



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - DAN SKINNER  
MONDAY JULY 24, 2017**

**COMMITTEE MEETING: 7:30 PM**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

**1. Call to Order**

PRESENT: Clemens, Skinner, Cicak, Spalding

ABSENT:

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Skinner made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item 4b second by Councilman Cicak

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Community Development Committee – Committee Meeting – June 12, 2017**

Minutes stand approved.

**4. Discussion**

**a. Smoking on City Property**

Ms. Bauman: Several weeks ago a member of the community came and addressed council about banning smoking in the parks. Since then we've had some discussion on facebook where residents are wanting to have that item looked at to see if we can ban smoking in the parks. The Chief has also stated that topic has come up as well in the community forums. I spoke with the member that was here and he asked what's the next step. I said that it would be to take it to council for discussion and to see where we go from here.

Mr. Skinner: I think that we were going to put together some proposed legislation to discuss when we come back from session.

Mr. Joseph: I know there's been discussion about taking a look at this issue. I wanted to ask the City Attorney, has anything like this been litigated as far as outdoor city property? Has there been any litigation anywhere in Ohio you are aware of where a municipality has been taken to court over that type of regulation?

Mr. Hood: Right now, based on the agenda, I did some research this morning. I identified four different municipalities that have an outside smoking ban in addition to the state law that prohibits smoking in work places. Two of the four have had them for some period of time,

but have never issued a citation; therefore, there's been no litigation. The other two have not gotten back to me yet. There is nothing that's been reported, at least as of yet. These are relatively minor violations, so the chances of them being reported cases may not be very great, but I'm not aware.

Mr. Joseph: Are we looking primarily at city parks or even parking lots of like city hall and things like that? What's the scope?

Mr. Skinner: There's some discussion that it would be prohibition on park property. There has been some other discussion more recently since the gentleman came and spoke to us about all city property. There's been a third waive of conversation about designating on city property certain zones. Those are probably going to be three of the items we would be talking about in the future. What I envision is that when we come back from break we can take a look and during that time maybe take a look at some proposed versions of legislation. We've got some information here on a spreadsheet talking about other communities that have different restrictions. We also have sample ordinances from other communities that we could look to when we draft our proposal.

Ms. Bauman: Is there anything you'd like me to look into prior to the September meeting?

Mr. Skinner: I'll get back in touch with you in the next week or so.

Mr. Joseph: Also, if we could also find out what the other communities whether they have a total ban, whether they allow parking lots or something like that. Just to see what the communities have.

Ms. Bauman: I do have that. There are several communities throughout Ohio that ban smoking in parks all together. There's one, Powell has specified areas where you can't smoke in the park. And there are some that have it throughout all of their city buildings.

Mr. Joseph: That way council will have an idea how far communities are taking it. Whether it's a total city ban or whether it's just looking at park ground area or other areas and consider that when looking at the legislation.

Ms. Bauman: I got my information all from the Department of Health. They have a page that says municipalities that ban smoking.

Mr. Hood: The most prominent type of these talk exclusively about park land. The next layer that's less popular is the zones and then finally there's some cities that so far as to ban it in all public rights of way. I assume there would be litigation over that, but I couldn't find any.

Ms. Bauman: Oberlin is one of the cities where you can't smoke anywhere.

Mr. Clemens: This is something we should really consider. When we pass these laws they're not good unless we enforce them. If we're going to do it, let's do it right. I would be in favor cutting down the smoke. The problem is, if we don't enforce it, it's not worth anything.

Ms. Bauman: I did speak to Chief about that because that was my concern. What happens if we have somebody smoking on city property and a resident calls and complains. He assured me that the officers would come out and investigate it and if they are found to be smoking then they would be cited.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>REFERRED TO COMMITTEE</b> | <b>Next: 9/11/2017 7:30 PM</b> |
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- b. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract/Agreement Between the City of Reynoldsburg and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board (Adamh) of Franklin County and Alternative to Create, Design and Implement a Mural for the City of Reynoldsburg and Declaring an Emergency.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>WITHDRAWN</b> |
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