

SPECIAL FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MAY 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Nelson Evans, Jim Matuszak and Tim McCarthy. Also present were Finance Director Dave Creps and Law Director Karlene Henderson.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed legislation regarding mobile food vehicles. Mr. Matuszak stated that he had a couple of additions to the ordinance as written. The first addition was to include a definition of Tax Administrator. The Tax Administrator is defined as Tax Commissioner. The second addition is to create 813.04 (e) which would require Food Truck Operators to withhold city tax from employees working in Perrysburg beginning on the first day they are operating in the city.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the \$250 permit fee is per vehicle. Mr. Matuszak said that is what is proposed in 813.05(d). Mr. Evans questioned whether businesses that are located within the City should have to pay that fee. Mr. McCarthy said that he had not thought of that, but he does not feel they should have to pay it. Mr. Matuszak said that he did not view the permit fee as a replacement for property taxes but more as a set-up fee. He suggested that perhaps businesses with a location in the city pay a reduced fee. The Committee agreed on a reduced fee of \$100 for businesses that have a physical location within the city. The Committee discussed the twenty day rule that was part of House Bill 5. Mr. Matuszak noted that the withholding requirement would not affect too many food trucks because most of them do not have employees.

Jim Hagen, Avenue Road, asked how this legislation would impact the current food vendors at the Farmers' Market. Mr. Matuszak read 813.01(c) defining mobile food vehicles. Mr. Matuszak said there is no language in the ordinance that addresses where they can or can't be. Mr. Hagen suggested that the Administration be given authority to tell them where they can't go. Becky Williams said that she views this ordinance as the beginning stage for this and she pointed out that in the ordinance, the fourth Whereas clause says it only applies to the right of way. Ms. Williams asked if per 813.04, what is expected of the Fire Division and Health Department is spelled out somewhere. There was further discussion about the permit fee and Mr. Evans said it can be adjusted later.

Phil Barone of the Toledo Association of Food Trucks and Rosie's Restaurant, said that the \$250 seems high. He explained the regulations from the City of Toledo and said that their fee is \$50. Mr. Barone said that the food truck operators are paying \$25 each time they come to the Farmers' Market and he requested that the \$250 fee be lowered.

Joanne Arndt, 425 Arrowhead, asked if this ordinance would apply to Grumpy's, a food truck that sets up in the parking lot at Kzmaier's. Mr. Matuszak said if the ordinance passes it would apply anywhere in Perrysburg.

The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance regarding mobile food vendors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
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