

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

November 12, 2024

The November 12, 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, and Zach Morral. Nichole Morris, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway were absent.

Others present included: Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 15, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Mays presented a quote of \$185,786.52 from Technomad for a wireless speaker system for the downtown. Mr. Mays indicated that Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, is interested in working with the Downtown Committee on this project. Mr. Mays noted that a cheaper option would be to install wired speakers and he has discussed with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, lifting the bricks located along the edge of the sidewalks in the downtown as there is conduit beneath the bricks and running wires under these bricks and up the poles to the speakers. Mr. Karcher corrected the report he presented at the October 15, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting indicating that Mr. Mays had obtained an initial quote of \$90,000.00 for a speaker system in the downtown.

Mr. Mays reported that Mr. Brad Taylor also ordered new street signs for the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue and Johnson Street and Mr. Taylor has indicated that he will continue to replace the street signs in the downtown under the City's sign budget.

Mr. Morral presented information for the purchase of orange and black metal tables for placement in the east/west alley to be closed located on the west side in the 100 block of North Sandusky Avenue, from North Sandusky Avenue west to the adjoining north/south alley at a cost of \$6,705.00. Mr. Morral noted that the Wyandot County Young Professionals are interested in helping with the purchase of these tables. Mr. Morral also obtained information for the purchase of Edison lights for the alley with two (2) light strings being one hundred twenty feet (120') in length each at an approximate total cost of \$80.00. Mr. Morral indicated that the lights will need to be mounted on the bricks of the adjacent buildings and Mr. Mike Hill, 120 North Sandusky Avenue, will agree to these lights being mounted to the bricks of his building provided Harris Electric performs the work and Mr. Hill is willing to provide the electricity for the lights. Mr. Morral will contact Rall Supply for a possible donation towards this project. The purchase of paint for the wall and a mural on the building owned by Mr. Kip Wentling, 116 North Sandusky Avenue, was discussed. Mr. Moore indicated that he is willing to present a quote for the paint to the Rotary Club tomorrow for a possible donation. Mr. Morral will obtain the quote requested by Mr. Moore. Mr. Karcher presented information provided by Mayor McColly that two (2) forty-two inch (42") fold down safety barricades have been ordered for placement at each end of the alley along with an installation kit at a total cost of \$376.48. The placement of additional temporary barricades was discussed to make the alley closure more visible to motorists. The possibility of having Mr. Brad Taylor paint on the roadway on North Sandusky Avenue at the current alley entrance/exit in the spring of 2025 was suggested.

Mr. Mays stated that he continues to try to incorporate the Upper Sandusky Schools orange and black colors into the downtown area. The possibility of hanging orange and black flags on every third post in the downtown along with American Flags and possibly Ohio Flags was discussed.

Downtown Committee members agreed to cancel the December 2024 meeting. The next Downtown Committee meeting will be held on January 13, 2025.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson