



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Aug. 15, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Tom Counts and Jim Hrivnak, City Manager Steve Lutz, Development Director David Betz, City Engineer Chris Huber, Assistant City Engineer John Moorehead, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Public Service Silas Bowers, Finance Director Debra Miller, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. 2018 COMMUNITY ATTITUDE SURVEY

The City will conduct the biennial Community Attitude Survey in 2018.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee would like to provide feedback on potential questions and craft questions for the survey, hold a discussion with Saperstein & Associates and revisit dates for the survey.

II. TEMPORARY FOUR CORNERS TURN RESTRICTIONS

City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to temporarily prohibit left turns from Liberty Street to Olentangy Street from 4-7 p.m. Monday-Friday during their City Council meeting on June 21, 2017. This was part of several temporary measures that were taken by City Council to help traffic move more safely and timely through downtown Powell during the closure of SR 315.

The feedback from the temporary turn restrictions has been positive. Downtown businesses feel the turn restrictions are helpful during peak times but are concerned about extending the hours beyond 4-7 p.m.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee recommends bringing an ordinance before City Council to make the turning restriction permanent from 4-7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

III. CAPITAL PROJECTS

- a. Park at Seldom Seen – The City received three bids for construction. The lowest bidder withdrew their bid because they didn't meet bid requirements. The next bid was approximately \$4.5M, significantly over budget. Staff recommends that Council reject all the bids and authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals/quotes for construction instead of bids. This could potentially save time and money. The Committee recommended taking this to a negotiated contract and organizing a couple City Council members to work through the project.
- b. Liberty and Seldom Seen Road Grant – This project is in the midst of engineering. Construction will likely occur in 2019. A grant request was made in coordination with Delaware County to receive assistance.
- c. Murphy Pedestrian Railroad Crossing – The design was approved by CSX. The City applied for a grant for partial funding and the application wasn't approved. There is no funding for the project at this time.
- d. Olentangy Street & Grace Drive Signal – The signal was operational as of today. Staff is continuing to monitor traffic flow to make sure the signals are working together to see if any adjustments need to be made.
- e. Liberty Street & Grace Drive Signal – The City is working with the landowner on land acquisition. The goal is to go out to bid on this project in the fall with construction in 2018.

- f. Adventure Park Tunnel – Staff has identified the long-term repair solution – a corrugated sleeve that will go into the tunnel. The City hasn't received a final design at this time from the engineering firm. City staff implemented a short-term solution and placed scaffolding inside the tunnel with a protective top that allows temporary use of the tunnel.
- g. Bike Path Construction & Repairs – The Bike Path Program was completed last week.
- h. Sidewalk Repair Program – The program is complete for this year. The Street Maintenance Program will begin in September.
- i. Beechwood Park – The project went well. The pathway in the park still needs to be repaired.
- j. Storm Sewer & Curb Inlet – The City is repairing or replacing approximately 50 curb inlets over the next three weeks. Columbus Asphalt is performing the work.
- k. Murphy Parkway – Contractor completed their final landscaping/weeding. We're still completing the wetland.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.