

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

The special meeting of the St. Johns City Commission was called to order by Mayor Cocco at 5:47 p.m. at the St. Johns Police Department, 409 South Whittemore Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Eric Hufnagel, Jean Ruestman, Brad Gurski, Roberta Cocco, Scott Dzurka

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dave Kudwa, City Manager; Mindy J. Seavey, City Clerk; David Kirk, Police Chief; Justin Smith, Director of Public Services

GUESTS PRESENT: Emily Houk & Emily Littleton, Research to Practice Consulting

Call to Order

Mayor Cocco called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Discussion regarding Ad Hoc Communications Committee

Mayor Cocco discussed a rough draft of potential scope of a committee.

There was a discussion of:

- Correction on the second to the last bullet point: “potentially” instead of “potential”.
- Having materials and a basic plan or recommendation from King Media that would be a starting point for this.
 - King will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.
 - King could help kick us off on this endeavor.
 - The contract with King Media comes due in June.

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- If we have hours left on the contract, get them engaged right away.
- Differences between a regular committee and an advisory committee.

Motion by Commissioner Ruestman seconded by Commissioner Hufnagel that the city commission create a St. Johns Communications Ad Hoc Advisory Group that includes 2 commissioners, staff, and up to 5 citizens.

YEA: Hufnagel, Ruestman, Gurski, Cocco, Dzurka

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Session #1

- Welcome and Meeting Overview (Emily Houk, Facilitator)
- Ice Breaker; Personal Introductions (All)
- Group Agreements (All)
- Team Building Exercise 1: What We See (Small Groups/All)
- Team Building Exercise 2: Collaborative Vision (Small Groups/All)
- Next Steps (Homework; What to Expect for Meeting #2)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.