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HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE August 22, 2022

The Health and Recreation Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Committee members present: Chair Ketchum and Vice Chair Thalman, Member Seidler. Others present: Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Barry and media.

The following matters were discussed:

Text alerts: Mr. Seidler made a recommendation for city staff to review options for a text alert system that can encompass events, general city information, and urgent updates. Mr. Seidler would also look into possible options.

Youth City Council: Glynis Board from Edible Mountain/Grow Ohio Valley spoke to encourage City Council to adopt a Youth City Council. Mr. Seidler suggested that we allow members of council to appoint youth members. The committee believes that a budget should be allocated for the WYCC to be determined by city staff and council members. Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Thalman, moved to send the ordinance to City Staff for review. Motion carried. All in favor.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Director Rochelle Barry reviewed her efforts to support a master plan. Mr. Seidler recommended that general city beautification be included in the master plan. Ms. Ketchum and Mr. Thalman were in support. A motion was made to send a recommendation to the planning commission to begin the Comprehensive Master Planning process earlier than 2024 to potentially coordinate with a parks and recreation master plan.

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Thalman, moved to create a resolution directing city staff to engage in a process to complete a comprehensive Parks and Recreation master plan including reviewing firms that would complete the plan. Motion carried. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Ketchum moved to adjourn.