

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

February 22, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

Ashley Ward

A. Call To Order*Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.***B. Pledge of Allegiance – Milliken****C. Roll Call***Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward***D. Approval of Minutes****MIN-22-007**

February 7, 2022 Work Session Minutes

*A motion was made by Amick, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-007. The motion carried with the following vote:**Yes 7 – Amick, Clark, Amos, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward***MIN-22-008**

February 7, 2022 City Council Minutes

*A motion was made by Clark, second by Shea to approve MIN-22-008. The motion carried with the following vote:**Yes 7 – Clark, Shea, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Walker, Ward***E. Communications & Petitions****COM-22-003**

ZM-21-006 Recommendation From Planning And Zoning Commission To Consider The Rezoning Of 80.402 Acres Of Property To Limited Manufacturing (LM) For Property Located On The Northwest Corner Of Winchester Pike And Bixby Road (PID 181-000134 And 181-000143)

*- Set Public Hearing**Public hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Work Session will begin at 5:30 p.m.***F. Public Comments - Five Minutes Per Person****PCS-22-013**

J. Gribben Public Comment Submission - 2/7/22

PCS-22-014

L. Foster Public Comment Submission - 2/7/22

PCS-22-015

J. Howar-Gibbs Public Comment Submission - 2/7/22

PCS-22-016

T. Foster Public Comment Submission - 2/8/22

Ann Bennett, 41 Elizabeth St – Creating direct walking and cycling access to McGill Park from downtown Canal Winchester is a super idea. But trying to use the Franklin St parcel that Council approved purchasing last month to achieve that access is not the way to do it and this is why. There's little, if any room, to park. Franklin St is extremely narrow and residents are already challenged by cars cutting through here to avoid the traffic light on Washington St. Please look at the first page of that little two-page handout I gave you. The tiny red rectangle is the parcel in question. You have to travel nearly 2,000 feet south from this parcel through farmland owned by Mike Hummel and across the creek to get to the park. Please look at the second page of the handout. Not only are this parcel and Mr. Hummel's field regularly underwater, but there is a larger than 1,000-foot span of land abutting the creek that is in a floodway. A floodway, which is not to be confused with a floodplain. This is where there is fast moving water during a flood. From what I have learned, FEMA strictly enforces any type of construction in a floodway because it can back water up which exacerbates the rise in water flood level. From what I have learned, bridge abutments would have to fall on both sides of not just the creek but also the flood way, which would be an extremely costly endeavor if it could even be permitted. To the best of my knowledge, no feasibility or engineering study has been conducted to determine if, or at what cost, a pathway and a bridge via the Franklin St parcel can be constructed. I have seen an estimated cost of \$7,000 for just a feasibility study but I do not know if that number is firm. So, we would need \$99,900 to close on the property. We would then have a huge separate tract of more flood land, plus a creek, between this parcel and McGill Park to deal with. We have no information of acquisition or easement cost pertaining to that other land. We have no feasibility or engineering studies pertaining to construction of a bridge over the creek, abutments flanking the flood land, and the path from low lying bottomland up a significant hill to the top of Franklin St. I applaud, I generally applaud, Council's goal of trying to give pedestrians and cyclists a shortcut to McGill Park. But trying to use the Franklin St parcel to do that is

simply wrong. At this evening's Old and New Business agenda item K, I ask you to raise this issue and then propose rescinding the January approval to purchase this land.

Doug Bender, 8829 Woodside St – Just wanted to share a few thoughts regarding folks in the Woodstream subdivision. We were alerted by Patrick prior to the meeting that perhaps the proposed development that we were most concerned about or immediately concerned may be going to the township and we'll follow up with them as well. However, I do feel like it's an appropriate time to share because in reading through past meeting minutes and things like that, there's a few things that jump out. It seems like we're concerned about city of Columbus working their way out this way and we don't want that to happen and I understand all that. But as Canal Winchester looks to prevent that it can turn into an arms race for who's going to end up with all the annexations and development and everything. You guys obviously want your tax base, I get all that. You guys have a couple of industrial parks. The one on Diley that's pretty significant and one just south of the tracks there on 674, Gender Rd. We feel like warehousing belongs in those areas. Not along residential areas like our subdivision. Perhaps this one that we're most concerned about with the Kentucky developer ends up in the Township. And again, we understand that may be the case currently. So, we will follow up with them. However, there's a lot of large tracts immediately to the south of our subdivision that are yet to be developed. So, I share these things just as please consider this. As our concerns and I don't want to call them demands, they aren't demands, yet, but please keep them in mind. We don't feel warehousing belongs on Basil-Western. If it is, it should be between the freeway and Basil, not north of. These buildings are enormous. They're over 40 feet tall or about 40 feet tall. They're really tall. A few things that I'm concerned about. Lucas, I've seen you shoot down residential developments because they have snout noses on them. The garages extend 5 or 6 feet beyond the face of the houses. That's not what Canal wants. Yet, I look at these monstrosities sitting out here on 33 with the weakest of screening I've ever seen, I mean, 3 to 5-foot mounding with 1 five-foot pine tree every 30 to 45 feet? If you're going to have a standard, have a standard, I guess. We have a standard, our subdivision has standards. We don't want that stuff looking at us in our backyards. I'm sharing this because this developer may move on to the Township and be successful negotiating. They may be back talking to you in a week. I know how this goes. I've worked in civil engineering my entire career doing traffic studies. I know how developers work. They want to save as much money as possible. They do not like to spend money off site. They want to spend in on their site and maximize the profit. I do see that you guys require the traffic study and ask for contributions along Basil-Western for a three-lane section and other things. There are some problems already with traffic in this area. We have those concerns and please don't become Columbus in our backyard. If you want to get into an arms race with them and annex up everything, and you kind of already are doing some of that, great, that's your business. But be a good neighbor. We care about our home values and the things that matter to us, including not having to fight traffic. If my kid wants to ride a bike down one of these streets, they shouldn't be worried about getting run over by a semi. I really don't feel like this kind of traffic belongs out here. Those are our concerns. I will share this. Good planning. Lucas, you know planning. You've been at the city of Reynoldsburg and city of Canal Winchester as a planner. Your P&Z Commission knows this stuff, but we would expect hopefully some buffering land uses between ours and any type of warehousing or other flex industrial or whatever you guys are entertaining. Because I know whoever shows up with a plan, and you can build your tax base off of, guess what, you're probably going to roll with them. We want buffer. We want a step-down use. Something like multi-family or condos. Something in between our use and something like that. If it's going to be something 40-foot tall like the warehouses I've seen, there needs to be some substantial mounding, not what I've seen out here. The one on Rager Rd is very lacking. I wouldn't want that to the front door to my community, I'll say that. And we don't want it in our backyard. It needs to be 12 to 15-foot mounding. It needs to have fencing. It needs to have two rows of evergreens, not one, and it needs to be densely spaced, not sparsely. Those are the things we want. No outdoor lighting that isn't downward facing. No speakers outside. We definitely want as much buffer as we can get. If there's something to be done, buffer it from our community. It's important to use. We want to raise our kids there.

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor's Report

Ebert – Just a couple things. We're currently interviewing for the Clerk of Council position. We hope to have a decision made by sometime next week. The Community Center Coordinator has been hired. It's Adriana McPherson. She's been there just a little over two weeks and she's doing a pretty darn good job so far. Additionally, several of us, staff, myself, met with MORPC last week. We do this annually with them. They come down to Canal Winchester and kind of look around and see what we're doing. One of the things they brought up obviously was the amount of economic development that's happening in the Columbus region and it's happening quick. Basically, kinda assuring us that if we're not on board we're going to miss out on whatever there is. They said all of Central Ohio needs to be ready and it's coming at us fast.

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sgt. Walker – I just had a few questions about the graph that you wanted. I know you said crime trends but I was wondering if you wanted to include traffic in that. Or if you just wanted criminal offenses such as retail theft.

Amick – I'm more interested in the theft crimes and crimes that are of a non-traffic nature. As I thought through and looked at the minutes from our last Council meeting, if I looked at data today, would I be able to easily say was February better than January or did we have more crime in January than we did in February. That's really all I'm looking for. I think my request is pretty simple. That's what I'm looking for. And then Mrs. Ward, I'll allow you to elaborate. I think you had an additional ask.

Ward – I did but I feel the same way as Laurie. I'm mostly interested in the non-traffic crime.

Sgt. Walker – Ok.

Law Director

Shamp – For those that I haven't met before, my name is Jesse Shamp. I work with Thad. I do not have anything to report but happy to take any questions.

Finance Director

Jackson – I don't have anything in addition to my written report this evening.

Public Service Director

Peoples – One update to my written report. The US Route 33/Bixby Interchange project. We met with ODOT today, Mayor, Luke, and I. Also on the call was city of Columbus and Franklin County. Just kind of get a plan of action for a TRAC application. Still got some details out there to work out but they said multiple times they are committed to this project. Obviously, it's all about funding at this point but the commitment has been a big step. Also, considering they are looking at the possibility of two other TRAC project applications that have to do with Route 33 so still some things to work out but making strides.

Shea – It would be great if you could get Bixby Rd just closed off in terms of those left-hand turns. It's just a suicide lane.

Development Director

Haire – Couple of items. We did receive an appeal today on a Planning and Zoning Commission decision from last week. Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny the conditional use that would allow for a Sheetz gas station at Winchester Pike and Gender Rd. We did receive an appeal for that. We'll be sending that over to you the next coming weeks and at your next meeting we'll have to figure out a time to hold a public hearing on that. The ground breaking for Waterloo II, which is across the street from here, you can see the construction tents went up, I think they're anticipating starting construction in the next two weeks on that project. The duration on that's going to be a little over a year to complete. We'll see that building being complete sometime next Spring. And then, some of you had previously expressed an interest in meeting with OneColumbus which is our regional economic development partner. We have scheduled a meeting for March 8th at 2 p.m. to meet with them to discuss their economic development strategy and to learn more about our economic development strategy. If there are a few of you that would like to attend, if you could let me know if you are able to make it that day.

Ward – I'm interested and should be available.

Amick – I would like to attend that meeting as well, please.

Ward – On that note, at the Committee of the Whole, we asked how much money could be available for land acquisition to get properties ready. Do you have an update on that?

Haire – I don't know that we've looked specifically at how much money's available. Amanda could tell you more about how much money is unencumbered in our budget and then it's up to council to develop spending priorities for those funds.

Jackson – Generally speaking, if I give you a number then property owners are going to say you have X dollars to spend on that property. It's going to cost you this much.

Ward – My understanding is we were going to do the specifics in executive session. I was just wondering when we might be able to do that. I was not asking for the specifics publicly right now.

Jackson – Lucas and I would have to work together on even identifying property that would be used for those purposes. If you have any in mind, Luke, then you and I can get together.

Amick – I don't know that the ask was about a specific property, it was more about available dollars, and then you would take those dollars and fit them into whatever property comes up for sale in the market and whether or not we'd be in a position to buy that or

not. I don't know that we're looking at a specific property. We're more or less looking at a planning figurative number about what that might look like from a finance perspective.

Jackson – I feel like that's going backwards. Typically, we look at the property, figure out how much we believe the property to be worth and how much it would cost us, to see if we could afford it. Like I said, I will work with Lucas, but we need to have some concept of how much per acre property is going to cost and that may depend on what's going on around said property to determine that cost in order for me to tell you yes, we can or cannot afford this. I don't believe I've ever told, in my almost 10 years here, that we can't afford something. But again, Lucas and I will have a discussion about that.

Harie – I think we can get to what you're looking for.

Clark – Can be looked at part of the development plan as they analyze where the land is that we're looking to develop and what type of development that might be? That would come with land analysis cost, like how much per acre. Right now, the going rate is in various areas, things like that.

Haire – That would be part of the plan that we've spec'd so I would assume the consultants would include that.

Clark – Then you could go from that point and you could get to the point where your driving at.

Ward – I am a little bit concerned about waiting. I feel like we're behind the eight ball a little bit. We've talked about the Intel complex and we mentioned today a bunch of opportunities are coming, and they're coming sooner, rather than later.

Clark – I doubt they're coming to our town after what's taking place.

Ward – If we had a property purchase and owned by Canal Winchester and rezoned and ready to go, I don't doubt that they would come here. I think we're located in an ideal location and if it was shovel ready, I think we would be very attractive.

Shea – That's a big risk to spend a lot of money on some land when you have such a engaged, small group of citizens who are hell bent and determined to prevent development from happening. Because if we do that and we buy it and we zone it and they put on a referendum, we could be sitting there with several million dollars worth of land that we can't develop the way we wanted to.

Ebert – Especially if you're making it shovel ready.

Ward – That's a good point. We should probably work with our residents. My understanding is they're not anti-development. They're specifically anti- additional warehousing.

Amos – We had talked on a couple of occasions about getting a meeting scheduled with Violet Township. Are we any closer to getting a meeting scheduled because I'd love to be able to sit down with them sooner than later since we do know that Basil-Western is being considered by numerous developers.

Haire – I met with their administrators last week. They were trying to get some dates together but I haven't heard if they'd gotten dates from the trustees yet. I met with them last Tuesday. I can follow up again.

Amos – If you could. I knew that the meeting happened last week. I just want to make sure we're not behind the eight ball. I'd really like to come to the table and just start having some of these serious conversations of where is Violet Township on this, where are we at.

Shea – I spoke to Mr. Dunlap at the Wigwam a couple weeks ago, and they are all for it. It's part of their plan that they've done recently and they are embracing with wide open arms.

Amos – Which is why I think we need to come to the table sooner rather than later. Let's have these conversations so that we're all on the same page. I know most of the new trustees are. But let's plan it together responsibly.

Amick – Mr. Shea, when you spoke with him, are there any ordinances or anything on their docket for that property.

Shea – No not at the time.

Amick – It's just conversation at this point.

Amos – My conversations with the trustees have all been along the same lines. They are looking to develop. But everyone I've talked to, I've not talked to Terry, but I've talked to the others, everyone has said the same thing. Let's come together with a plan. Let's responsibly think this through and see what works best for both the township and the city because they want the partnership to be there.

Ebert – How many trustees are there?

Amos – Three. There’s Brad Monhollen and Lori Sanders. And then there’s Terry Dunlap.

Clark – I just think with the climate in our community right now, there isn’t much for them to come to the table for. If they want to do the project, why come to a community that wants to kill it?

Amos – Violet’s whole thing, they want to come to the table because they do see the climate that’s going on but they are dealing with the same exact thing. They have the same exact thing of people asking them not to develop it. I shouldn’t say not to develop it. But they’re seeing the same exact request to develop it responsibly and they’re having the same exact people asking them to just come to the table with us and have these conversations. That’s all I’m asking. Let’s come to the table. Let’s see what we can come up with a very responsible plan of developing these properties if we’re going to go forward.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-007

Public Service

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-007. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Clark, Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker

Abstain 1 - Ward

I. Ordinances

Third Reading

ORD-22-004

Finance

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE REPRESENTATION IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER MAYORS COURT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Walker to adopt ORD-22-004. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Second Reading

ORD-22-005

Development

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACQUIRE AN ACCESS EASEMENT FROM JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

- Second Reading Only

Haire – Can I ask that we consider passing this as emergency at the next reading to prevent the 30 days? Chase Bank would like to get that closed. This has been a very long process. I don’t mind having another reading. Just having the 30 days after the next reading puts us another 6 weeks out to close this transaction.

Shea – I’m willing to make a motion to consider it under emergency.

Amos – Can you just confirm the price that is for those in the public?

Haire – It’s \$20,000 to purchase the easement.

Amos – Does anybody have a problem on Council?

Ward – Can you just elaborate a little more on why it's an emergency? The definition in our charter is pretty stringent and I'm just trying to understand how this fits into that.

Haire – Typically things need to be an emergency for financial needs of the city. That's what I'd ask. This is for the financial need of the city to expend these funds. They've already been authorized, we've discussed this for a number of months. It was a request. I told Chase I would ask because they want to expedite that.

Ward – Can you read the definition of an emergency?

Shamp – I have it as "necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, and shall contain a statement of the necessity of the emergency."

Ward – It doesn't seem like it meets that to me.

Milliken – What's specifically your objection? Just because it doesn't meet the definition?

Ward – Yep. That's it. It doesn't meet the definition in our charter.

Amick – I appreciate that. What would you expect the third reading outcome to provide more information or just that it has a third reading and we vote at the third to follow protocol?

Ward – For me, I would vote to follow the protocol unless something meets the definition in our charter for an emergency.

Amos – Just to clarify. We will do three readings on this. The only thing we're waiving is the 30 day hold on the funds. They'll be able to immediately release them after. That's all he's asking.

Clark – You'll go to third read, you'll motion to adopt, but in that motion you'll say we'll waive the –

Amos – We'll declare an emergency which will allow them to release the funds. That's the only part he's asking us to waive. It will still move to the next meeting and we'll still have three reads for the public.

Amick – Right, but you're saying it will still be declared as an emergency.

Amos – Only the money is declared. We would still do three normal readings. The only thing that's an emergency is, normally on a third read there's still 30 days before they can release the funds. This will allow them to go ahead and release the funds to purchase the property by declaring an emergency.

Clark – We'd have to waive the third reading so that would be your first emergency move.

Amos – No, you're not waiving your third reading. You're just declaring an emergency.

Clark – Well, if you did it tonight.

Haire – We're not waiving the rules. We're declaring an emergency which makes the ordinance go into effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.

Shamp – I will say there is some case law and precedent on this where a release of funds can meet the definition of an emergency. I'll have something for you at the next meeting.

First Reading - NONE

J. Council Reports

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

Work Session/Council - Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – The SOUPer Bowl went very well. Grand total for the event was \$22,000. This is huge as the funds go to operating costs.

Amick – I'd like to give a shout out to the Wood Foundation for their generous match.

Milliken – Is that another record?

Amos – That was the record. Last year was about \$13,400 or \$13,500. This year they were close to \$11,000 which was their goal because it was SOUPer Bowl 11 and they got to like \$10,000 something and one of the churches donated to get it to \$11,000 and then the Wood Foundation, in memory of their mother, donated an \$11,000 match making it \$22,000. So, that record will be hard to break next year so start planning now.

Walker – We have an Easter egg hunt coming up as well. Human Services works with the city so they're preparing for this event. Preparation has already begun.

Amick – I thought I recalled someone saying that it might be at McGill Park this year.

Walker – When I got the information, that hasn't been released to me yet. I asked about it.

Mayor – Depends on how the grass grows in. And how muddy it is.

CWICC - Ward

Ward – The next meeting is March 30th at 11:30 a.m. at the Interurban Building.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Amos – We had a very exciting meeting this past Thursday. There are so many good things going on at the JRD. We currently offer soccer. It's one of the largest sports that we offer. It is a primary source of income for the JRD. Over 200 kids have registered for soccer which is very exciting. We've changed baseball leagues so we're looking forward to a new league this year. And we're hoping to bring back some of our residents who did not like our previous league. We did change to a Bloom-Carroll area league which we're excited about as well. We have a new commissioner for softball so we have two commissioners this year running softball. We see some improvement coming on that program. We're also looking at a potential soccer program for ages 3 to 4. The JRD is helping with the Easter egg hunt with the Human Services group. Our next meeting will be a super lucky one as we are meeting here on March 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to come join us. We will sign you up to volunteer.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken – I have nothing to report this evening.

K. Old/New Business

Shea – I promised Mrs. Bennett I would bring this up. Maybe it might be worth our time to consider rescinding the purchase of the Franklin St property, especially with our anticipated potential loss of revenues due to that big project going to Columbus now. How does everybody feel about that?

Shamp – Before we spend too much time on that, we reviewed that this afternoon. The short answer is the only way to repeal a past ordinance is by another ordinance. If you want to do that, we would need to have an ordinance brought at the next meeting which I believe is 2 or 3 days before the closing set and then we would need to waive readings and pass it as an emergency also to repeal the ordinance before the closing date in the original ordinance you passed.

Shea – Could we just do a referendum?

Shamp – A community wide referendum? Council cannot.

Milliken – But if residents wanted to gather signatures and do another referendum, yes, they could do that.

Amos – Mr. Haire, can I ask about of questions. With the referendum that the residents have put on the ballot, what does that mean? I know our original contract stated that if we passed zoning and the annexation got approved, that they would be here. With the referendum going, are they able to leave or are they technically in contract with us in some way shape or form? How does this play out?

Haire – I don't know exactly how this is going to play. It's up to them make the next step and proceed with the development agreement that we've signed and the preannexation agreement. We have the referendum petitions and we're going through the process as set out in the Ohio Revised Code on how to handle that. It will be up tot them as to what they're next steps are.

Amos – I have no idea so I apologize if these questions sound ridiculous but is there an ability for them to pull out of the contract that we've signed because we did uphold the two items that were originally part of the agreement.

Shamp – It would be relatively easy to answer you but I don't have it in front of me. That would be spelled out in the agreement.

Haire – Yes. They have the ability to file for a detachment of the annexation that we approved.

Amos – And then it would be up to Columbus to start the process of annexation.

Haire – It would be up to any other entity they wanted to engage. Our process would be we would have to pass an ordinance to detach the territory from the city of Canal Winchester as per our agreement.

Amos – They would have to start the process and come back to us.

Haire – And then it would return to Madison Township. What they do beyond that would be up to the property and anyone who chooses to develop it.

Amos – So, they would come back to us to request detachment?

Haire – Correct.

Amos – Ok. And then when is this potentially going to be on the ballot? Would this be in May or November?

Shamp – It would be November. If all the procedural steps are met and county board of elections certifies it.

Amos – And there is nothing stopping them. They don't have to wait until November. They can begin the process of pulling out.

Haire – Correct.

Amos – So, there's nothing stopping from leaving at this point.

Haire – Correct.

Shea – They're gone.

Amos – I know. I just need to get clarification on all this.

Shea – Five million over 10 years, gone.

Clark – I have a follow up to that. If they bring the ordinance back to us for deannexing and we say no, we don't want to deannex.

Shamp – Then we'd be in breach of the preannexation agreement.

Clark – Ok, that's what I thought. Because we're not going to grant them utilities and things. It seems like a moot point.

Amos – So, they're going to come to us for deannexation but even if we voted no, it's a breach of contract, if we do.

Shea – And then they'd just sue us for summary judgement for civic performance and get it pretty quickly, right?

Shamp – That's jumping a lot of hoops but yes, and in the meantime, the referendum is still pending. I would want to look at that and see if we were to deny their detachment request, we'd want to make a pretty thorough analysis of what could happen.

Shea – I would have a real problem with that because we've already entered into a contract and that's a breach of our integrity.

Amick – Mr. Milliken, I just wanted to give a brief update on the comprehensive plan. As you all know, the deadline was January 31st. There are 7 consultants that have submitted a proposal. We will be meeting this Thursday night, the steering committee, and the plan for that meeting is to select the top two and then go from there. I would say I think the target is that the second meeting in March, something will be brought before Council. Please don't hold me to that but that is the current plan.

Amos – Ms. Amick sent us an email on the Rules Committee. I didn't know if you wanted to go ahead and look at setting a Rules Committee meeting while we're here.

Amick – Not yet. I was a little concerned that it only allows for an hour and I want to make sure I have plenty of time to solicit input from Council any considerations they would like for us to have at that meeting. If you'd be patient with me, not yet.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 7:48 p.m.

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

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