



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Ben Martig, City Administrator

Discussion of New Council Initiatives and Strategic Planning schedule update.

Action Requested:

Discussion only.

Summary Report:

City Administrator Martig is working with Craig Rapp on scheduling for the Strategic Planning process. There has been one modification to change the separate focus groups of the EDA and Planning Commission to a joint facilitated meeting of the City Council to create a shared vision for common priorities and key projects. The following is a summary of the current schedule awaiting final confirmation of Councilor availability:

April 6 - Community Forum for Boards & Commissions (evening)

April 11 - City Council, Planning Commission, EDA - strategic planning session

May 9 - Strategic Planning 1 and 2

May 10 - Strategic Planning #3

* Final completion and presentation to be scheduled upon verification of Council availability.

Last Council meeting, there was a discussion regarding limiting new initiatives that could include significant resources of staff time. The following is a summary of items discussed from last meeting. The following is a summary from City Administrator Martig providing an update on some of the intended approaches to these items while strategic planning is waiting to commence in April which is only about 30 days:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Status</u>
Transit Hub (depot)	Design work underway with SEH underway.
Waterford Township	Waiting for response from Waterford (Mayor Pownell, Martig, Hood)
Flood Control	Electrical boxes planned for bid and west flood wall on list for future
Hwy 246 study	Underway with future Council action pending.
River access	Staff pursue temporary 2017 access options. Larger review on hold for strategic planning.
Northfield township	Staff pursuing process to discuss existing annexation agreement status.
Community solar	City Administrator Martig is exploring options in investing in community solar garden design that are set to expire in 2017 and would need to be committed to within the next 90 days or so.
Ice Arena	Studies underway
GARE	GARE Racial Equity Cohort underway
NAFRS facility	Process ongoing.

Stormwater analysis Underway
Pavement analysis Underway for street system.
Compensation study Ongoing
Mill Towns Trail Comprehensive Plan map review pending (in discussion of process and scheduling).
Liquor Store Study for new building planned to continue time permitting.
Hwy 19 routing No action.
PD debt fund No action.
Garbage fund On hold for strategic planning.
Train quiet zones On hold. Past study to be distributed to councilors for information.

This is not a comprehensive list but illustrates the substantial list of items that are ongoing with the strategic planning scheduled to begin in the near future. City Administrator Martig welcomes any questions in regards to this approach.

Alternative Options:

Not applicable.

Financial Impacts:

Not applicable.

Tentative Timelines:

Not applicable.