Cheviot City Council

Streets, Sidewalks and Traffic Committee Report November 19, 2019 6:38PM to 7:22PM

Present:

Committee

Councilmembers Gail Griffin, Amy Richter, Dave Voss and Chair, Alana Tucker

Council and Cheviot Employees

Councilmember RaeJean Hardig, Councilmember Kitty Zech, Councilmember Jim Sunderhaus, Mayor Sam Keller, Law Director Kim Rohr and Safety Service Director Tom Braun

Public Comment:

Mike Blum, Cheviot resident and business owner – 2nd Street Saloon Steve McAplin, Cheviot resident

Councilmember Tucker opened the Streets, Sidewalks and Traffic (SST) Committee by outlining the agenda. This was the second committee meeting to discuss business district sidewalk patios. Each member of the public wishing to offer public comment was given 4 minutes to speak. There were many residents and business owners present for the meeting. Two people spoke during public comment — one business owner and one resident.

Prior to the Committee meeting the Law Director provided a report and Councilmember Voss provided research regarding City of Cincinnati sidewalk patios - copies of each were distributed to the Committee, Council and Administration.

The Committee and Council were largely in support of sidewalk patios and moving forward with the creation of guidelines, establishing an equitable process for businesses. Some of the concerns discussed in Committee included ADA compliance and accessibility for those using mobility devices, walkability for families with children and strollers, snow removal, those businesses that may be out of compliance with the guidelines and liability concerns.

The SST Committee was supportive of an Ordinance and guidelines for sidewalk patios that would include a written license agreement. The Administration agreed that they would establish guidelines for sidewalk patios. It was noted that a similar process was followed for yard sales.

The Law Director will prepare the discussed legislation once the Administration has created the guidelines for sidewalk patios. /

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