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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb, Melissa Riggins, Daniel Swartwout and Jon Bennehoof; Citizen Representatives Heather Gonzalez and Ryan Herchenroether; City Manager Steve Lutz, Interim Chief of Police Stephen Hrytzik, City Engineer Chris Huber, Development Director David Betz, and Communication Director Megan Canavan; and other interested parties.

I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

II. FOUR CORNERS TURN RESTRICTIONS PUBLIC FORUM

City Engineer Chris Huber reviewed a downtown Powell traffic study from 2014. This study was conducted before the Murphy Parkway Extension opened and the traffic signals at the Grace and Liberty Street and Grace and Olentangy Street intersections were installed. The Engineering Department recommends extending the left turn restrictions.

Councilman Lorenz reviewed three possible scenarios based on feedback received from the public – 1. 24/7 ban; 2. No change – leave as is; or 3. Increase the restricted hours in all four directions. The Committee held a public forum to discuss whether or not to extend the time frame for restricted left turns at the Olentangy and Liberty Street intersection during the June meeting. Many people attended the forum and provided feedback. There was also feedback submitted via email in advance of the meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The Operations Committee recommends drafting an ordinance to modify the hours from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. every day. The ordinance will go before City Council at their first meeting in August. The Engineering Department will put together a signage plan.

III. NO PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS WINDOW CLING

Interim Chief of Police Stephen Hrytzik reviewed the proposed cling that residents would be able to place in their window.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee approved the sticker cling. The Police Department will move forward with ordering the window clings. They will be distributed through new resident packets and available to pick up in the Police Department Lobby.

IV. PROPOSED POWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SIGNAGE

Michael Mockler reviewed the proposed sign for the Greater Powell Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber would like to align itself more with the City.

ACTION ITEM: Michael Mockler will work with City staff on updating signage. Megan Canavan will continue to work on licensing, website and social media policies with the City's legal counsel.

V. COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOFTOP HVAC REPLACEMENT

City Manager Steve Lutz reviewed quotes to replace the HVAC system for the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee asked staff to explore warranty details and bring forward an appropriation to City Council.

VI. PROPOSED MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS

The draft ordinance presented to the Committee is similar to what was passed by the City of Westerville.

ACTION ITEM: Legal counsel will continue revising the ordinance with feedback from the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.