

January 9, 2025

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Strategic Planning Meeting, January 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on January 1, 2025. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that an agenda of the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall; provided the Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been provided to each of the City Council Members. An agenda, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours from the publication of the notice to the time of the meeting.

Mayor McGhehey opened the January 9, 2025 strategic planning meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Weisgerber, Liptack, and Turman. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Attorney Selzer and City Clerk Pitt.

- First action City Clerk Pitt called roll.
- Mayor McGhehey read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The following items were on the table for discussion: Public Safety Center, Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Quality of Life, Utility Rates, Parks, Taxation, Recreation, Downtown Development and Housing.

Council picked the top topics of discussion.

Economic Development – Actively working on diverse Alliance; what can we do to expand what we are doing; Housing and Infrastructure incentives.

Housing – Redeveloping, new development, housing divisions; Abandoned Property Maintenance Code; use resources for incentives and remodeling.

Infrastructure – fix what is existing and maintain (preventative maintenance);

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Public Safety – Fire/Police Department, City Hall – funding joint projects; Recruiting more officers; Encourage Volunteerism; Infrastructure; Community Support.

Fiscal Responsibility – Overall costs; Careful what we are spending; Can't do more with less – what level of service and what can we cut; leave for future generations.

- Next discussion for Council was Values. The following topics were discussed:

Growth – Economic Development, Housing, Population, Staff.

Maintain – Can't grow without maintaining, Maintain/ Maximize Resources, Budget/Staffing/Training.

Consistency – Stick with set long term goals, Set/Follow Precedence.

Fiscal Responsibility – support long-term comp plan, manageable debt with correct purpose.

Support – Staff Support, Community Buy-in, Leap of Faith.

Safety – Adequate Staffing and Resources, Training, Infrastructure-Utilities.

- Council next discussed S.M.A.R.T.

- Smart
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Reasonable
- Timely

- The Public Safety Center was the next discussion item.

Full Staffing – PD, FD (Stipend, mixed model)

- Council then discussed Infrastructure Renewal Plan.

- Fiscal Responsibility was next discussed by the Council.

The Enterprise Funds are self-sustained.

Council Education on Funds.

- Lastly the Council discussed Development.

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Incentives with Economic Development and Housing.

Specs Buildings; LB840.

- No formal action was taken.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the January 9, 2025 City Council Meeting at 11:48 a.m.

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John McGhehey, Mayor


Shelbi C. Pitt, City Clerk

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