



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Jon Bennehoof called the October 17, 2023, Operations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members in attendance included: Seth Camick, Citizen Representative, Christina Drummond, Council Representative, Jon Bennehoof, Council Representative, and Ferzan Ahmed, Council Representative. Ferzan Ahmed entered the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Staff present for the meeting included: Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager; Rosa Ocheltree, Finance Manager; Andrew White, City Manager.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Operations Committee Meeting Minutes held on September 19, 2023.

MOTION: Seth Camick moved to approve the Operations Committee Meeting Minutes held on September 19, 2023. Christina Drummond seconded. Motion approved.

VOTE: Y-3 N-0 AB-0

3. TODAY'S BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Public Art by Michael Tizzano, Tizzano Sculpture LLC

PRESENTOR:
Michael Tizzano
769 Summertree Ln
Westerville, Ohio

City Manager White introduced Michael Tizzano and discussed there have been previous conversations about the benefits of public art. Mr. Tizzano contacted the City to have further discussion on the concept of public art. He discussed this is an information stage of the process and not a policy decision at this time. Mr. Tizzano provided a presentation to the Committee. He discussed that he was a retired teacher with 23 years at Westerville Middle School. He provides an educational program that can be geared for entire Powell Community as he does public sculpting and offers programs on sculpting to schools and community groups.

Councilmember Drummond provided some points of discussion regarding how the City of Powell can financially support public art and may need this to be part of the next budget cycle. She also discussed the opportunity to engage the City through the Parks and Recreation Program to have an adult or kids' classes. She discussed the number of

public events and have previously had an ice sculptor that has attended the event and possibly having him be part of one of the city events. She noted that there will be a policy discussion needed on how the City commissions public art, location, and getting public input.

Seth Camick agreed with the idea to include public art into a City event. He questioned if there was a particular project that Mr. Tizzano had for the City of Powell and the cost. Mr. Tizzano discussed that he had multiple ideas for the community and usually relate around children. He discussed an idea that could be used at Adventure Park. The cost for Mr. Tizzano has varied from \$60,000 to more. Mr. Camick also recommended looking at if there are other artists that are residents of the City of Powell. City Manager White reiterated that this presentation just to start the conversation on having public art in the City.

Councilmember Ferzan Ahmed entered the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Councilmember Drummond noted that the City is working on a Master Parks Plan and will be assessing all the park assets and the discussion of public art can be part of the discussion.

b. Refuse and Recycling Contract

City Manager White discussed that the current contract is set to expire in December, 2024 and that there have not been many changes to the service contract over the years. He discussed looking at different opportunities relative to different partnership opportunities, leaf pick-up and recycling opportunities. He discussed looking at SWACO and working with other townships. He discussed that he will be working with staff to provide some different concepts and present back.

c. Leaf Pickup for City Residents

City Manager White discussed that leaf pick up could be included through the service refuse contract and there is also the option to provide a more direct benefit to the communities by having a service with a crew and vacuum truck. He discussed that included in a service refuse contract would be more related to bagging leaves compared to a higher quality service to have the leaves placed on the curb line. He recommended having staff look at dual options and that Council will need to consider additional expenditures for personnel and equipment needs for different options.

Councilmember Drummond discussed if the City can look at joining into the surrounding areas refuse contracts to increase purchasing power. She noted that yard waste will be needed for residents, regardless of the decision relating to leaves. She also discussed how certain communities in the City made arrangements that homeowners can opt in for additional services, such as composting. She also noted that there will need to be discussion on the impact to staffing. She discussed the benefits for leaf pick up for cleaner street and less drainage issues. City Manager discussed that the current price is market competitive, but he can see the benefit to partner with contiguous parcels, but also discussed that there are some issues due to areas of less populated township land.

Councilmember Ahmed questioned if the trucks would need to be modified for leaf collection. Public Service Director Grant Crawford provided information on the different

truck options for leaf collection. There are benefits and negatives to each program, such as a modified salt truck can be more cost effective, but have a low volume of collection. Grant Crawford explained that other Cities own their own truck equipment.

Councilmember Drummond followed up on the discussion on the type of equipment relies on the volume of leaves that are needed to be collected and questioned if there was a tree inventory to estimate the volume of collection needed. Grant Crawford explained that there is not a formal tree inventory list, but would rely on staff and experience to determine how many leaves will be collected and the best way to structure the program. He also discussed that the first year may have the lowest collection, as it will be a new program. He also discussed the option to have a paid system and will need to look at the different structure.

d. Fall Festival

Finance Director Ocheltree provided information on the October 28 event. There will be three bands to perform throughout the event. This event is free to the public, with a suggested food donation for PIN. Information was provided on the kid zone and that there are nine activities. There is a \$10 wrist band cost to help recover the cost. There are also two beer tents, multiple food trucks and vendors. This is the first Fall Festival, so staff is unsure of the attendance. There will be no road closures and the shuttle will start at 3:30 p.m.

Councilmember Drummond discussed the need to be mindful of how using public resources. She questioned if there is a way to get data on foot traffic to provide comparison on other events. Finance Director Ocheltree discussed that Marquee Entertainment will be managing the event, and only some staff will be needed for setup and tear down. They will also be working the beer tents. Councilmember Drummond questioned the economic impact for the events and have this as a future discussion at the Business Roundtable event. Finance Director Ocheltree discussed reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce for an email list to request feedback. She recommended that special events be a topic of discussion at the next Operations Committee meeting. Councilmember Drummond requested more communication of the shuttle service. She also discussed the need for more conversation relating to financial support for volunteers.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

a. Electric Aggregation

City Manager White wanted to introduce the concept of electric aggregation. He discussed the opt-in program that would require Council legislation, however this option makes it difficult to understand the market impact as you get better pricing with higher participation. The opt-out program requires a placement on the ballot and citizens are enrolled unless they choose to opt-out. He discussed the opt-out program is more widely used and if this route is decided he would recommend utilizing a consulting service to assist with the legislation process. Chairman Bennehoof discussed the need to have education on the opt-out program. Councilmember Drummond encouraged staff to look at solar power and how that would be included in electric aggregation.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Seth Camick moved to adjourn the Operations Committee Meeting Minutes. Ferzan Ahmed seconded. Motion approved. The Operations Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

VOTE: Y-4 N-0 AB-0

	
Jon C. Bennehoof	Elaine McCloskey
Chairperson	Clerk
	
Date	Date