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Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION Meeting

Held April 25, 2025

The meeting opened at 12:27 p.m. at the West Carrollton Senior Center. Mayor Barnhart was present along with Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Mike Boyle, Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore were also present.

The following topics were discussed amongst members of City Council at the April 25th Planning Session:

- **City Council Vision 2030:** City Manager Holloway started the discussion with a history of the Council Vision statement. She also stated Council elected to make a minor modification to their Vision 2030 Statement during the 2024 Planning Session. Ms. Holloway asked for a check-in regarding Council's feelings on the progress of their goals.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the progress that has been made in the River District, the length of time it takes for development to occur, focusing on paying down debt, revisiting housing options, and the need to include city infrastructure, like city roads, pipes, buildings etc., in Council's long-term vision.

City Manager Holloway advised Council that she would wordsmith their ideas for a new vision statement, and send them an updated version for their review in the near future.

- **City Council 2025-26 Policy Goals/Top 10 List:** City Manager Holloway presented the idea of narrowing the City Council Top Ten List to a more detailed list that would highlight and focus on how Council is working towards achieving their goals. The list wouldn't have to be ten items, but would focus on more details of what they feel is a priority for the city in the next year.

Council inquired about being more involved in the day-to-day operations. Ms. Holloway stated that Council should bring the needs of the citizens to her, and then she will work directly with staff members to provide direction on how to take action on these issues and/or requests. Ms. Holloway further explained she must be aware of the issues and/or requests so she can ensure Council's goals are being met. A lengthy discussion ensued on this topic. The consensus was to work on ways to enhance communications between all parties.

Council elected to revisit their specific goals at a later date, possibly through a Work Session.

- **City Manager Performance Goals:** City Manager Hollway provided Council with a list of her proposed goals through December 1, 2025. Her evaluation process was also discussed at great length. Ms. Holloway welcomed Council's feedback, and asked them to let her know if they have other expectations of her in her role as City Manager.

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- **Downtown Strategic Direction:** City Manager Holloway provided Council an update regarding some of the buildings, owners, and tenants in the Olde Downtown area. She also stated the Senior Center went through renovations, and the city is now accepting reservations for the facility again.

In the long-term, the vision for the Olde Downtown area is fluid, but City Manager Holloway reminded Council that Dillin previously provided some guiding principles for this area. Additionally, Council previously adopted the West Central Avenue Strategic Plan. Ideally, there will be at least two buildings with a mixed use.

Some Councilmembers shared their hope for the Olde Downtown is to keep the older buildings, but lift restrictions on the zoning code. Residents still want the city to have the hometown feel.

Council and City Manager Holloway also discussed the limited amount of staff time to strongly focus on the redevelopment of Olde Downtown, when much of their time is focused on the development of the River District. She assured Council that she has, and will continue to meet with developers for this area. Additionally, Ms. Holloway stated the developers she has had conversations with feel this area will offer more potential when more of the River District project is complete.

Finally, Ms. Holloway advised Council that she would be bringing a month-to-month contract with Mark Langdon for the sale of city property to the next Council Meeting for their consideration.

- **South Alex Road Traffic Study:** City Manager Holloway and Council discussed holding a public meeting on the South Alex Road Traffic Study. The purpose of the meeting would be to provide information to the public regarding the options Council is facing on the pavement and road repairs of South Alex Road. Council decided to hold an open house discussion at the West Carrollton Senior Center between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025. Different ways to advertise the meeting were discussed.
- **Council/City Manager Communications:** City Manager Holloway offered Council the opportunity to share any other issues or concerns. Nothing further was discussed.

Since there was no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to adjourn the City Council Planning Session Meeting of April 25, 2024. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor