

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following members present: Larry Janssen; Chris Kielblock; Chad Cummings; Amy Ernst; Alaina Kolpin.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Sam Martin, The Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Matt Selof presented a draft of a small part of the Comprehensive Plan which has been named “Our Worthington 2045”. He highlighted parts of the Phase 1 Engagement Summary and went over how the project team worked to engage residents at pop-up events, community festivities and the public meeting. There was also an on-line survey used.

Mr. Selof read the current vision statement and also the new proposed statement. He showed examples of mission statements from other cities as well.

Council discussed the proposed statement and determined they would prefer to remove the third and fourth sentences.

Mr. Selof presented the Goals and Objectives draft, which includes five themes; livable, connected active, welcoming and economically vibrant.

The first section discussed was “Livable.” It was suggested to re-word the third sentence taking out “utilities connections” and adding “infrastructure.” In the last sentence remove “a living wage” and add “competitive wage” as a better option.

The second theme was “Connected.” Suggestions were made to add “technology” as another option of staying connected and re-working the paragraph.

The next theme was “Active.” Council suggested re-wording the first two sentences, not being so specific in using the term “team sports” and the word “pavilion. They would like to add the term “recreational activities” and adding the word “park” somewhere in the paragraph.

“Welcoming” was the next theme. The only change to the statement was to re-word the first sentence.

The final theme was “Economically Vibrant.” It was suggested to remove the phrase “primary and secondary” in the second sentence and add “range of” in its place and also change the phrase

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“prosperous working lives” to “prosperous lives.”

Mr. Selof asked Council to let him know if there were any other comments.

He said the next section to be done is “Land Use”.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk