

9/15/2020

To: All of Council
Mayor: Sam Keller
SSD: Tom Braun
Law Director: Kimberly Erdman Rohr
Chief of Police: Emmett Stone
Economic Developer: Caroline Statkus

9/17/2020

A meeting of LRO was held in Council Chambers in City Hall on Tuesday Sept. 15, 2020.
Meeting convened at 6:50 PM.

In Attendance: Council Members: Dave Voss, Gail Griffin, Amy Richter
Committee Members: Jim Sunderhaus, Rae Jean Hardig, Dan Cunningham and Chair Kitty Zech,
Others: Mike Murray, John Hardig, and Cheviot Gazette Rep. Bill Monnier

TOPIC: CHEVIOT'S DORA ORDINANCE.
The Law Director furnished Council, via email, a basic draft of the DORA Ord. to review prior to this Comm. Meeting. This Ord. is similar in content to what most cities have adopted.

QUESTIONS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:
REQUIRED REVIEW: To comply with State Regulations, the DORA must be given a thorough review within 5 years after it is established, to determine if it should continue, be modified or dissolved. The DORA can also be modified or dissolved at any time during this period if problems arise.
The consensus of the Committee: 1 year from the date it is up and running.

SUGGESTED ITEMS that might be added to our Ord. or addressed for clarity sake re: the DORA:

EXTENDING THE BOUNDRY of the DORA past Maury's Tiny Cove down Harrison Ave. to Franks Lot - in the event that a Bar or business goes into that area in the future. This would also include the Strip Mall on Harrison Ave. (Lenny's, R&R Meats etc.)

This action at this time would require adjusting the Application for the Dora. The Law Director explained, it would also mean starting from scratch in the process, delaying the DORA even longer and delaying the help the Bars owners are seeking.

It was suggested passing the Ord. now , in order to get it up and running ASAP, would greatly benefit our bar owners and our business district. Amendments can always be made as needed at any time.

Concerns were also brought forth regarding the extra area that would have to be covered by Police and Maintenance, should we extend the boundaries at this time.
Further research will be done on this matter and brought back to the committee.

STREET EVENTS: Such as, the Harvest Home Parade, Westside Market, etc.
Most Cities researched do not include this in their Ord., but rather on the information provided on their Web Page: (i.e.: Wyoming Notes on their DORA Question and Answer Page: 'Additionally the DORA may be limited if there are special events or private fundraising events which hold F-2 Liquor Permit in which DORA beverages may be unwelcome or competition to the event'.
One suggested solution was that Council could give the authority to the SSD, to make these decisions/rules, much as we do with the Garbage Rules, etc.

Councilwoman Richter asked if participants in the Westside Market, such as the Brewery from Westwood could be included in our DORA? It is our understanding at this time, that DORA participants must be

Cheviot Businesses and they must also have the proper Liquor License. Further research and/or verification will also be brought to the committee regarding this.

Councilman Voss questioned using the regular Police Force during DORA hours, fearing the rest of the City might be under-protected. He suggested using off duty Police officers as he believed Loveland does. Upon examining the source he provided, we discovered off duty officers are usually used only when Private Events and City Sponsored Events are going on in their Dora District, and occasionally for high volume bar nights. Loveland, having a larger DORA District, usually uses 2 regular Police officers to monitor their everyday DORA . (Cheviot is proposing 1 Officer.)

Since this is basically a Safety Issue, it is not something that necessarily needs to go into the Ord. Further research and/or verification is being done on this also.

CRIMINAL PENALTIES: It was agreed that Criminal Penalties need not be listed in the Ord. as State Law is in effect at all times. The DORA District is exempt from the open container law and follows the provisions set out in the DORA.

There were no questions or concerns from Council on the text of the Ordinance itself, only on the concerns listed above.


It was suggested Cheviot may want to include a DORA Information Page on their Web Site.

The committee will meet again Tues Sept. 29, 6:45 to discuss this further, and to finalize the DORA ORD. before its final reading scheduled for the Oct. 6th Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Zech



Jim Sunderhaus



Rae Jean Hardig



Dan Cunningham

