



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Frank Bertone on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon C. Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Heather Karr, Brian Lorenz, Melissa Riggins, and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Eugene Hollins, Law Director; Dave Betz, Development Director; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Aaron Scott, Staff Engineer; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk; and interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bertone opened the citizen participation session for items not included on the agenda.

Brittany Zoecklein, Delaware General Health District: I had a few updates. ([Exhibit 1](#))

- We have an International Travel Clinic every Tuesday, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and it offers vaccines and other related services.
- We conducted a data survey of students. We had a high participation rate. The results will be revealed on March 30th, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
- The Ohio Department of Health is conducting an anti-vaping video contest. The top three scholarship winners will receive \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,000.
- DGHD and ODH are working closely on all issues Coronavirus. At present, there are 43 confirmed cases in the USA. None in Ohio. DGHD is fully prepared with a designated team of people on standby if needed. It is serious, but about as serious as the regular flu. Continue to wash hands and keep your hands away from your mouth.
- We also offer a sign up on our website for anyone interested in receiving the daily newsletters regarding any of the information we send out on a regular basis.

Mayor Bertone: What was the student age range for the data survey?

Ms. Zoecklein: It does not say, but I believe it was both middle and high school age.

Mayor Bertone: For those unavailable to attend, will you be making your findings available online?

Ms. Zoecklein: Yes. I will also address this matter when I am here next month.

Hearing nothing further, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

PRESENTATION: Olentangy Liberty Middle School, by Colleen Fitzgerald and Jason Conner, 6th grade IELA. Three groups presented ideas for Council's consideration for their Our Town project - a problem based learning exercise. The students were tasked with coming up with a proposal to improve the City of Powell. The proposals included a Rescue Festival for animals in need of adoption, an Ice Cream Festival called The Best Scoop as a competition between the local ice cream shops, and a Food Festival with proceeds to go to refugees in times of need.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2020

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020. Councilman Swartwout seconded the motion. Councilman Bennehoof abstained. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the

minutes were adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action Requested</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>RESOLUTION 2020-06:</u> A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO MORRIS STATION SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN O.R. 1695, PAGES 1746-1746A, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.	Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>RESOLUTION 2020-07:</u> A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SMITH FARM AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, PHASE A, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN O.R. 1644, PAGES 317-318, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.	Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>RESOLUTION 2020-08:</u> A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, PART B, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 4, SLIDE 60-60C, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.	Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>RESOLUTION 2020-09:</u> A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, PART A, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 4, SLIDE 55-55A, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.	Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>RESOLUTION 2020-10:</u> A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE STEITZ ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED ON JANUARY 14, 2019 ASSOCIATED WITH SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT.	Adoption

MOTION: Councilwoman Riggins moved to remove all the items off the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2020-06: A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO MORRIS STATION SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN O.R. 1695, PAGES 1746-1746A, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.

Aaron Scott, Staff Engineer: Morris Station is ready to go. They are missing a couple minor things in their connection to Adventure Park Drive – it does not quite meet our standards, so we have them currently working on a revision to get that resolved. In the meantime, we believe it is ready to go for building and we feel we can issue building permits.

Chris Huber, City Engineer: I am bringing you some handouts since our overhead is not working. The developers of Morris Station is Romanelli & Hughes. The streets are mostly in with a curbed gutter. They paved toward the end of the year. Like many developers, they have their streets done in late November so there were a few items on here that could not be done due to weather. On page 1, I highlighted some bike path along the railroad and across their frontage that they did not complete due to weather. They also had some streetlights that are going to go in at the intersections that they plan to do. One of the things we required on the Ordinance is that they do a two ½-year maintenance period instead of the two-year minimum. We did that to get the full cycle maintenance on the items that they have not performed yet, such as the bike path and the streetlights. They have a deadline of June 1 to get that in.

Councilman Bennehoof: Was weather the primary reason issue for the non-completion items?

Mr. Huber: Yes.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment

session.

Mayor Bertone: We spoke about this earlier in Development Committee. These are one of those conditional permit uses we had permitted for this effort to move forward. There are to-dos that need to be done. If they are not done by June 1, what happens?

Mr. Huber: No occupancy. They will want to get it done. Plus we have our performance and maintenance guarantee.

Mayor Bertone: Are their fees current from a development standard, building code, everything?

Mr. Huber: Yes.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Resolution 2020-06. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0 AB 1 (Swartwout)

RESOLUTION 2020-07: A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SMITH FARM AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, PHASE A, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN O.R. 1644, PAGES 317-318, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.

Mr. Huber: This is one of the last sections Pulte Home has completed. Again, this subdivision was paved in late November, so they barely got the roads in. Some of the items that they do not have complete because of weather is a bike path along Steitz Road – but it will need to be done by June 1. At the Hunter's Bend connection to the Township, they did not make that connection because they were constructing during school and it would have interrupted the bus routes where they turnaround in the Township. I think the developer proposed a great idea in doing it in the month of June after school is out. It is a little unusual, but I thought it was a great idea for the developer to hold off on that. Liberty Township Fire is on board and have no issue with the connection not being made at this point.

Councilman Bennehoof: This is an administrative question, Chris. You have taken these to the two ½-year period. I do not have the Codified Ordinances memorized. What is the outside limit? The standard is two years.

Mr. Huber: The standard is a minimum of two years. We went to 2 ½ years and the developers are onboard. I discussed it with Gene [Hollins, Law Director], and it was done to get a full two year maintenance period on the unperformed items, for example the bike path and streetlights.

Councilman Bennehoof: If it were the wishes of Staff or legal, what is the maximum you would consider going to for a maintenance period?

Mr. Huber: I like the 2 ½ years because if it goes too long it interferes with what the City likes to do with maintenance of their streets. A little longer is fine because the developer is still maintaining it and it is less cost to the City.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Resolution 2020-07. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, Resolution 2020-07 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-08: A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, PART B, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 4, SLIDE 60-60C, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.

Mr. Huber: Section B is the second phase on the west side of Steitz Road. There are a few unfinished items due to weather similar to those we have already discussed. The one unique thing on this section is there is a private

drive and it is not a public improvement. There are three lots that are fed off that private drive. We asked the developer to close that private drive until the guardrail is put in along that private drive. There is steep drop offs where the sanitary pump station is. Until that guardrail is put in, which I estimate to be 6 to 8 weeks, no building permits for three lots are allowed until that is safe for our builders and inspectors.

Councilman Swartwout: Is this the section where houses have already been constructed?

Mr. Huber: That would be Section A.

Councilman Bennehoof: In the title it reads Section 1, but the Whereas clause states it is Section 2.

Mr. Huber: That needs to be changed. It is Section 1.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to amend Resolution 2020-08 by striking the number "2" in the Whereas clause and inserting the number "1" in its place. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, Resolution 2020-08 was amended.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, Resolution 2020-08 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-09: A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, PART A, AS THE SAME IS DELINEATED UPON THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 4, SLIDE 55-55A, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS.

Mr. Huber: This was the first phase that Pulte built in which they initially built a model on. These were paved last spring. There is no major items incomplete due to weather. There is a very short section of path that needs to connect into Wolfpath Drive. That will be done in the spring.

Councilman Swartwout: Is this the one where the houses have already been constructed?

Mr. Huber: This is where two or three houses, in addition to what was approved by Council, went in.

Councilman Swartwout: Can you tell us what lots those are?

Mr. Huber: I cannot off hand, but I can get you that information. I know they are all on the same street.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

[Mr. Thompson said something from the audience, but it is in audible]

Mayor Bertone: I think the question I have is what we approved in 2018. We had approved a conditional use for the model home in [Ordinance] 2018-19, and then we had four additional items approved in [Ordinance] 2018-55. How did we get to the three additional homes? There are two that are already built and one that is under construction. Was that process break down in our shop or what happened?

Mr. Huber: Yes, that was process break down in house. We did catch that last week and brought it to Pulte's attention.

Mayor Bertone: Mr. Thompson, if you knew there was five built, then how did we get to the three additional permits?

Jeff Thompson, Pulte Homes, 3749 CR 114: I believe that Pulte's Permitting Department had reached out to Powell when they permitted for the additional three because there was four allowed, but I think it was a complete breakdown in our departments. We have had three people leave within that time and I do not think it was

communicated that until a few of the other public improvements were done that no more permits would be handed out. I think it was a complete slip up. I do not think it was anyone's intentions to pull a quick one.

Councilman Lorenz: The additional homes that were not approved by Council. What are we doing on those? Have you stopped work on those?

Mr. Thompson: I am not on the housing side. I do not think we have stopped construction. There is still probably 2-2 ½ months from even being close to closing. There is one that closes at the end of the month. I do not believe the others are to be closed until the end of May or first of June.

Councilman Swartwout: Didn't we hear during our Development meeting that construction had stopped? I believe that is what we were told during that meeting.

Dave Betz, Development Director: [inaudible because he spoke from the back of the room].

Mayor Bertone: From a fees point of view and the inspections that have been going on, are we current on the fees?

Mr. Huber: From the engineering side, yes.

Mayor Bertone: What about development and building? Are those current?

Mr. Huber: I am not able to speak about the building department.

Mr. Thompson: Everything we have with permitting is current.

Mayor Bertone: What is going to happen tonight or two weeks from now? We will need a better answer as to whether or not you are continuing construction. At this point, until we get an answer to that, I am not going to advocate yea or nay and suggest we postpone it to a date certain.

Council members Lorenz and Swartwout concurred.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to table Resolution 2020-09 to a date certain of March 18, 2020. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, Resolution 2020-09 was tabled to a date certain of March 18, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2020-10: A RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT AND BEGIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE STEITZ ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED ON JANUARY 14, 2019 ASSOCIATED WITH SHELLY'S RETREAT AT CARPENTERS MILL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Huber: This is the conditional acceptance of Steitz Road improvements associated with the Pulte development. They have repaved that roadway, adding left turn lanes on each side of the development last November. There are no weather-related unfinished items so we left it on our regular two year maintenance period.

Councilman Lorenz: It looks great. I can't remember, is the bike path in there?

Mr. Huber: The bike path is actually associated with the phase on the east side so it gets constructed with that.

Councilman Swartwout: Gene, is this Resolution independent of the last Resolution or should we table this one as well?

Gene Hollins, Law Director: I believe these two [Resolutions] are independent [of each other]. It is completely within your discretion.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10. Councilman Lorenz seconded the

motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, Resolution 2020-10 was adopted.

SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2020-03: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020. (EX. A)

Steve Lutz, City Manager: This is the second reading of a proposed \$6,700 appropriation for detour signage for closing Olentangy Street for community events. At the last Council meeting, there was disappointment that this had gone to two committees and that was a result of miscommunications among Staff. The Operations Committee discussed this matter and Operations was okay with the Olentangy Street closure for the Chamber's markets in the fall and spring; however, their direction was that the signage required for that would be funded by the Chamber or whoever was involved with the event. When it was at Operations, there was no signage plan at that time. The signage plan had been put together with a cost estimate at \$6,700, which went to Finance Committee for discussion.

The policy issue tonight is if the City wants to appropriate the funds and purchase the signs. The CIC has committed \$3,000 towards that. Or would Council prefer that if a street closure were to be made, that it require Council approval and for the organization to be responsible for the signage.

Councilman Lorenz: Operations met in November and did have that discussion. We only authorized closure in May. That is all we talked about. We did not talk about a fall one. I am sure that would be okay. We did advise Staff to put together a cost analysis on what signage might cost, but we did inform the Chamber, or any group that might be interested, that we were not going to support or recommend paying for signage for street closures.

In my opinion, I do not think we should be acting on this tonight. If you recall two weeks ago, I asked for a process of how we are going to recoup these fees - whether or not we amend the fee schedule or we add a component or separate ordinance or rental fees for these signs. As a fiscal conservative, I cannot support spending taxpayer dollars on signs or other ancillary items when we are in a financial hardship. We do not have a plan for getting our money back. I know it is not a lot of money, but it is the principle of taking taxpayer dollars, using them, and not having a plan to recoup it. It does not sit well with me. As I said, Operations did discuss this in November and was very clear. We have another communication breakdown and it puts us in an awkward position because we have different committees sending different messages.

Councilman Counts: It was discussed at Finance Committee. Dan, the new chair of the Operations Committee, was there along with Frank and we did discuss it with three Council members. One of the things that came out of the meeting was that this temporary signage was going to be potentially used for much broader purposes than simply the closure for this one event. There are many opportunities for the need for the City to have signage for temporary closings and directional signs around these temporary closings. I think it is a very good use of spending money. It is only \$3,000, more or less. We have half of it covered by the CIC, so I think it is an appropriate use of the money.

Councilman Lorenz: The CIC's budget is funded by City Council, so it is all is taxpayer money any way you slice it.

Councilman Counts: Everything we have is taxpayer dollars and we have to be judicious about that. We also have to do things for the betterment of the community.

Councilman Lorenz: That is right and not having a backup plan for how we are going to recoup fees is not being judicious in my opinion.

Councilman Bennehoof: When is the next closure expected?

Megan Canavan, Communications Director: May 3.

Councilman Bennehoof: What kind of signage are we looking at and what is the turnaround time for that signage?

Mr. Scott: The last time we ordered signs, the signs themselves came in pretty quickly. However, Public Service has moved on to a powered-coated post for uniformity within the City. Those posts are a little farther out and we do not have a time frame on that. Generally, I anticipate we would get everything in within a month and a half. Another week or two to install and set up.

Councilman Bennehoof: I would be in agreement that when there is an event that is going to be to the benefit of a set of parties, including the City, that perhaps there is a fee that could be levied that would contribute toward the sign management, sign generation, etc. I would be in agreement to tabling this but it does not sound like there is a whole lot of time if there is a May event.

Councilman Swartwout: You mentioned the time it would take to include installation. These are permanently installed but they are temporary signs?

Mr. Scott: The way Public Service has been installing signposts has been an anchor that stays in the ground. They have them sticking out of the ground about 3-4 inches. For this installation, the anchors would stay in the ground but potentially not have a signpost in them when the detour is not active. When the detour is being utilized, it is faster to then go around and stick the sign in the anchors as opposed to using a u-channel post and driving them in the ground every time we do a detour like this. Those permanent anchors posed a minor issue with Delaware County with their right-of-way in that they did not want something like that in their right-of-way that they were not in control of or had to worry about mowing around. For signs outside of City limits, we moved to the temporary master supports that you typically see with construction signage. Once the signs come in, there would be an installation period for where those anchors are set and they would just stay. Those would have sign posts installed on them when the detour goes up and the temporary sign supports would go in at that time as well. After the event was over, they would need to be removed.

Councilman Swartwout: One of the things we talked about during the Finance Committee meeting about this was the versatility and multi-use nature of these signs potentially, especially in conjunction with our DORA. The DORA can take so many shapes – big or small within the DORA area – I'm not certain that these permanent anchors were really in line with what we talked about because these uses would be so much more than just for the May closure.

Mr. Scott: The detour proposed here is a one-stop shop for a detour closure of S.R. 750. The physical signs themselves can be used for other detours. The posts too, but we would have to organize the anchors that would be used or revert back to u-channels for different closures beyond this detour.

Councilman Swartwout: What is the additional cost of these anchors versus the u-channel posts?

Mr. Scott: If we didn't use anchors on this, the options are we move to u-channel posts which, while much cheaper, we looked at it as an undue burden on Staff; to set up and tear down each time which requires marking all of the locations each time for OUPS; getting time to have OUPS to come out and mark everything; go back through and drive them again; and come back after the event to pull them. The cost associated and the time to be dedicated by the seven Public Service staff was not something that the Assistant Public Service Director was ready to support. We felt this was the next best option.

Councilman Swartwout: So using that logic, it would take the same amount of time and burden if we were to use these signs in a temporary nature for a DORA area that is not a permanent area?

Mr. Scott: Potentially, yes. The logic is sound depending on the size of the DORA closure and what was getting closed. The issue with S.R. 750 specifically is we are hesitant to detour S.R. 750. We specifically would take this one, Liberty, Seldom Seen back to Sawmill. If we closed down a local street for a DORA then the detour could potentially become much shorter. It varies widely. There would be cost associated with some other closure as far as obtaining u-posts and going through the process of installing them. But you are correct.

Mayor Bertone opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-03. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 4 N 3 (Lorenz, Riggins, Swartwout)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: *Next Meeting: March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m. We met tonight and discussed a number of issues revolving around some of the consent agenda items. We also talked about parking chargers and a*

relocation from a retailer to Murphy Park and gave a thumbs up to Staff to move forward on that. We had a brief discussion about Air B&Bs. You received an email from a property owner, and Staff is working on that.

Finance Committee: *Next Meeting: March 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. We met last week to discuss various appropriation items, which you will hear more about later on.*

Operations Committee: *Next Meeting: March 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m.*

Planning & Zoning Commission: *Next Meeting: March 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.*

Powell CIC: *Next Meeting: TBD*

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY CALENDAR

The City has received a TREX permit request. In our downtown area, we have no available liquor licenses for establishments. There is a new Italian restaurant going in on the southwest corner of Armita Plaza and they will be TREXing a liquor permit in. Under state law, it allows an establishment to purchase an unused liquor permit from somewhere else. This restaurant is scheduled to open this summer and this will allow them to be able to serve alcohol.

The Sawmill Parkway mill & overlay bid opening is scheduled for March 24. Just as a reminder, that is about a \$1.5 million dollar project where we are receiving about \$1.1 million dollars in grant funding to allow us to do that.

In about two weeks, we will have a pre-bid meeting for the Seldom Seen Road/North Liberty Street project, which will involve adding a turn lane and a traffic signal.

The Ohio Ethics Commission requires your financial disclosure statement by May 15.

Finally, our next Council meeting will be held on March 18 because of the primary.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilman Counts: I wanted to comment on the Consent Agenda issue. It is high time we look at this. The Consent Agenda is there for a specific purpose. To some extent that was born out tonight in the sense that one of these Resolutions had things that required further discussion. The other three however did not have anything that I heard tonight that could not have been discussed by questioning of Staff before the meeting or in a written report by the Staff to Council. Three of these things, while a Council member can remove them from the Consent Agenda, did not deserve to be taken off the Consent Agenda, nor did I hear any questions by the person that had taken this off the Consent Agenda. I think as a policy matter Council needs to consider what the Consent Agenda is really truly there for and whether we even need it at this point.

Councilman Swartwout: I wanted to mention that the Liberty Township Trustees sent us a letter earlier this year about a potential meeting. It might be a good idea to respond with a potential meeting date. I think that maybe May would be a good month for that. Are there any other thoughts on that?

Mayor Bertone: I think May is fine. I think what we have been prepping for is a transition of our City management as well as well as our strategy session, which is key for us to having a good framework as to what we want to do.

Councilman Bennehoof: I think it would be helpful if the new City Manager had his feet on the ground first. But I do think we should move forward with meeting with the Township. I am eager to get that relationship understood.

Brittany, with the overreaction to Corvid-19 and as an older person, I need to be sure that I am washing my hands and not touching, eyes, ears, nose and mouth. To that end, I think that we should take an action item in the City to have antiseptic cleansers more prominently placed and encourage the community to be more conscious of it.

[Ms. Zoecklein responded from the audience but it was inaudible]

Councilwoman Riggins: I would like to respond to Mr. Count's pointed comments toward me. I have repeatedly said and asked for the items to be removed off the Consent Agenda. Just because an item can be on the Consent Agenda does not mean that it should be on the Consent Agenda. If an item is important enough for us to vote on it, it is important enough for information to be provided to us before we vote on it. I have asked for a written report to be incorporated into our packets that addresses what is in the proposed items on the Consent Agenda. I would be fine with that. That would give us some information like everything we vote on where we get some information about it. For those items tonight proposed for the Consent Agenda, nothing was included in our packet addressing what was in the proposed Resolutions. We have an obligation to know what we are voting on and I believe we are entitled to have information provided to us before we make that vote on behalf of the

residents of Powell.

Councilman Bennehoof: Not to belabor the point, but we do have an item in here that talks about what qualifies as a Consent Agenda item. It is something that is a Staff-authorized administrative type action. I would encourage the reading of Section 5.04 and the Ordinance. I trust Staff to do their job.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Councilman Swartwout seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: April 7, 2020

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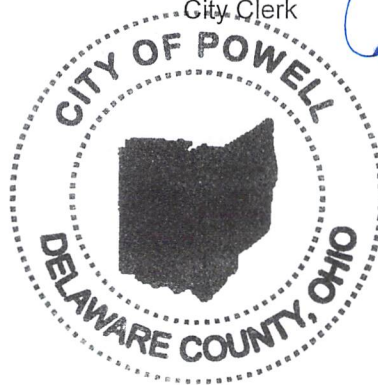
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Date

 4/22/2020

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