

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2012

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Cornelius McGrady III, Scott A. Barrett.

Other members of Council present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Leslie Kelly, Council President Doug Joseph.

Mr. Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held October 15, 2012 were approved without objection.

Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - New - Raphaels Soul Food Café, LLC, 1780 Brice Rd, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068- - -Chief of Police O'Neill said, "This was assigned to Officer Love; upon completion of his investigation, he sent forward a recommendation that we do not contest this application for permit."

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Chief. This is an issue I lost before, a couple years ago. I don't think this is a proper place at the present time for a liquor establishment. It sits back off the street, behind the carryout, next to an apartment complex, which has not been the safest complex in the world since it's been there. We have a carryout across the street; we have a carryout on the two corners at Brice and Livingston; we have a carryout up Livingston; we have a bar right there on Livingston; we have a Columbus section that has nothing but problems with their liquor establishments on the section they have on Brice at Livingston. I know that it meets the proper zoning, and as the Chief had said, there's nothing they'd been able to come up with any reason to not approve the liquor permit, although I know how the liquor permits are handled, and we have snowballs chance in hell of ever keeping it from being there, but I think we still should try to keep these kind of things out of Reynoldsburg. We're getting ready to improve Brice Road and we've already added a check title place for automobiles on the corner, which makes a beautiful thing as we do improve the road. I think this section of town is just sliding away and I think we have to do something to improve it, and this would be one step in the right direction if we could not approve this liquor permit; it would be my thought and hope that maybe Council would vote to appeal to the Liquor Commission not to approve it, and that's my thought on it. Any other people...Councilman McGrady.

Mr. McGrady: Yes, Chairman Clemens. I echo the same sentiments; as a matter of fact, you and I had a conversation about the, first let me touch on the loan for your title, how that is right there on the corner. And as you said we, the city, are in the process of spending a good number of dollars for the beautification of Brice Road. I went by there, I understand your position, Chief, there was no issue to stop the liquor permit.

Chief O'Neill: That's correct.

Mr. McGrady: But I'm just voicing my concern as a citizen of Reynoldsburg in that corridor there. I was trying to get the statistics to show how many liquor permits there are, but I was unable to get that between Brice Road and the overpass. But let me just state on that particular corner right there, one, two, three, four, five, six in that corridor alone; I think we're over-saturated with that, and if somehow, as Mr. Clemens said, I'm in agreement, we on Council, we need to, don't know what can be done, but something needs to be done in terms of the, currently there's 150 liquor permits in this city; that's the last count; that's as of 2009. We need to do something to protect the community's interest as a whole, as well as, that corridor, because as that corridor goes down, all it does is bleed into the city. We can't do anything about Reynoldsburg unless we do something collaborative with Reynoldsburg, but they're running from Columbus into Reynoldsburg, running from Reynoldsburg into Columbus. So, you've had the shooting right over there at the Chase Bank; there's an eyesore over there, but let's just focus on Reynoldsburg. I don't know what can be done, but we need to do something in Reynoldsburg to protect our interests and our residents. So if it comes for a vote, I'm going to vote against this as well as Mr. Clemens. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions to this? I'd like to send to Council a Motion to oppose this to the Liquor Commission, and have it placed on tonight's agenda of the special meeting that we're going to have. Do I have a second? Seconded by Councilman McGrady. All in favor, say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) The motion passes, and that ends the committee meeting at 7:47.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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MINUTES SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
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Members of Service Committee present: Barth R. Cotner, Scott A. Barrett, Leslie Kelly, Cornelius McGrady III.

Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Chris Long, Council President Doug Joseph.

Mr. Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Cotner moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 4, "Discussion: Amend Table 1175.01 "Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions"- All Districts- - -addition of language" as he had spoken with Mr. Domini and more information was needed. Mr. Barrett seconded. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Minutes of the Service Committee meeting held December 3, 2012 were approved without objection.

Discussion: Authorization of Amendment to the "Master Agreement" to Provide Services to an Aggregated Group Between The City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio and FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.- - -Terry Leach, AMPO, Inc. reviewed points of the agreement; and explained information that would be sent out to customers; and noted there would also be information included for those already on a budget bill, that only the generation part of the bill was going to be charged in full, and only distribution charges, the part that belongs to AEP, would be on budget bill. Mr. Barrett asked if presentation had been made to the Chamber. Mr. Leach said he had not personally offered this to a Chamber group. Mr. Barrett said he did not know how that would be enforced, but that certainly communication to the public was essential, and that he also liked the idea of a public forum being offered. Mr. Cotner moved to send legislation to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency measure. Mr. McGrady seconded; all voted "Aye".

ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (6800 E. Main Street; proposed use - childcare facility); applicant, Angela McClendon Hill & Kendall Hill- - -second reading December 10, 2012; recommended denial on third reading.- - -Mr. Cotner moved to send ordinance to Council for the third reading with recommendation for denial. Mr. Barrett seconded; all voted "Aye".

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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