STAFF REPORT

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Date: January 23, 2007

To: Mayor Hearns and City Council Members

From: Robert S. LaSala, City Manager

Subject: City Council, City Manager & Department Directors Strategic Planning

Workshop: November 9-10, 2006 Final Report

Recommendation:

Recommend that City Council accept the report as submitted by Sentient Systems Inc., adopt the priority goals for the next two years, the Lancaster 20/20 Vision with 2006 modifications, and direct the staff to incorporate them into work plans and programs and to build a budget for Fiscal Year 07-08 around these goals and objectives.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

On November 9th and 10th the City Council, City Manager and Department Directors meet with David and Sandra Jones to revisit and update strategic planning work that had been done last year. The attached report represents the work product of this two day effort. It further refines the Lancaster 20/20 Vision and sets out priority goals for 2006 through 2008.

Furthermore, it identifies more specific strategies to be used in achieving these goals. Tactics which are the "how to" necessary to meet these goals is best left for the staff (all the way done to the first line).

If the council concurs, staff will use the report as the basis for development of the 2007-2008 operating and capital budgets and in program development for the coming year.

I believe this process and its end product are extremely valuable for the council and the staff in addressing the challenges and opportunities faced by our city government.

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