

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Gonzalez, Alderman Witte, and Alderman Crawford. Others: Alderman Dougherty; Alderman George; Mayor William Aiello; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Aldermen Andreano and Smith, who were excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, February 5, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

### 3. Unfinished Business

None

### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

#### a. PL #20-19: (Aiello) To declare the City of Olean a Charter for Compassion City.

Mayor Aiello explained that he and Alderman Witte had attended a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce hosted by the group behind the Charter for Compassion. He explained that they laid out a pretty good case as to why the City should declare itself a Charter for Compassion City. He explained that they also calmed a lot of the misconceptions that are out there regarding the organization, such as clarifying that they are not a religious organization. He provided a handout to the Committee that included a draft resolution.

Alderman Crawford explained that he and the Mayor have previously discussed this, and that when the group first approached the Council, they were relatively new. At that time, the Council had asked the group to get other organizations on board before the Council proceeded with anything regarding the Charter. He explained that there are now many organizations in the community on board. Alderman Crawford noted that it is one thing for the Council to pass this resolution, but it is another for the organizations on board to follow through with the program.

Mayor Aiello explained that Rob Walk, who is spearheading the effort, had come to the City previously when the City was in need of volunteers to shovel sidewalks. He worked with the students at Olean High School and was able to put together a group of volunteers.

Alderman Witte explained that a Charter for Committee seminar is coming up at Chautauqua Institute, and she would like the City of Olean to be well represented there. She will be attending.

Alderman Crawford explained that there have been many attempts to create an Olean civic society, and this organization has done a lot of legwork to get this done. He likes the idea of where they are going and feels that this is a positive for the community.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that there are many other communities involved with the Charter for Compassion. Mayor Aiello added that there are several different departments within the County that are involved; however, he does not believe that Cattaraugus County, as a whole, is involved at this time.

Mayor Aiello explained that this has been quite an undertaking that the organization has gone through, and he feels that this would be a positive for the City.

A motion to approve PL #20-19 was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

Alderman Witte explained that she would like to have an update of what is going on with the DRI projects. Alderman Gonzalez explained that he feels that this is a good idea. He would like an update regarding the City projects, as well as the private investment projects that were awarded funding. Mayor Aiello explained that he is in the process of scheduling a phone call with Chris Bauer of the Department of State to get updates, and he will share them with the Council as soon as he gets them. Alderman Witte asked if there is a timeframe in which the money needs to be spent, and Mayor Aiello replied that it is five years.

#### 5. Approval of Committee Reports

A motion to approve committee reports was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

#### 6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.