

Safety Services Committee Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

Called to Order: 9:00am by Chairperson Ms. Russell

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Sandy Russell, Council Member Amy Brewer, Council Member Absent: Mr. Brady, Council Member Ms. Brewer Made a motion to excuse Mr. Brady. Seconded by Ms. Russell. All yes

Staff: Michael Doss, City Manager; Mark Baird, Fire Chief; Jamey Mills, Police Chief, Sean Mahan, Assistant Police Chief, Pat Wirthlin, Finance Director; Lori Pegg, Community Services Manager Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant Visitors: none

Proceedings: Approval of the March 7, 2019 Safety Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Ms. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Brewer. All yes

City of Milford/Milford Community Fire Department Levy

Mr. Doss presented information for the committee to consider regarding a Fire/EMS levy on the November ballot. Mr. Doss indicated that there have been two City Council Work Sessions with the Milford Community Fire Department to discuss future financing and building improvements to the Fire/EMS service. The MCFD Board is recommending a 12.5 mil renewal and an additional 4.5 mil for the various items Chief Baird presented the two previously referenced work sessions. If the committee accepts the MCFD Board's recommendation, the first part of the November ballot process will be an Ordinance of Necessity. Once the Ordinance of Necessity is approved, the Clermont County Auditor will provide the City with valuations related to annual revenue generated from the proposed levy. After the City receives information from the Clermont County Auditor then the next step is for Council to approve an Ordinance placing the proposed levy on the November ballot. Ms. Brewer, in summary, asked Chief Baird if he is confident this levy will address the Fire Department's future needs five years down the road if the Milford community were to expand due to SEM, Milford South or the presence of FC Cincinnati. Chief Baird said that to the best of his knowledge the levy would provide enough revenue to meet the growing needs of the community. Ms. Wirthlin reminded the Committee and Chief Baird that the use of public funds for any construction improvements to the existing Firestation should be competitively bid.

The Committee Agreed to Make A Motion Authorizing the Law Director to Prepare an Ordinance Declaring A Necessity for An Election for A 12.5 Mill Tax Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services and For an Additional 4.5 Tax Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Five Years for The City of Milford, Ohio Ms. Russell seconded the motion. All voted yes

Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

Mr. Doss brought this information to the committee's attention due to several municipalities in the area, most recently the City of Loveland, who has been working on designating an Outdoor Refreshment Area. Currently, Loveland, Hamilton, Cincinnati, Lancaster, Toledo and Blue Ash

(recently applied for) have a DORA. We have been approached in the past by businesses and we are getting into the spring and summer months. Many of the businesses downtown would like to have outdoor entertainment, beverages and different functions. This is an opportunity to use legislature that recently passed for the city to create this DORA. The city could then utilize whenever we have applications or anyone wanting to do business wanting to have entertainment with refreshment area as part of their business. Then followed a discussion once we get into the areas of the golf carts, the Gubers, we have to make clear that you can take a traveler but once you get into that golf cart you must realize that it is considered a motorized vehicle. Ms. Pegg presented two maps outlining the area that would be considered for the DORA and the process for the application.

All Additional Matters to come before the committee

Chief Mills informed the committee that they will have their first new branding done on cruisers this Friday.

Ms. Brewer made a motion to adjourn at 9:31am Seconded by Ms. Russell. All voted yes

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant

"These minutes have been approved and adopted by Ms. Russell and Ms. Brewer via email this 15(A.B),16(S.R.) day of May, 2019."