



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 16, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak, Mayor Brian Lorenz, City Manager Steve Lutz, Police Chief Gary Vest, Law Director Gene Hollins, Development Director David Betz, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. AGE 21 TOBACCO/NICOTINE RESTRICTIONS

Law Director Gene Hollins drafted an ordinance to amend the Powell Codified Ordinances to prohibit the sale or distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products to persons under 21 years old.

There was discussion regarding licensing. The City did not incorporate any licensing system. We would not have similar staffing to the City of Columbus in order to implement licensing effectively. Dr. Robert Crane discussed utilizing the Delaware General Health District for licensing and enforcement. He also suggested that the City could contract with the Health District.

ACTION ITEM: City Council will hold a first reading of the ordinance at their first meeting in June.

II. MARIJUANA BAN/MORATORIUM

The City is beginning to receive interest regarding medical marijuana operations. The State of Ohio allows local governments to set up restrictions to restrict or prohibit dispensaries. Several communities are considering a prohibition in central Ohio.

ACTION ITEM: Committee members recommend prohibiting the selling or cultivating of medical marijuana and directed Law Director Gene Hollins to draft an ordinance for their first meeting in June.

III. 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: Committee members tabled the discussion on the Lechler Building indefinitely.

IV. CAPITAL PROJECTS

- a. Liberty and Seldom Seen Road Grant – We made a grant request in coordination with Delaware County to receive assistance.
- b. Murphy Parkway Extension Traffic Study – The Ohio Department of Transportation is closing SR 315 throughout the summer. The City would like to postpone the study until SR 315 is open again.
- c. Murphy Pedestrian Railroad Crossing – The City is in discussion with CSX about the cost to review the final plan.
- d. Adventure Park Tunnel – We've identified the long-term repair solution – a corrugated sleeve that will go into the tunnel. CSX has also provided a list of approved contractors. The City will begin to contact the contractors for a cost estimate and timeline. City staff

- implemented a short-term solution and placed scaffolding inside the tunnel with a protective top that allows temporary use of the tunnel.
- e. Grace Drive Traffic Signals – Utility companies have relocated lines at Grace Drive and Olentangy Street.
 - f. Bike Path Construction & Repairs – The Bike Path Program is progressing.
 - g. Sidewalk Repair Program – The City plans to award a bid in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.