

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

June 10, 2024

The June 10, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Tom Karcher, Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Tom Karcher, Marc Mays, Scott Moore, Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 13, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

At this time Mayor McColly swore in Mr. Zach Morral as a newly appointed member of the Downtown Committee.

Downtown Committee members reviewed a revised draft of the mission statement as prepared by Mr. Treadway.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the mission statement of the Downtown Committee as follows:

The Mission of the Downtown Committee

The Downtown Committee will evaluate and recommend initiatives, themes, and activities in an effort to foster a vibrant downtown that enhances the experience of our residents and visitors while promoting our local economy.

Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Downtown Committee members also reviewed revised copies of Exhibit B for the Mobile Food Vendor (Food Truck) Ordinance including a 13th (thirteenth) location partially in front of the Wyandot County Council on Aging building located at 127 South Sandusky Avenue and partially in front of the Wyandot County Courthouse parking lot located to the north and adjacent to the Wyandot County Council on Aging building. One of the revised copies of Exhibit B presented included possible locations for vendors who obtain a waiver of Section 727.03(a) to allow food trucks to be located within one hundred (100) feet of a brick-and-mortar restaurant provided the restaurant owner agrees, which has also been recommended as part of the changes to the Food Truck legislation. Downtown Committee members voiced their preference of not designating the waiver locations and instead address these requests on a case-by-case basis.

A motion was made Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Mays, to recommend to City Council to approve the addition of another location for a food truck to be located partially in front of the Wyandot County Council on Aging building located at 127 South Sandusky Avenue and partially in front of the Wyandot County Courthouse parking lot located to the north and adjacent to the Wyandot County Council on Aging building. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly inquired as to when cones should be set up in the downtown parking spaces for food trucks, the night before or hours before an event? Downtown Committee members indicated that they prefer the cones be placed on the sidewalk/curb in front of the parking spaces to be reserved with a sign indicating “no parking” and the hours the no parking is to be effective and these cones be moved into the parking spaces just prior to the beginning of an event.

Mr. Treadway indicated that there are not enough trash cans in the downtown area for the 1st Thursday events. This issue will be discussed with Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director.

Mr. Karcher indicated that representatives from Wyandot Memorial Hospital will be attending an upcoming Downtown Committee meeting to discuss a 5K in the downtown area to take place in late summer or early fall and they will present information including date, path, etc.

It was noted that the wayfinding sign has been placed at the southwest corner of the intersection of Wyandot Avenue and Sandusky Avenue.

Mayor McColly inquired as to what is too far of a distance for a business to be placed on a wayfinding sign? Mayor McColly also indicated that he selected the location for the new wayfinding sign and additional wayfinding signs can be placed in other locations.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson