

## TIPP CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING RETREAT

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**

### **Meeting**

City Manager Jon Crusey opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. on this date at Aileron, Wildcat Road, 8860 South Wildcat Road, Dayton, Ohio.

### **Attendance**

Council Members in attendance included: George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, William D. Beagle, Vickie K. Blakey, Dolores Gillis, John E. Kessler, and Mayor Tim E. Evans.

Others in attendance included: Assistant City Manager Bradley C. Vath, City Engineer/Service Director Scott Vagedes, Utilities Director M. J. Eichman, Finance Director Dick Drennen, Chief of Police Tom Davidson, EMS Chief Mark Senseman, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Don Vermillion, and Clerk of Council Misty Cheshire.

### **Discussion**

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Vermillion asked City Council to complete a questionnaire that determined how each City Council member perceived the City's weaknesses, opportunities, and barriers to success. Mr. Vermillion began the meeting by reviewing the survey results.

Mr. Crusey presented a PowerPoint presentation on long-term financial planning for the City, attached. Council briefly discussed the General Fund and questioned the fund balance percentage the City needed to maintain. Mr. Drennen stated that the City's goal should be to keep a fund balance of 38% to 50%, noting that the percentage is based on total expenditures from the General Fund. Credit agencies recommend a three month General Fund balance reserve.

Mr. Vermillion then asked Council to look into the future as if great progress had been made over the next ten years and identify the characteristics of Tipp City in the year 2018:

1. Maintain the small town feel of Tipp City
2. Maintain an excellent school system
3. A stable financial picture
4. High level of services for the citizens
5. Safe, Clean, and affordable
6. A vibrant community
7. Economic Development efforts led to technology and medical facilities being located in Tipp City.

Based on the future vision and survey results, Council was asked to list areas of focus or projects that should be considered as priorities during the next twelve months. Those items were:

1. Stable financial picture
2. Creating an economic development plan
3. Continue supporting the downtown
4. Establish regular sessions with the Miami County Commissioners
5. Positive community outreach
6. Review the regulatory process to enhance the City's economic development direction

Council then listed what needed to be done for each project, which staff member needed to lead the effort, and set a timeline for each project. Mr. Crusey stated that staff would provide Council with periodic updates on these items. Mr. Vermillion agreed to prepare a summary of the meeting listing the goals and priorities identified by City Council.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Misty Cheshire, Clerk of Council