

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
JOINT WORK SESSION  
January 17, 2012  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Exhibit Hall – Rouss City Hall**

**PRESENT:** President Jeff Buettner; Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi, John Willingham; Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Les Veach (8)

**ABSENT:** Vice-President Art Major (1)

President Buettner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Willingham moved to add the closed session to the agenda. *The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff then unanimously approved 8/0.*

**Council's goal on Downtown Focus:**

President Buettner said that Downtown is a priority and the focus on Downtown is to collectively come up with a vision for what Downtown is to look like. Interim City Manager Craig Gerhart said that tonight they will break into small groups and every group will have a hand at the issues. He said once the list is put together Council will look at this quickly and finalize it.

The PowerPoint focusing on Downtown was presented by city staff. Once the PowerPoint presentation was complete Interim City Manager Craig Gerhart said the vision areas for the small groups are: appearance, feel and safety; branding, marketing and attractions; events, activities, arts and entertainment; infrastructure and built environment; and diversity of uses (housing, office, retail, entertainment). He also presented the questions they would be focusing on which were, "What are the desired outcomes (5 years)?", "What steps do we need to take in the next 18-24 months?", and "How will we measure success?".

After the small groups discussed each vision area, Interim City Manager Craig Gerhart said the city staff will turn these ideas into a list and present it to Council for final evaluation. President Buettner thanked everyone and said this is a good step that gives a better idea of who we are. President Buettner said the next step is the final list.

**Executive Session** - MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A)(3) AND (6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE BARGAINING IS INVOLVED, AND WHERE IF MADE PUBLIC, THE BARGAINING POSITION OR FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE CITY WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff moved to reconvene in open session at 8:40 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Willingham then unanimously approved 8/0.*

A roll call vote was taken, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below:

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
President Buettner	Aye
Councilor Clark	Aye
Councilor Hill	Aye
Vice-President Major	Absent
Vice-Mayor McInturff	Aye
Mayor Minor	Aye
Councilor Tagnesi	Aye
Councilor Veach	Aye
Councilor Willingham	Aye

### **Adjourn**

Councilor Evan Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m. *The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff then unanimously approved 8/0.*