

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL AT  
NORMAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, 606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, NORMAL, MCLEAN  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

1. START:

The Special Meeting was convened by Mayor Koos at 8:16am. on Friday, November 1, 2019.

2. ATTENDANCE:

The following Councilmembers were physically present

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Kevin McCarthy, Kathleen Lorenz, Chemberly Cummings, Stan Nord, Karyn Smith (arrived 8:23am) and Scott Preston (arrived 8:38am).

ABSENT: None

3. DISCUSSION OF THE TOWN'S VISION AND PRIORITIES:

Mr. Sumek opened discussion by defining cities that Council members see as role models for Normal and what makes those communities memorable. Communities identified as having positive attributes included Greenville, SC, Conway, AR, Galena and St. Charles, IL, Grand Rapids, MI, Pittsburg, PA, Columbia, SC, Frisco and McKinney, TX. Council members discussed the features they admired from these communities.

Mr. Sumek and Council members discussed issues of concern and areas of interest to each Council member. Council member participated in conversations and shared perspectives that may be considered hurdles to moving forward as a team. Council members discussed vision statements and how to add value to the community so that people have pride in the community. Citizen engagement ideas such as Coffee with Council or Citizen Summit were discussed.

Following a break from 10:32am to 10:40am, Mr. Sumek led discussion on key take-aways from the early morning discussion and Council member's commitments to be a productive body to achieve goals.

Discussion focused on reviewing concepts under the principle of "Community for All Generations" and Council members selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of "Home of Illinois State University" and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of "Vibrant Uptown" and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Strong, Diverse Local Economy” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council reconvened discussion following a break from 12:43pm to 1:08pm.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Great Quality Neighborhoods” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Smart City and Technology Connections” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council reconvened discussion following a break from 2:08pm to 2:20pm.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Leisure and Recreation Choices for All” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Sustainable and Equitable Community” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Council members reviewed concepts under the principle of “Pride in Normal” and selected terms to define what the principle means.

Following a break from 4:02pm to 4:12pm, Council reviewed goals for a 5-year plan.

Mr. Sumek led discussion pertaining to citizen engagement strategies. Council members agreed to schedule a follow up session with Mr. Sumek to continue the strategic planning process and discussed a citizen summit.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, Councilmember McCarthy moved, and Councilmember Scott seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm.