

**LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GOAL SETTING RETREAT
Saturday, February 27, 2010**

Call to Order

Mayor Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at Receptions Loveland, 10681 Loveland Madeira, Loveland, Ohio.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Linda Cox, Vice Mayor David Bednar, Mark Fitzgerald, Todd Osborne (arrived at 8:03 a.m.), Mayor Rob Weisgerber, and Brenton Zuch (arrived at 8:15 a.m.).

Also Present: City Manager Thomas Carroll, Clerk of Council Misty Cheshire, Acting Finance Director Harry Steger, Assistant to the City Manager Amanda Stephany; Public Works Director Scott Wisby, City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein, Building and Zoning Administrator Scott Young, Police Chief Tim Sabransky; Fire Chief Otto Huber; Deputy Police Chief Sean Rahe, Solicitor Frank Klaine, and Gary Stouder.

**Motion to Adjourn to
Work Session**

Mrs. Cox moved to adjourn into a work session; seconded by Vice Mayor Bednar. Roll Call: Cox, Yes; Fitzgerald, Yes; Osborne, Yes; Weisgerber, Yes; Zuch, Yes; Bednar, Yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Weisgerber introduced facilitator Cory Van Buskirk. Mr. Van Buskirk led the group in a discussion to identify changes that have occurred to the 2006 SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis that impact the 2009 Goals and Objectives adopted by City Council.

Based on the information collected from Council and Staff prior to retreat, Mr. Van Buskirk identified four topics (1) control delivery of water and sewer system; (2) progression of the Downtown Revitalization and Job Creation Program; (3) ongoing and continuous improvements to the City's park and recreation system; and (4) provide strong fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars by improving effectiveness of operations and projects.

Mr. Klaine advised Council to not discuss issues pertaining to utility services that are involved in litigation. Discussions pertaining to litigation should only be discussed within an Executive Session. No further discussion occurred on this matter.

The group then discussed actions that could be taken for each objective in order to reach optimal results and established the following goals:

1. The City shall seek to control its own destiny regarding the delivery of utilities to provide the most cost-effect and sustainable services to the ratepayers.
2. The City shall substantially advance the Downtown Revitalization and Job Creation Project, balancing financial requirements, sustainability and the community's long-term vision for historic Loveland.
3. The City shall continue its commitment to improve parks and recreational facilities by challenging our existing operating model, rigorously prioritizing needs, and creatively seeking alternative funding sources.

4. The City shall continue fulfilling its obligation to strong fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars through ongoing improvement in effectiveness of all operational and capital investments.

**Motion to return to
Regular Session**

Mayor Weisgerber suggested Council hold additional work sessions to continue discussing the Downtown Revitalization Project and recreation improvements.

At 11:56 a.m., Mr. Fitzgerald moved to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mrs. Cox. Roll Call: Fitzgerald, Yes; Osborne, Yes; Weisgerber, Yes; Zuch, Yes; Bednar, Yes; Cox, Yes. The motion carried 6-0.

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Carroll announced that the City has received an offer on the Christman property, located at 10506 Butterworth Road. The offer was lower than expected but the buyers are interested in historic preservation and have the resources to make the necessary improvements to the property. Council recommended the City move forward by scheduling a Community Improvement Corporation meeting within the next 72 hours to make a final decision on the offer.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mrs. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion was approved by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.


~~Robert Weisgerber, Mayor~~

David Bednar, Vice Mayor


Misty Cheshire, Clerk of Council