



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 5:45 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Ryan Green called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for June 4, 2024 to order at 6:10 pm

Members Present - Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart, Dave Delande, Jack Liggett, Sgt. Paul Hatfield, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - None

2. Action on Minutes

a. May 7, 2024

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Ryan Green said they need to figure out a better schedule for the Finance and Safety & Service committee meetings because both are getting abbreviated, it is not ideal.

3. Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Transportation Inclusion

Sean Staneart said that last meeting they had a presentation from MORPC, there are two options on the table, stay with LCATS or move to MORPC, that is what he would lean toward, because of the funding opportunities, and that we will be forced into that urbanized area in the next census and probably more of what they are doing is contiguous to some of the projects rather than LCATS. Mr. Staneart said his move would be toward the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission but if there is an indicator that the desire is to stay with LCATS, that is fine as well. Jeff Barr asked if there would be any kind of political or otherwise fallout from leaving LCATS. Sean said he has had good conversations with LCATS, he generally believes that they understand why and that they know it's going to happen anyhow no matter what. They obviously want to retain as many municipalities as they can but he does not believe there will be any aggression from their end as far as revenues received, he thinks the opportunities will be the same, our projects all don't tie together, Newark, Heath and Granville sit on top of each other, they all have projects that kind of intermingle, he thinks they will be understanding of our movement. However, you always run the risk of ticking somebody off at a political level for various reasons. Ryan Green said that Etna and Pataskala already made the move, we are Licking County, he agrees, he doesn't want political fallout, he doesn't want to be left behind when they are planning, but that is obviously going to be a very Newark-centric crowd just because of who it is and where it is and how they operate. He said he understands going with MORPC, there is money and benefits to go with it, data and planning dollars in place but he wants to bridge the gap and not lose contact with LCATS. Mr. Staneart said he would say there is a good enough relationship there, mind you, this is only for federally funded projects, so with other efforts, we are still going to attend the TID, LCATS works with the TID,

Licking County Planning is also associated, so we have a good relationship down there. He goes to LCATS meetings once a quarter, he just went to one and there wasn't anything on the agenda that was relevant to Johnstown. Dave Selan said he has been looking at MORPC for the past two weeks, he sees the larger benefit of joining because of the speed of growth coming from the center out versus from the east, coming west, he thinks the better relationship is there with MORPC but is in full agreement on not wanting to lose ties on the LCATS side politically and as long as we have the option to opt out.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to recommend moving to MORPC; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor:
AYES: Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

4. Police Chief Director Report discussion on items reported
Jeff Barr said he would like to see a streamlined report, maybe one page. Dave Selan said he likes to see the numbers and details. All were in agreement that the report will continue to be sent electronically for those who want to review it, but will not be printed as a part of the packet.
5. Other Business
 1. Ryan Green asked to add Sidewalk maintenance relative to snow clearing and enforcement to the next agenda.
 2. Ryan noted a constituent concern for an FBI bulletin released regarding hacking of city water plants. Jack Liggett said that our plant is so old, there is no automated control, they cannot hack into our system because there is no system, it is all manual.
 3. Ryan said he is being asked when will spraying for mosquitoes be done. Jack Liggett said we have a contract with the health department for spraying, he just needs to know where it is wanted. Ryan said the complaints are from the Concord East area, the ponds back by the LM district and bike path.
 4. Ryan said he was asked if there was water quality testing for storm water ponds. Jack Liggett said no, the city tests drinking water quality.
 5. Jack said he is asked constantly about the Pulte development street lights. His understanding is that any new development coming in, the street lights will be maintained and bills paid for by the HOA. The city requires that the lights be lit but is no longer responsible for maintenance or the bill.

6. Adjourn

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to adjourn; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm