

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Service Committee

Held on May 30th, 2024



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes

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Chairperson, Erica Bogner called the Public Service Committee meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll call Chairperson Erica Bogner, Samantha Cahill, Linda Hall (attended for Jimmy Little per the President)

Quorum Declare: 2 present, 2 absent. Jeff Patterson and Jimmy Little were unable to attend. President Jen Warner appointed Linda Hall to sit for the 3rd Committee member)

Other Staff Attending: Mayor Ray Martin; and Clerk of Council, Tisha Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda- moved by Linda Hall and seconded by Samantha Cahill.

·All in Favor

The Minutes from the March 18th 2024 Public Service and Special Events Committee meeting were approved at the May 20th regular meeting of Council.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Discussing a possible fireworks ordinance for the Village.**

A draft of the Ordinance was attached to the agenda and Chairperson Erica Bogner provided a list of State approved holidays from ORC 3743.01 that were previously provided to the Committee via email. What is trying to be decided is what dates or times they are looking at limiting. Currently the weekend before (Fri, Sat, and Sun) and the weekend after are allowed by State law. Committee member, Samantha Cahill stated that she would like to limit the dates to just the 3rd, 4th and 5th whether it is on a weekend or not. The Mayor asked to comment. This law was enacted in 2022. The reason that nothing has been done since is the Mayor spoke with the Police Chief at the time and said to see how everything went and if they received complaints or calls, if so, they would address it at that time. At this time, they have only had one "Official " complaint and that was this past Council meeting since this ruling was enacted. Vice President Hall asked what was considered "Official". Does a resident have to come in and write out a formal complaint or how is that deemed "official". The Mayor stated if someone brings it to attention at a public meeting or sends an email than that is how they have deemed it official in the past. The Committee members asked how many calls have been received in regard to the issue. That

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is not something that has been tracked because it is normally a complaint on an individual person setting them off. The Mayor wished that there were more people there because it is more of a Community issue but with that being said, we can address this now since an official complaint has been made. Council member Samantha Cahill stated that she herself has called in to the Police Department to ask how long residents are allowed to set off fireworks and they gave her the dates from this ORC 3743.01 ruling. The Mayor stated that his point is she called in to ask about a particular individual who was setting them off and it was not considered an official complaint about the law itself. Ohio law allows municipalities to make legislation to manipulate this and this is the first time it has been brought to Councils attention. Clerk of Council wanted to remind the Committee that this will be the 1st read of the Ordinance too so there may be residents that come to the 2nd reading to discuss their concerns at the June 17th meeting. Chairperson, Erica Bogner asked how much more is the Committee looking to restrict because to be honest she is worried about kicking the hornet's nest. Right now, the only residents that she has heard that are concerned are pet owners. Council member Samantha Cahill stated PTSD residents were a concern and Vice President Linda Hall stated that some children may be affected. Chairperson Bogner stated that if they are looking to cut down to the 3 days and getting rid of the weekend before and after she could get on board with it, but she is worried that by cutting too much off that it will be too restrictive. The Committee decided to go through every date currently allowed. The current ORC ruling is as follows:

1. January 1st (12:00 am- 1:00 am, and then again 4pm - 11pm)
2. Chinese New Years Day (this date changes yearly, based on a lunar calculation, but the next one will fall on January 29, 2025) (4pm-11pm)
3. May 5th of each year (4pm-11pm)
4. Memorial Day weekend (the last Monday in May and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding it) (4pm-11pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday only)
5. June 19th of each year (4pm-11pm)
6. July 3rd, 4th, and 5th of each year (all 4pm-11pm)
7. The Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately preceding and immediately following July 4th. (Note: This means that this year, fireworks are permitted On Friday-June 28th, Saturday-June 29th, Sunday-June 30th, Saturday-July 6th and Sunday-July 7th. But are NOT permitted on Monday-July 1st or Tuesday July-2nd) (4pm-11pm all those days)
8. Labor Day Weekend (the First Monday in September, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding it) (4pm-11pm, Saturday, Sunday and Monday)
9. Diwali (this date changes yearly, based on a lunar calculation, but this year falls on November 1st) (4-11pm)
10. December 31st (4pm-12am)

All Committee members agreed that for the 1-day holidays they would not make any changes to those. It really came down to 4th of July that was in question. Committee member Samantha Cahill stated that she has had multiple people on her street that have come to her that have complained about the length of time allowed. The Mayor stated that he wondered where they came up with the weekend before and after. Chairperson Erica Bogner stated that her husband has a job where he works all week and doesn't get the weekday holidays off so others like him may celebrate on the weekend. Others mentioned that family get togethers happen on the weekends and not during the middle of the week many times so that may be another instance. This is what the proposed new schedule will look like that will be recommended to Council.

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1. The first day of January each year, from 12:00 am to 1:00 am and again from 4:00pm to 11:00 pm;
2. Chinese new year's day, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
3. The Fifth day of May, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
4. The last Monday in May, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
5. The nineteenth day of June, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
6. The third, fourth and fifth days of July, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
7. The first Monday in September, and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding that day, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
8. Diwali, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm;
9. The thirty-first day of December, from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am.

When discussing various areas of concern where the fireworks are being set off in the Village the Mayor was asking if there are any guidelines that can be attached for safety. Chairperson Erica Bogner stated we have been dealing with fireworks for years even when they weren't legal. Everyone commented that they can make the recommendation for the dates to Council and the Police force can enforce the dates as needed by their discretion or by Mayor suggestion. The Mayor stated he would have a conversation with the Chief. This discussion here is very much Public opinion and if there is a concern Committee member Samantha Cahill stated that we can tell the residents to reach out to their Ward council member via email or phone to discuss their concerns. Currently in order to get the information out to the Village residents they will use the website, Village board, and Facebook pages (Police, Village and Erica would note it in her notes on the Community and Uncensored pages after the vote).

Recommend to Council motioned by Linda Hall and seconded by Samantha Cahill.

Roll call Chairperson Erica Bogner, Samantha Cahill, Linda Hall (attended for Jimmy Little per the President) Carried 3-0

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by Chairperson Erica Bogner at 6:05 p.m. Motion moved by Samantha Cahill and seconded by Jimmy Little.

All in favor.

Tisha Edward

Clerk of Council

6-20-24

Date

Erica Bogner

Chairperson

6-20-24

Date