

SAFETY COMMITTEE

MARCH 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Kate Sandretto, Law Director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, has a minor concern regarding the Boundary Streets in Perrysburg and people not following the speed limits. He isn't sure if there is a lack of enforcement or if people are just becoming more impatient when driving. Ms. Kabat stated that the Police Department cannot enforce anything unless an Officer witnesses it personally. Ms. Sandretto added that the only exemption would be school bus drivers, who can report when someone violates.

Mr. VanHoozen agreed with Mr. Hagen and that there is an aggression in drivers that they have not seen like this before. Ms. Kabat and Ms. Sandretto will speak with the Police Chief and report back on the matter. Ms. Kabat added that unfortunately the goal is voluntary compliance, which does not always happen. Mr. Weber noted that he has witnessed Mr. Freeze patrons ignoring the new traffic pattern that is supposed to be right-in, right-out only.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

DORA

Ms. Kabat stated that tomorrow they will be submitting to City Council the formal application request from Levis Commons. The application is very similar to the first application that was brought to City Council by Levis Commons several years ago. Ms. Kabat added that the second application coming to City Council tomorrow, through the Mayor, is to expand the existing downtown Perrysburg DORA's footprint. So far there has been no negative feedback from the School property, Perry's Landing, or Way Public Library.

City Council must approve a schedule in which to advertise the public notifications, as well as set a Public Hearing date. Ms. Kabat would like to see the two applications move along in tandem. She recommended that this could be sent to any of the Committees in April and that it would not disrupt the timeline. Mr. VanHoozen thanked the Administration for helping the Downtown Perrysburg DORA develop their plan. He is ready for this to move right to City Council to be reviewed. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council.

ONE OHIO

Ms. Sandretto explained that One Ohio MOU regarding settlements for opioid lawsuits in the state of Ohio. She also made mention of the fact that Council looked at this in 2020 and that it did not pass. Ms. Sandretto believes that it did not pass at the time because Council members felt like they were being rushed to vote for the Resolution. The third piece of Legislation will also go

to the Finance Committee. Mr. VanHoozen and Ms. Materni stated that they no longer have the same concerns that they did before regarding this. Mr. VanHoozen wanted to know how much money we gave up not passing this the first time and Ms. Sandretto answered that we have not given up any money yet. The two Resolutions were approved 3-0 to send onto City Council. The Ordinance was approved 3-0 to move onto Finance Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber stated that a concerned citizen approached him and she wanted to know why a fulltime Police Officer is at the Security post in the Municipal Building. Ms. Sandretto stated that security matters are protected and not public record. Ms. Kabat explained that the Security post is not a fulltime assignment for anyone and is rotated in four hour increments. The person there would still have to be OPOTA certified and has to have the ability to act as a Law Enforcement Officer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.