



WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held Wednesday, October 22, 2008, for the purpose of discussing Visioning.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. It was held in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Brian Gibbons, Yohance Ford, Bill Orleans and Ken Pitts, The Diamondback

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the 500+ items developed during the visioning sessions had been broken down into categories and about 150 items had been labeled with: To Do, FYI or Not Enough Detail. He indicated that he was seeking Council guidance on how to process the remaining 350 items.

Mayor Davis reviewed lists of former goals. There was discussion about different interpretation of goals. Mayor Davis requested a simple list of the City's goals that Council could work on.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if Council wanted to follow a 5 year process of trying to accomplish these goals or did they want to do a goal exercise more frequently. Mr. Putens suggested an annual update on the goals. Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis agreed that an annual review work session would be a good idea. Mr. Roberts stressed the need to review each item and eliminate those that Council didn't favor. Council agreed that there are similar items which could be combined.

Ms. Mach believed there were items in the original 500 list that she could not find in the compilation provided by the City Manager. Council hoped that at the next work session there could be agreement on the goals and their definitions at the next work session.

Mr. Gibbons noted there were things on the list that were outside the City's control or beyond the pale. He suggested reducing the list of items to a manageable level.

Mr. Putens wanted to be sure the pre-budget work session was on Council's schedule. Council discussed charitable cut backs with Fannie May & Freddie Mac. Mr. McLaughlin referenced his memo on the City fiscal situation, noting a sizeable abatement. He listed the positions and initiatives that he planned to delay. Council expressed some concern about how the workload that these positions were intended to address would be handled.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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