



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, Mayor Brian Lorenz, Vice Mayor Jon Bennehoof, City Manager Steve Lutz, City Engineer Chris Huber, Staff Engineer Keegan Hale, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. AGE 21 TOBACCO/NICOTINE RESTRICTIONS

Representatives with the Delaware County Tobacco Coalition, Delaware General Health District and The Ohio State University discussed increasing the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21 in Powell.

ACTION ITEMS: Communication Director Megan Canavan will speak with other communities that have recently passed this legislation or are considering passing legislation to see how they solicited public opinion on this issue.

Mayor Brian Lorenz will speak with the impacted businesses to see how this will affect their business.

The committee also would like more guidance on how this will be enforced – civil versus criminal penalties.

II. LECHLER BUILDING COST ESTIMATE

City Manager Steve Lutz discussed the current cost estimate for improving the Lechler Building. A private donor would like to contribute \$60K of the \$180K project.

ACTION ITEMS: Vice Mayor Jon Bennehoof will reach out to others in the community for possible donations toward improving the building.

Councilman Frank Bertone will discuss the cost with Councilmember & Finance Chairman Tom Counts to see if there is another funding mechanism for the remaining amount that won't take away from the current capital improvement projects funding. The committee would like to have a definitive funding plan for the building by April.

III. KEEP POWELL MOVING INITIATIVE

Megan Canavan provided an update for the Keep Powell Moving Communications Plan. The Development Committee has directed staff to work on wayfinding signage next as well as look at restricting turning movements at the Four Corners and make some of the streets one-way streets in the northwest quadrant of downtown Powell.

ACTION ITEMS: Councilman Daniel Swartwout asked Megan Canavan what the average watch time of the Keep Powell Moving video is through social media.

IV. CAPITAL PROJECTS

a. Liberty and Seldom Seen Roads Grant – Initial engineering for the intersection is being conducted now.

- b. Murphy Parkway Extension Traffic Study – City Engineer Chris Huber recommended moving back the date of the study so it will be a better comparison to the pre-construction survey. This will allow City Council and staff to see the true impacts of the Extension.
- c. Murphy Pedestrian Railroad Crossing – Narrowed the concepts down to one. Some refinements will be made before submitting to CSX for their approval.
- d. Grace Drive Traffic Signals – The masthead arms moved slightly to avoid gas lines. The project is still on track to be in operation by the summer.
- e. Bike Path Construction – Utility relocation for the bike paths took place over this winter. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2.
- f. 2016/2017 Sidewalk Program – Staff Engineer Keegan Hale presented the sidewalk program. This year’s program will be combined with the 2016 program to receive better bids for the project.

V. LIBERTY & JEWETT ROAD ROUNDABOUT

The Delaware County Engineer’s Office held a public meeting to present the proposed roundabout for Liberty & Jewett Road on Monday, Feb. 13.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.