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# Winchester Holds Brief Meeting

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Winchester's City Council met for a short session

Tuesday night at Winchester City Hall to allow members to make their way over to the San Miguel conference room for a presentation on the downtown area.

The city, along with elected officials, has been a supporting force in seeing through the revitalization of the downtown.

In their meeting, Winchester Downtown Program President Sean Crabtree announced the state of Tennessee would be extending sales tax spent in Winchester's downtown, which goes back to downtown area, from nine years to 15 years.

Crabtree was also given the opportunity to promote a group in town early this week that were interested in hearing input from citizens.

The Winchester Downtown Program Corp. hired an architectural and

urban planning firm last week to create a vision for the city's downtown. The firm held a design workshop Aug. 12-14.

A separate entity from the city, the WDPC is in charge of investing grant money to revitalize the downtown. Sales tax on money spent in the nine-block radius (tax rebate area) surrounding the Winchester downtown will be pumped right back into the downtown for improvements as spelled out by the Courthouse Revitalization Pilot Act of 2005.

The Act has a restricted waiver that allows its funds only to be used for that general purpose.

Winchester Mayor Terry Harrell thanked Mr. Crabtree for his hard work in the downtown and joked that in 15 years he'd complete his duties.