

**FINAL**

**LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT & CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE  
MEETING ROOM ONE, CITY HALL OR  
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM  
6:00PM, THURSDAY JANUARY 23, 2025**

**CITY COUNCIL / STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City Manager Shaun Mulholland, Douglas Whittlesey (REMOTE), Mayor Tim McNamara

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wendy Hall, Lilian Maughan (School Board Chair), Martha DiDomenico

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

City Manager Shaun Mulholland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He reviewed the City's meeting in-person and REMOTE attendance policies and procedures.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A MOTION was made by Tim MacNamara to approve the October 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes. The MOTION was seconded by Wendy Hall.*

School Board Chair Maughan abstained from the vote.

*\* The Vote on the Motion was approved (6-0 with one abstention).*

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Projected Combined City and School District Tax Rates & Potential Impacts for 2025**

The group discussed the potential impacts of the combined City and School District tax rates. City Manager Mulholland said if the state passes its budget, which will come into effect as of July 1, 2025, the City budget will be greatly affected and will probably result in layoffs during the second part of 2025.

**B. Future of Dana House**

Mayor MacNamara explained the status of the cottage project at 0 Barrows Street. He said the team is trying to keep costs low so that the selling price of the homes will remain within the \$350,000-\$375,000 range. He said they are not able to do it, they are considering alternate sites for the cottage project, one of which might be the Dana House site. The group discussed generally what may be involved if the City bought the Dana House property from the school district.

**C. City Strategic Plan Update**

City Manager Mulholland updated the group on the dates of the upcoming meetings in early February where the Strategic Plan goals would be discussed by City departments. He said the plan would be presented to the City Council at its February 16 meeting.

**D. City Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts**

City Manager Mulholland explained the different types of TIF Districts. Ms. Hall said the School Board did not understand the full implications of the TIFs when they were presented. Ms. Hall and Ms. Maughan said the School Board would like to be more involved earlier in the discussions about these decisions as they are happening rather than after they are decided. Ms. Hall said the School Board would like to have a separate meeting with the City Manager to discuss TIFs in detail. City Manager Mulholland said April or May might be a good time to meet for that discussion.

**E. Families Flourish Northeast – Community Development Block Grant**

Mayor MacNamara gave an overview of the project, which will be located on the Alice Peck Day (APD) Hospital campus. He said the project involves construction of a 12-bed residential property for mothers with substance abuse histories. He said the facility will allow children up to the age of 12 to live with their mothers. He said there will also be an on-site Day Care for preK-aged children, and the rest would be sent to school. He said he was told by the program team that, most of the time, if the moms bring their kids, they are under the age of 5, so there may not be a lot of impact on school populations. The group discussed the potential impacts that the schools may experience when attempting to school unhoused or temporary school kids.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**5. NEXT MEETING DATE**

City Manager Mulholland said the next meeting will probably be the Joint City / School Board meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 7:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paula Roux  
Recording Secretary