




**Memorandum of the Goshen Common Council
Strategic Planning Retreat of August 21, 2020**

Held 2:00 p.m. at the Schrock Pavilion, Shanklin Park
411 W. Plymouth Avenue, Goshen, Indiana 46526

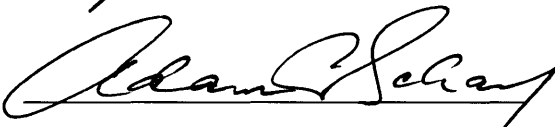
Councilors Present: Jim McKee, Doug Nisley, Matt Schrock, Megan Eichorn, Gilberto Perez,
Julia King, Brett Weddell
Others present: Merritt Dilts, Jeremy Stutsman, Adam Scharf, Sharon Hernandez,
Bodie Stegelmann

The meeting included informal discussion, facilitated by Mr. Dilts, on the agenda topics included in the attached "Goshen City Council Strategic Retreat Agenda Topic Prioritization." No formal actions were taken.

Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m.

APPROVED: 

Jeremy B. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST: 

Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer



Goshen City Council Strategic Retreat Agenda Topic Prioritization

Prioritized Agenda Topics		Total Score
		All
f	Review as a group the council rules. Make sure we all understand them and abide by them. Explain some of the nuances of voting and some of the more complicated things like “motion to reconsider”.	23
k	The separation of responsibilities between what we do on Council vs the responsibilities of the BOW. What the BOW has control over that doesn’t apply to the Council.	21
c	Discuss a Welcome to the City Council Orientation/packet-handbook.	10
d	Discuss Study Committees outside of normal meeting business to more thoroughly understand complex issues.	9
g	Review the rules concerning appointments to boards. Provide a comprehensive list of all board/commission members with term lengths and anniversary times.	9
i	Review the 2018 Umbaugh Study concerning the impact on TIF.	8
a	Review the deliberations process, making sure we understand the various sides of issues before us prior to voting.	5
j	Review which companies are receiving phase-ins, the process they go through each year, and when their respective phase-ins expire.	5
h	Review the annual presentations that Baker Tilly provides each year concerning the tax revenues, budgets, property taxes, property tax caps, etc.	4
l	Review the preparation for meetings and how to have the content presented in a straight forward manner.	4
m	Discuss how the Council communicates with each other outside of Council meetings.	4
b	Discuss agenda setting; what initiatives should be put forward by the Legislative Branch.	3
e	Review the process of “First and Second Readings”; are we fulfilling the spirit of the law?	0
n	Discuss how we can continue to build trust as a Council keeping an open posture.	0