

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

October 15, 2024

The October 15, 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, Scott Moore, Nichole Morris, and Graham Treadway. Marc Mays, Zach Morral, and Kate Niederkohr were absent.

Others present included: Angela Polachek, Administrative Assistant; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the September 9, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Karcher reported that Mr. Mays has obtained an initial quote of \$90,000.00 for a speaker system in the downtown. Mr. Karcher indicated that some organizations and businesses have expressed interest in assisting with this project to Mayor McColly, and the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce will also be working on this project.

Mr. Karcher also reported that Mr. Morral is working on a layout, seating, pricing, etc. for tables and chairs and lighting in the east/west alley in the 100 block of North Sandusky Avenue located along the west side, from North Sandusky Avenue west to the adjoining north/south alley which has been approved for closure by City Council. Mr. Karcher noted that he has received a recommendation from Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, for barricade posts that will lay down flat if needed, with one barricade to be placed at each end of the closed alley. Mr. Karcher also noted that Mr. Morral has suggested that chains be placed at each end of the alley initially for more visibility.

The replacement of the worn Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) street signs in the downtown area was again discussed. It was noted that Mr. Mays continues to work on this project. Mr. Treadway shared pictures of signs from another community's downtown.

Downtown Committee members reviewed drafts of Mobile Food Vendor License Application and Mobile Food Vendor License to be displayed by the food vendor when operating within the City, as drafted by Ms. Angela Polachek, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Karcher inquired as to whether a one (1) year license is valid for the calendar year only or one (1) year from the date it was issued. Ms. Polachek stated that the license is valid for one (1) year from the date of issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Treadway, to approve the drafts of Mobile Food Vendor License Application and Mobile Food Vendor License. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

It was noted that due to the Veterans Day holiday on Monday, November 11, 2024, the next Downtown Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Mr. Moore reported that the Chocolate Walk in the downtown will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with twenty (20) businesses participating.

Mr. Karcher stated that the Safety Committee is currently working on setting established safety protocols for parades within the City.

Mr. Karcher again noted that Wyandot Memorial Hospital's plans for a 5K that was being considered for late summer or early fall this year is now being planned for the fall of 2025.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson