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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Oct. 15, 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 Representative Heather Gonzalez and Ryan Herchenroether; City Manager Steve Lutz, Chief of Police Stephen Hrytzik, Assistant Development Director Rocky Kambo, Communications Director Megan Canavan and Legal Counsel Gene Hollins; and other interested parties.

I. PROPOSED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS

The City of Powell held a public open house to discuss proposed massage establishment regulations during the Operations Committee meeting. The open house was an opportunity for massage businesses to learn more, provide feedback and ask questions regarding the proposed ordinance.

Chief Stephen Hrytzik, Legal Counsel Gene Hollins and Assistant Director of Development Rocky Kambo provided a presentation followed by questions and discussion. Some of the questions and comments include the following:

- If a massage therapist is already registered with the State of Ohio and regulated by the State Board, why do they have to go through this? It seems redundant.
- There were questions on exempt status and who is exempt from having to file with the City of Powell.
- How would the permit work for those that are non-licensed massage therapists?
- Concerns about the loopholes that exist for relaxation/aromatherapy massage establishments.
- Refer to the massage establishment as "massage businesses or establishments," not "massage parlors."

ACTION ITEM: The Committee would like to continue discussion during the Operations Committee meeting in November and review the feedback received.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.