

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2025

The special meeting of the St. Johns City Commission was called to order by Mayor Dzurka at 4:32 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 East State Street, 2nd Floor, Suite #2200, St. Johns, Michigan.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Eric Hufnagel, Brad Gurski, Scott Dzurka, Chris Hyzer, Chris DeLiso

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Chad Gamble, City Manager; Mindy J. Seavey, City Clerk; Kristina Kinde, City Treasurer; Justin Smith, Director of Public Services (arrived at 4:44 p.m.); David Kirk, Police Chief; Bill Schafer, Parks and Recreation Director

Presentation of Strategic Plan Process and Discussion of Commission Memo

City Manager Gamble discussed:

- The process.
- Overview
 - Goals & Objectives – in draft Master Plan.
 - Draft Action Plan.
 - Categories.
- Brief summary of Roadmap to Action Plan draft.
 - Comments received.
 - Suggested goals from master list.
 - Confirm or modify goals.

The Commission discussed:

- Goals
 - 1.3.1 – Become a business development hub.
 - Housing stock assessment.
 - Housing TIF's.
 - 1.2.3 – Work to acquire MDOT property near depot.

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- Title work.
- The trail.
- 1.1 – Continue to implement and communicate new brand identity and utilize social media to market the City and all it has to offer.
- 2.2.1 – Continue to enhance and invest in communication between city, residents, and businesses utilizing social media, YouTube and other platforms to highlight St. Johns.
 - Differentiate between this goal and 1.1.
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- 2.1.1 – Develop a wayfinding improvement plan.
 - Vehicular/pedestrian-based signage.
 - QR codes.
- Add 2.2.2 – Improve Safety and Quality of Life on Old 27.
- Goal 3.
 - 3.2.1 – Support events.
 - Non-DDA events - SEPA charges.
 - Being consistent across organizations.
 - Economic impact.
 - DDA
 - TIF capture.
 - Consistency.
- Goal 4 - add.
 - Continue to look at efficiencies and ways to more cost effectively run the city.

Public Comments

Mayor Dzurka asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Gurski seconded by Commissioner Hyzer that the city commission meeting be adjourned.

YEA: Hufnagel, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer, DeLiso

NAY: None

Motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.