



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2016 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmembers Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, Tom Counts, Mayor Brian Lorenz, City Manager Steve Lutz, City Engineer Chris Huber, GIS/Planner Rocky Kambo, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. KEEP POWELL MOVING

Megan Canavan provided an update on the Keep Powell Moving Initiative. The second public workshop is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. She also reviewed the social media toolkit and fact sheet. Both are in draft format and changes still need to be made. Tom Counts would like to follow up after the meeting about the funding section of the fact sheet.

II. 2016 COMMUNITY ATTITUDES SURVEY

Councilmember Frank Bertone discussed some of the key findings from this year's Community Attitudes Survey. One of the biggest action items from the survey is for City Council to hold listening sessions with the public. Mayor Brian Lorenz has held a few coffee/happy hours to meet residents. Council members would like to continue those and also explore how to build more trust with the community. There was also discussion that we need to begin educating residents on where their taxes go and how income and property taxes works.

III. JADE TRACK PROPOSAL

Jade Track presented during the last Operations Committee meeting. There still needs to be follow-up discussion with other members of City Council to see if this is something they would like to implement.

IV. PERSONNEL MANUAL UPDATE – DRUG/ALCOHOL ZERO TOLERANCE

City Manager Steve Lutz reviewed a proposed update to the Personnel Manual. This change will come before City Council in the form of an ordinance in the near future.

V. LECHLER BUILDING COST ESTIMATE

City Manager Steve Lutz reviewed the cost estimate for updates to the Lechler Building.

VI. CAPITAL UPDATES

- a. Proposed Liberty and Seldom Seen Grant – Two grant applications have been unsuccessful. Delaware County and the City of Powell will apply again. Proposed improvements to the intersection include either a roundabout or a traffic signal.
- b. Murphy Parkway Extension – The Parkway is scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 30, weather permitting.
- c. Murphy Pedestrian Crossing – CSX denied the plan the City submitted. Officials would like the City to install an overpass or underpass, which would be cost prohibitive for the City.
- d. Grace Drive Traffic Signals – The bids that were received for the project were too high to accept. City Engineer Chris Huber would like to rebid the project in the fall.

- e. SR 750/Sawmill Parkway – The Ohio Department of Transportation is on schedule to complete the project in mid-September.
- f. Sawmill Road Reconstruction – Delaware County started the reconstruction project on Aug. 16. The road will be closed for 21 days.
- g. 2016 Sidewalk Program – Staff will be distributing a letter to the impacted homeowners explaining that the bids were too high, and that the City will wait until next year to go out to bid for the program.

VII. COMMITTEE GOALS/ACTION PLAN

No updates to report.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.