecting Baker Road and Central Street.
- Need to look at parking in the downtown and need for a parking study. Discussion followed.
- Fiber optics improvements in the City for residents and businesses.
- Look at combining incubator businesses on the first floor with a parking structure.
- Under Economic Development, include a statement on moving forward with fiber optics.
- Talk to Oxford about using a space at the Dexter Crossing Center for incubator or pop-up businesses. Could also look at second floor spaces in the downtown.
- Have Arts, Culture and Heritage talk with Dexter High School students on developing murals and/or banners for downtown.

D. REVIEW OF RESERVE BALANCES AND POTENTIAL USES FOR THOSE RESERVES

Ms. Sherry reviewed reserve balances and uses.

E. SELECTION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION

Zack Michaels volunteered to be the City Council representative for the

Election Commission.

F. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER ITEMS

1. Redevelopment Ready Communities

Ms. Aniol reviewed the Redevelopment Ready Program, the changes that have been made since Council previously discussed the program and the possible reasons to be involved in the program. Discussion followed.

2. RFP for Economic Development

Ms. Aniol reported on reasons for an RFP to update the Economic Development Strategy for the City at a cost of \$5,000 in the 2017-2018 budget, which would look at needed infrastructure improvements now and into the future.

3. RFP for Master Plan/Delay of Ordinance Revision

Ms. Aniol also requested 2017-2018 budget funding for an RFP to update the Master Plan. She proposed delaying the zoning ordinance revision until after the Master Plan is completed. The question was asked if we could focus on property outside of the community for planning purposes and ~~the response was that this would be the time to do so~~ Ms. Aniol stated as a city we are allowed to master plan property surrounding our community, and this update would be the time to do so. In this way the city could be proactive versus reactive, when it comes to property potentially being brought into the city. A comment was made that public input should be encouraged, not just from the citizen of the city, but also from those property owner who could be potentially affected.

G. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS/PARK USE/FACILITY USE AND/OR ROAD CLOSURE AND ASSOCIATED FEES

Ms Nicholls explained the rationale for assessing park fees for events held in the City parks. Discussion followed

H. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Recording Secretary

Approved for Filing: _____