

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 6:20 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Gonzalez, Vice Chairman Andreano, Alderman Witte, and Alderman Crawford. Others: Alderman Dougherty; Alderman George; Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Bob Bell, Fire Chief; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Smith, who was excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, September 17, 2019)

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available for review.

### 3. Unfinished Business

None

### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

#### a. Discussion – Kingston Park Swap

Alderman Andreano explained that she brought up this issue some time ago, and provided a map of the location to the committee. She explained that a resident on Kingston Drive has drainage issues and is continuing to have drainage issues after installing drainage through his yard. Alderman Andreano explained that the resident would like to obtain a portion of the parcel adjacent to his property from the City in order to correct his drainage issues, and that as he works for the Cattaraugus County DPW, he is very familiar with drainage issues and what can be done to correct them.

Alderman Andreano explained that at the time this topic was originally brought forth to the committee, it was found in Mr. DiCerbo's research that the City parcel adjacent to the resident's property is considered "park land" by the federal government, and in order for the City to be able to transfer this property to a different owner, "park land" must be found elsewhere in the City to replace it. She explained that now that the City has completed the construction on the Whitney Avenue Parklet, there is park land that can act as a replacement

and she would like to continue the discussion regarding deeding a portion of this property to the resident.

Alderman Andreano asked if the parcel can be used by the City for a park, as there is a sewer line easement through the property. Mr. Ring responded that it cannot be. Alderman Crawford asked about the swing set in the provided photo, and Alderman Andreano explained that it belongs to the resident, not the City.

Alderman Andreano explained that the area behind the parcel accessed by the paper street has drainage issues as well. She explained that an ambulance recently had to use this paper street to access an individual that needed their services, and the ambulance ended up getting stuck and needed to be pulled out. Chief Bell responded that he was unaware of this, but that he would look into it.

Alderman George asked what the resident was planning to build on the property, and Alderman Andreano explained that he only wants to use the property to properly drain the parcel on which his house is located. She explained that the “swap” is to swap this park land with the new Whitney Avenue park land in the federal database of park land, and that he is not swapping his property for ours. She noted that he is also willing to pay for this additional property if he needs to.

Alderman Andreano asked Mr. DiCerbo to look into what needs to be done further to complete the park land “swap”, and he responded that he would.

#### 5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

#### 6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.