

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

January 3, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

*Laurie Amick
Jill Amos
Bob Clark
Chuck Milliken
Patrick Shea
Mike Walker
Ashley Ward*

- A. **Call To Order** *Milliken called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance – Amick**
- C. **Roll Call** *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward*
- D. **Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-21-053](#) 12-20-21 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to approve MIN-21-053.

Amos – I have a quick question. New council members should be abstaining? Or they can vote because they read it.

Boggs – Actually, they can vote because as of members of council, unless you are conflicted out of voting on something, you have the right to vote. Absent or not, or member of council or not, you can vote to approve the minutes.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Clark, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Walker, Ward

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A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Ward to approve MIN-21-054. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Ward, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker

- E. **Communications & Petitions**
- F. **Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**

Denise Mathias, Chamber of Commerce, 57 West Waterloo – Hello, the Canal Winchester Chamber welcomes all our new council members so congratulations. You made it a long one, thank you very much. I just wanted to share a couple of our upcoming events and things that are going on with the Chamber for the City Council to hear. We have a couple of things going on. Secretary of State Frank LaRosa is coming into town next Tuesday and will be meeting with leaders of the Chamber of Commerce to talk about the business challenges and opportunities in this area. So that's happening. We're going to have our annual State of the City on January 19th. That's where Mayor Ebert and Lucas Haire so generously come and share with the Chamber members about what's going on with the City. It's a great lunch. It's going to be catered by Blue Moon. I highly recommend you hop on our website and register for that. And of course, on February 25th is our annual awards dinner. It's denim and diamonds so no need to get dressed up unless you want to throw on some bling. But it's at BrewDog and we welcome you to come and support all the businesses who are going to be earning awards at that meeting. It is open to the public so feel free come along and join us there. I did want to talk about the Bed Tax Grant, and just for clarification for the new members, one of the things the Chamber uses it for, and you'll see us a line item on there, is we do a Running Scared 5K the last Saturday in October. And it's nothing like seeing everybody in dressed up in costume and running a 5K around the city. So that's one of the things we ask for money for because it doesn't bring people outside of Canal Winchester to Canal Winchester. So it is tourism. One of the beautiful things about a 5K is that you get everyone's mailing address so we know exactly where everybody is coming from and can show how it's bringing people. We've had people from Stoutsville, Dublin, Coshocton, all come to Canal Winchester for this race. That's how we use it to promote tourism. What the Chamber is interested in, and apparently, I think I picked up tonight that we would go to Council, is that we know the pot of bed tax money is going to growing, given the two new locations in Canal Winchester. And the Chamber is really in need of some money to move us forward in a new direction and help a lot of the smaller businesses that we have. And we can be a better partner to the City if we can have some additional funding to grow our program. So, we do plan on putting together a business case for that. I just wasn't sure where to go with that. But it would be for the source of the incremental coming from – we don't want to take away from any existing program. And then lastly, I just wanted to say thanks to everybody who worked on the RFP for the economic development program. I had a chance to read that today. I was very excited to see all the detail about how the community is going to be included in the upfront defining and process the plan and that was really exciting to us here at the Chamber knowing that we have a lot of different voices. So, thank you to all who worked on it.

Angie Halstead, 59 Busey Rd – First I want to say congratulations to the new council members. I had a lot of notes written out. I had a lot of things I really wanted to say. And as I sat through this meeting and listened to some of the things that were happening and

some of the votes that were happening, some of the discussion that was happening, I feel like a lot of it's irrelevant right now. I had a lot of hopes for this new council. I was trying to stay very optimistic about the future. And we all know that this city is very divided right now, and continues to be divided, and it starts from the top. And we sat here and watched the divide continue. And it was heartbreaking. And if this is how this council is going to continue to be divided, we're in a lot of trouble. A lot of trouble. I had hopes that you would work as one. That you would what's right for the community and the developers would be put second. I'm not so sure that's going to happen. They're not going to stop coming and knocking on our door because we keep opening it. And we keep giving tax abatements. And we keep bowing down to scare tactics. I had hopes that we'd slow down and wait for the comprehensive plan before we start destroying more property, before we can't go back, before we destroy lives. Because believe it or not, these are people's lives. Not just what the town is making, not just money. I'd hope we'd question some of these decisions being made at the top. And you did question. But you didn't put it on hold. You brought it to Council. So why is Mike Vasko required to apply but Mark Caulk wasn't? Why is Chuck Carpenter being appointed? What qualifications does he have? Sure, he's a nice guy, but that's not what we need. We need people that are going to do what's right and we need people in Planning and Zoning who know what they are doing. Not just because the Mayor's has known him since he's six years old. This is getting out of control. All these questions need to be answered and you guys are here, supposed to be standing up for us. I'd hope this council would start working across boards, across these neighboring towns. I'm happy to see Laurie brought that up. It's super important. I hope it happens. I know there's a lot of people that were on different commissions that weren't even attending them. Don't even know what's going on but we're just going to keep on putting development because, hey, they're going to bring money into our town, jobs into our town. Jobs that are getting automated. I'd hope that you'd attend meetings in neighboring cities and really talk with them and have clear communication. Again, we'll see. I'd hope that you'd stop handing out tax abatements like candy to warehouse developers. And seek to diversify our town and development. I'd hope that you'd filled our council with strength and stand up and do what's right for our citizens. I'm not so sure what I've seen so far. I'd hope that you'd be transparent and honest in your actions and words. I'd hope that you'd help heal this divide. And I'm not so sure that that's going to happen. I'd hope that you'd truly represent us and listen to us and reflect our values and our morals. As you can see, I'd had a lot of big hopes, and I still don't want to let go of those hopes. But what I've seen tonight is outrageous. I know I'm appalled and I hope there's a lot of people at home listening and watching this and are appalled too. Because we didn't even have the option to be in a bigger place. There's a lot of people that wanted to be here but COVID is running out of control and rampant through our city, our schools, and they're afraid. And they can't go online and have comments. You guys don't even read the comments that are actually emailed in. People truly don't feel like they have a voice and I was hoping that this new council was going to bring a bright and full future that brought positive growth to this town, and kept the quaintness and specialness of it, but also didn't forget the people on the other side of the road. I'm going to leave you guys with this. I pulled a quote, because I was again very hopeful. Henry Ford said "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. And working together is success." I hope I see you guys working together. I hope I stop seeing this divide that I'm already seeing. And I hope that we can celebrate the successes together.

Cori Rowley, 10935 Winchester Rd – I didn't want to talk tonight. Honestly, I just wanted to go home and eat ice cream with my kids. But I felt like I had to say something. I've heard some words used here tonight and I fearing that some people don't understand what they mean. Ok? I've heard a few things. I've heard integrity. Which I fear not everyone understands the meaning of. That integrity is sticking to your values. I'm not sure what your values are, but my values, my values tell me that I need to leave a better legacy than what was handed to me. That leaving a legacy behind of growth and inspiration for a community, those are part of my values. And I run a business that greatly serves Canal Winchester and this community, even though I don't technically live in the City of Canal Winchester. I have a Canal Winchester address, my kids go to your schools, our schools, but I live in Violet Township. And I live in Fairfield County. So, I don't get the opportunity to vote for all of you but I do get the chance to come up here and stand and talk and give my piece of mind when I hear words like advertisement. Advertisement, advertisement, advertisement to the community that this is what was going to happen to them? Do you know what advertisement means? Advertisement. No, you threatened them. You threatened the community with warehouses. You didn't advertise that was how the land was going to get used. I'm disgusted with the fact that words are being so flippantly used when these are people's livelihoods. I know I'm not the only person that lives in this area that has devoted her life, their livelihood. Every penny that I've earned, every last penny that isn't going to my student loans that I'm still pay off and I'm 35 freaking years old, to dedicate to this town. And the heritage and history that it has. Stand up and have some integrity and realize and understand that we have a problem here. And Angie's right. There's a divide and it's disgusting. Recently I reached out on Facebook to our community on multiple different pages, asking what business owners or future entrepreneurs wanted to participate in business here in Canal Winchester. By and large they were women. But also, I had handfuls of women sending me private messages saying how afraid they were to stand up in this town because of the old boys' club that exists. And today it was proven that old boys' club still exists. Did you know that if we actually celebrated the idea of women having small businesses in Canal Winchester, did you know that 90% of a woman's income goes back into her community compared to 35% that a man gives back to their community? Yeah, yep. Hmm, think about that. Think about the old boys' club. Think about your votes from now on. Think about how you play together. Think about the words you use. People are watching. Get it together.

Michael Barr, 5656 Bixby Rd – I live with my wife Nancy at 5656 Bixby Rd. We have 33 acres there right across from proposed warehouses. A lot of this discussion about warehouses is like a virus anymore where you allow two warehouses in and then it just seems to be multiplying like a COVID. It's just like once one gets in it's just going all over the place and you're going to be surrounded. What people see from the highway. This is a route that people go up and down from all over Michigan and come up and this is a central place. We just talked about how much bed tax we can get here in Canal because it is a central place. And instead of developing warehouses, we should be developing hotels and sites because that's what's going to bring people here. Right along the highway, that's where hotels need to go. And that'll bring shops. That'll bring people into Canal Winchester to shop and to eat at the restaurants. And there will be more restaurants. And people will want to live here. When you drive by and you see big warehouses, man, why would I want to live in this area. Maybe if it's out of sight, out of mind. That's different. I can't control – there's going to be warehouses. It's just you need a plan and you need to develop a plan, and before you rush into these things, these guys are threatening you. Now they're proposing, on top of the pre-annexation, that they're going to say we're going to drop it if City Council doesn't vote our way. That's just an add on threat like you're scared little rabbits. Winchester should be able to control the area around it. They should go to these people that own property, like me, and my cousin, and all these people that have farms, and say look, there's something out there besides warehouses. Yes. Maybe some warehouses, but not just everywhere. There're other choices out there. Just don't confine yourself. Don't be so blinded by these people. Look at them. They come here from Cincinnati, they could care less about Canal Winchester. They care about the dollar. And they build a million square foot of warehouses. It's not just a million square feet. It's 36 feet high. Multiple that times three. You're getting more out of that one area than just a million square feet. They're getting three million square feet. It's a bargain for them. This is a bargain area. They're getting all that and they're leaving nothing behind. It's just like boom, it's the wild west. And you can control that. That guy right there should be looking at people and getting people in here with motels, hotels. I mean look at, we've got three hotels and they're bring almost \$300,000 to your community. And bringing people here. People are shopping here. That's what you should be looking at. My god, are you just blind. It's just crazy. Wake up. Or you're going to end up people driving by here seeing warehouse on top of warehouse and saying, why would I want to live in that place. I mean, come on. Have some imagination. I run down at Three Creeks. And this is a funny story. There're some beavers down there. There's this one beaver named, I don't know whether it's a male or female, I call it Winchester or Winny, depending on male or female. This beaver has, he's a dreamer. He chews up all these little trees. He must have studied this one tree for like a week. But it's a big tree. He said I don't know whether I can do that or not but he's patting his tail saying yeah, I think I can. So, he chewed all the way around that tree. You think that tree went down. No, he killed that tree. It's too big. All the other trees he could eat off, get down and it was beneficial. But that big tree, he just killed it. Don't dream about the big tree. Get small businesses. That's what will build Canal. Not these big warehouses. These suits are going to be gone. They're leaving. And they're going to leave you with a bunch of 36 foot high, million square buildings, and no jobs.

Randy Stemen, 22 Walnutview Ct S – I hope my wife will forgive me but I'm going to brag on myself just a little bit here. I'm an engineer. I've spent most of my career in the aircraft industry and now I'm building rockets or parts for rockets with Blue Origin. I sit in my little office upfront and talk to them all day and every day. But part of my career, I've gone around to manufacturing operations. They're not all in big cities. In fact, the headquarters in Kent, WA, it's close to Seattle, but it's off on its own. I think of Canal Winchester a lot. I've been to a lot of companies that make high tech parts. My wife is from Mason, OH. Same thing. Proctor and Gamble Research Center. And you know the first thing that happens when a town like that brings in a company like that, they bring in doctorates and people way smarter than I am. The first thing that happens is the school systems soar. I don't want to sound too egotistical but it brings up the level of achievement in the schools. And I have 6 grandchildren here so I'm a little biased towards what we should bring in. I don't care about the money that much. But I do care about the environment for the kids. I grew up here, by the way. So, I really hope we don't become a completely warehouse town. I do hope that like you said Mr. Barr, we look for other avenues. There are other things out there. Right now, warehouses are hot. I mean, yeah. I can sign up warehouses left and right. That's the hot commodity. It won't be 20 years from now. So, I want a town that looks nice 20 years from now. That's own subject. Second subject is if I were to ask anybody, or 90% of the people here, to name one person in this town that puts the most effort into bettering this town, who goes to all of the charity events, that knows almost everybody in the town, and that has a heart of gold, works continuously, do we know who I'm talking about? Jill Amos. Are you guys working for your pals that helped you get elected? Or are you working for us the residents? Jill ran for President of Council. Nothing you against you, Mr. Milliken. But it's a no brainer. Let's just get real. It's a no brainer. Unless you're serving your own purposes over the residents' purposes. Then it's something else. Lastly, I listened to Planning and Zoning meetings often. I'm impressed with that whole committee. And I've been a little disappointed, I've already said it, I don't want the town taken over by warehouses. But at the one in particular when they were talking about the Bixby Rd development, somebody actually read the traffic report. And I read the traffic report by the way, way back from the ones from behind Kroger. And I was amazed that we passed that because it said right in the traffic report, we moved it back to a grade D intersection. Winchester Blvd and Gender. Nobody brought it up. We passed it. But finally, we had one guy and that's Mr. Vasko, who brought up the traffic report, told us that we're bringing traffic levels to unacceptable levels right in that report, and they had a good

civil conversation, and by the end of the day, it was a unanimous vote, we can't do this to Canal Winchester, it's not the right thing. I also know another guy and good friends with my brother, and graduated with the Mayor, Chuck Carpenter. He sat in meetings, telling us he was all for warehouses, and in fact, the one behind Krogers, he was for that too. Because the Council knows more than the residents. That's what he said. And know we're putting him in in place of Mr. Vasko. Why have a Planning and Zoning Commission? If they don't vote the way we like, we get rid of the people who don't vote the way we like? And everything goes right down to the mayor's decision anyway? Is this a democracy or is this a dictatorship?

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor

Ebert – Due to two short weeks back to back and some time off, I did not submit a written report. But I'd be happy to answer questions you might have.

Law Director

Boggs – I don't have a written report although I do believe I spoke to at least the newly elected members about getting some informational materials to you. I am editing those down from a pretty comprehensible slide deck to hopefully something a little more digestible and expect to get that out to you this week. And I'll share that with all seven members. Happy to answer any questions you may have as well. No need for executive session.

Fairfield County Sheriff

Finance Director

Jackson – I just wanted to address Mr. Shea's question from Work Session about the bed tax revenue. In 2021, we took in a total of \$310,000 between the General Fund and the Bed Tax Fund. In 2020, which obviously may not be the best of comparisons, we took in \$130,000. So, we've seen a significant increase and we hope to continue to see that go up. On the financial side, today marks the first day of a new fiscal year so we are working to wrap up 2021. We have a few outstanding purchase orders we need to take care of. Today was also the first payroll day of the year. It's rare that payroll falls on the first fiscal day of the year so that took a lot of my attention today, rather than closing out the year. I'm hoping to have that done by the end of the week. Hopefully new purchase orders can start to be written tomorrow and we'll just continue on. For the benefit of the new members, I do want to let you know that I do provide you monthly financial statements after I have balanced everything. Which meeting each month will depend on how the calendar falls, so sometimes it will be the first meeting, sometimes it will be the second one. But I'm always available for questions so please feel free once you get those to review them. If there's anything you want more detail on, just reach out. I'd be happy to help. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Ward – I have a quick question. On the bed tax, say it's \$300,000, just for easy numbers for my example. So, \$150,000 of that would go to the General Fund, \$75,000 to Destination: Canal, and another \$75,000 to Council's discretion.

Jackson – That is correct.

Public Service Director

Peoples – Just a couple of items. The McGill Three Seasons Shelter House is wrapped up with design and we hope to have that out to the bidders in the next couple weeks. And just a reminder, on the invitation I sent out on the tour of the Rumpke facility.

Shea – May I change my RSVP? My plans have changed.

Peoples – Sure.

Development Director

Haire – Just a few items to highlight. TG Mechanical and Plumbing is beginning to construct a new office warehouse in Canal Pointe, breaking ground back there. That's on Robinnett Way. We have a few applications on for Planning and Zoning next Monday evening. Stotan Industrial's filed a rezoning application for 80 acres at the intersection of Winchester Pike and Bixby Rd. They're proposing to rezone that to limited manufacturing upon annexation into the city. And there are a number of applications for Sheetz at the intersection of Gender Rd and Winchester Pike. That has been on the agenda for the last, this will be the third meeting they've been on there. Hoping to have some updates from their traffic study and comments we've received from the City of Columbus and Franklin County Engineer. They'll have their conditional use application, a number of variances, and their site development plan. Be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Ward – I have a quick question on the Schacht property. I think I've heard in different council meetings that there's an updated traffic study. Could you send that to me please?

Haire – Yes, we received that last week. So, I will get you a copy of that. I'll send that to all the council members. I can also include the Stotan Industries, their traffic study. That's not been reviewed by our engineer but we have received the study there and it's in the same approximate area.

Ward – Did our engineer review the updated traffic study for the Schacht property?

Haire – For the Schacht property, no. I hope to have those comments back next week.

Ward – When you get those, can you forward his comments to us please?

Haire – Sure. The Ohio Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the study. So, we have received their comments.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-001

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK CAULK TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Adoption

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-21-001.

Shea – I would like to table this until we get a completed application. Thank you.

Milliken – We did talk about that. If everybody's OK with that?

The motion for adoption was withdrawn by Milliken.

A motion was made by Milliken to table RES-22-001.

Boggs – Would you like to table it or just postpone it to a date certain?

Milliken – I think you could accomplish the same thing by tabling it, correct? I think the reason for tabling would be to get an application from Mr. Caulk.

Boggs – It would delay it. You would just have to take an action to remove it from the table and then take another action to actually vote on it.

Milliken – So we can just postpone until the next meeting?

Boggs – That would be my suggestion. Then you would save yourself a couple of motions and so forth.

Milliken – That requires a motion to do that?

Boggs – Yes so it would just be a motion to postpone to the January 17th meeting.

The motion for tabling RES-22-001 was withdrawn by Milliken.

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Shea to postpone the adoption of RES-22-001 until the next meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Milliken, Shea, Amick, Amos, Clark, Walker, Ward

RES-22-002

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHUCK CARPENTER TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Adoption

Amos – I'm politely going to ask that this also be delayed until next week. I would like for all the previous candidates to be contacted to see if any are interested in being considered because I still feel the qualifications when I remove names from the applications, I still feel like there are some other candidates that are more qualified and we need to consider them.

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Shea to postpone the adoption of RES-22-002 until the next meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Shea, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward

I. Ordinances

Tabled

ORD-21-044

Planning and Zoning

Sponsor: Clark

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING AN APPROXIMATELY 51.232 ACRE PORTION OF THE EXISTING TRACTS OF LAND OWNED BY WEISER DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC, RASL LLC, AND SONYA POFF AND MARK POFF, LOCATED ON HILL ROAD AND BASIL WESTERN ROAD FROM M2 – LIMITED MANUFACTURING IN VIOLET TOWNSHIP TO LM - LIMITED MANUFACTURING

- Tabled at Third Reading

ORD-21-054

Planning and Zoning

Sponsor: Clark

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING AN APPROXIMATELY 70.625 ACRES OF THE EXISTING TRACTS OF LAND OWNED BY TERESA L. AND DALE C. SCHACHT, NORMA JEANNE SCHACHT TRUST, THE STATE OF OHIO, AND NP CANAL WINCHESTER LLC, LOCATED ON BIXBY ROAD AND RAGER ROAD FROM R – RURAL IN MADISON TOWNSHIP TO LM - LIMITED MANUFACTURING

- Tabled at Third Reading

Clark – Can we go back and address the last ordinance? What do I need to do?

Boggs – I was just going to say, ORD-21-044, as I recall is the one where they withdrew their application. So by this not being removed from the table and by them having withdrawn their application all together, this ordinance 21-044 will not then appear on your next meeting agenda.

Third Reading - None

Second Reading - None

First Reading

ORD-22-001

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES LOCATED ON FRANKLIN STREET, CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO OWNED BY TIMOTHY W. FISKE AND LEE OSTER

- First Reading Only

ORD-22-002

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON BASIL-WESTERN ROAD

- First Reading Only

ORD-22-003

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON BASIL-WESTERN ROAD

- First Reading Only

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - TUESDAY, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Milliken – At this point with new representatives to Human Services, CWICC, CWJRD, and so forth, I didn't have anything to report for Human Services from my last chair. If anybody has anything to report here, I'll just open it up to the floor.

CW Human Services

Amos – Human Services is preparing for the SOUPer Bowl. Be watching for that big event. Big event. Love that.

Amick – I just wanted to thank the community for their unbelievable generosity during the Adopt-A-Family for Canal Winchester Human Services this year. The outpouring of love and everything to our clients was really incredible, so thank you.

CWICC

Clark – The next meeting of the CWICC is March 30th, 11:30 a.m. at the Interurban Building.

CWJRD

Amos – For the JRD, our next meeting is January 20th, 7 p.m. here at Town Hall. The JRD is proud to say that we did recently acquire our new director. Greg will be starting with us on January 10th. So we look forward to getting him acclimated and rolling him out with the schools and the community and really working on our goals and our future outlook of the JRD. We're very excited.

Clark – What's his full name?

Jackson – His name is Greg Pearce.

Clark – What's some of his background? Where's he from?

Amos – So Greg comes from Pickerington Parks & Rec department. He came with rave reviews from many parks and recs departments he's worked with as well so that's great for us. He has a lot of the skills that we're looking for to grow the program. He also has the ones we need to fix some of the things that we're working on already. But he's very fluent in community involvement and working with outside organizations and grant work. We are looking forward to seeing all the things that he did. He actually gave us a five-year plan, just a rough outline. I'd be happy to share that with Council so you can see. He was very thought out. I thought he had great thought process when he put it together and he presented it to the interview group. I think it's something we will use as an outline as well because it was very well done. We have asked that he start coming in once a month to report for the JRD. So once he gets his feet on the ground, then we'll ask him to come in and start talking with us.

Shea – I'm really excited to meet this guy. He sounds wonderful.

Amos – He's very nice. You're going to like him. And thank you Ms. Jackson for bailing me out on the name.

Destination: Canal Winchester

K. Old/New Business

Milliken – We can go ahead and discuss the open seat on the comprehensive plan RFP. I believe Mrs. Amick had reached out to all of us with interest in that. I'll just open it up for discussion on that matter.

Amos – Really I think this is a conversation for the new council people. Is there anybody, is there any others who have expressed interest? This is just the first part of it. Make sure I'm crystal clear. This is just the first part of it to identify what company we are going to go with for the process. So, they'll be reviewing the bids that come in and the pot of people involved will grow.

Shea – I think she's a wonderful choice.

Ward – Second that.

Clark – I'm good.

Amos – Thank you, Ms. Amick for volunteering.

Haire – So Mrs. Amos, you will not be participating in that committee then. Because you have been the placeholder receiving all the

emails.

Amos – I did. I've talked briefly with Ms. Amick ahead of time, knowing that her intention was to ask. I will still serve as a backup, should we need it. I've been reviewing all the information but we had reserved that for Mr. Milliken and now Mrs. Amick.

Haire – In terms of status on that project, we did publicize the requests for proposal today. That was finalized after some input from the committee members. Those were finalized this morning actually. They were sent out. I think we probably sent them to a list of 15 consultants via email. They're on the city's website. They'll be on the American Planning Association, Ohio Chapter's page as an opportunity. It will be well publicized. We've already received three responses from people saying thanks for forwarding this on. We'll be putting together a proposal. Our hope is to get good qualified proposers and it looks like we're reaching to the right people to get that in motion. They have until January 31st to respond to that. So we've provided basically the month of January.

Amick – Will they be given an opportunity to come in and make a pitch at any point, whether it's all 15 of them or a subset of that. Will they be asked to come in and give a presentation?

Haire – I believe that will be part of the process. Mr. Moore is leading that process. I've not been involved in RFP after it was written. So Mr. Moore and the committee can select to do that. So that will be up to the steering committee on how those are scored. I've heard there's a scoring sheet that's been circulated around. I've not been involved in those emails.

Amick – do you know if it's Mr. Moore's intention to create some sort of organizational meeting? I believe we have 9 people involved in this committee. Will he be creating some sort of a meeting coming up quickly to get organized?

Haire – Again, Ms. Amick, I have not been involved so maybe Mrs. Amos, or I believe Mr. Milliken is on that committee as well, could answer those questions. I have not been privy to the emails sent out on that.

Amick – Do I have your permission to reach out to Mr. Moore directly and ask him

Haire – Yes, please do. Mr. Moore is leading that process. Mr. Peoples and Mr. Sims are on there as well from the City staff. And then again Mr. Milliken and Ms. Amos have been involved up to this point.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 9:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Shea to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Shea, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward