



MINUTES-FINAL
LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY COUNCIL
JOINT PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
6:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Present on the TF: School Board Chairperson Richard Milius, Member, Stephan Kantor (left the meeting at approx. 6:30 PM), Member Jenica Nelan; Mayor Timothy McNamara, Councilor Karen Liot-Hill and Councilor Doug Whittlesey
- Staff Present: Superintendent Joanne Roberts, City Manager Shaun Mulholland

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- February 4, 2021
- Motion made by Mayor McNamara, second by Jenica Nelan
 - Abstaining- Milius, Whittlesey, McNamara, Kantor
 - Voting Yes-Nelan, Hill
 - Motion passes

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussed the feasibility of a partnership with the City regarding the use and future of the Seminary Hill School building where the SAU Offices are presently located. Mayor McNamara proposed that the School District transfer the building to the City. The City would renovate the structure and lease back a portion of the office space to the School District for the use of the District's administrative offices. The City would save money on present leases for the Recreation, Arts and Parks Dept. and the Cyber Services Dept. by moving those functions into this building.

The building would be used as a community center allowing the public to utilize the gymnasium and auditorium. The School District is planning to spend approximately \$500,000 for a new heating system for a building that is not adequately insulated. A smaller heating system could be installed if the building were renovated and this would meet the City's sustainability objectives.

The cost of the heating system would use up approximately half of the School District's capital reserve funds. Chairman Milius stated the School District in the past has sold surplus property and used the proceeds to fund capital projects. Additionally, the needs for office space by the SAU would need to be considered. He was in favor of exploring the proposal further.

CM Mulholland proposed that the City provide the School District with a formal proposal after the City Council has had an opportunity to discuss it further. Councilor James Winny who is the chairperson of the West Lebanon Revitalization Advisory Committee expressed the interest of the Committee for the Mayor's proposal.

- B. The City provided a status update on the Moulton Avenue sidewalk construction/roadway paving/Route 4 pedestrian crossing and nature trail that will connect with the Northern Rail Trail.
- C. The City provided an update regarding the status of the Education Coalition 2.0 regarding the legislative policy position related to use of the Statewide Education Property Tax.
- D. The City provided the School Board with its 2021/2022 Financial Outlook in advance of the meeting. There were no questions regarding the presentation.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

5. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 21, 2021

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

7. ADJOURNMENT.

- Motion made by Mayor McNamara to adjourn, second by Chairperson Milius. The meeting was adjourned by CM Mulholland at 6:48 PM

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