

SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 15, 2025

The July 15, 2025 special Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Julia Lemire, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Kira Holbrook; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a request from Kira Holbrook for a road closure for an event at 505 East Wyandot Avenue on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Mrs. Holbrook addressed the Safety Committee and requested permission to close South Warpole Street, from West Wyandot Avenue to West Johnson Street, for food trucks to set up at her Bud & Bitch event to take place near her Swanky Talons business located at 505 East Wyandot Avenue on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and allow an extra hour before and after the event for food vendors to set up and tear down. Mrs. Holbrook indicated that an area of this event, near the building, would be strictly private for those individuals purchasing tickets and this area would be cannabis friendly. Mrs. Holbrook stated that the purpose of this event is to network, support, and promote small businesses.

Chief Lucas explained that pursuant to Section 727.03 Vending Requirements on City Property including areas and hours, as contained in the City's Codified Ordinances and under subsection (a), all vending on City streets, sidewalks, parking lots and other City property shall be conducted only in areas designated by the City of Upper Sandusky as shown in Exhibits A and B of Ordinance No. 233-13 which includes areas in the downtown. No vending shall take place outside of the designated areas located in Exhibits A and B of Ordinances No. 233-13 except as otherwise provided in this Section. Chief Lucas indicated that there are no exceptions the would allow for food trucks to be located along the street in the area requested for Mrs. Holbrook's event.

Mrs. Holbrook requested permission to close one side of South Warpole Street, between West Wyandot Avenue and West Johnson Street, for the food trucks or close West Wyandot Avenue, between Warpole Street and the first alley to the west. Chief Lucas explained that food trucks would still be prohibited as the street is City property. Mrs. Holbrook noted that she has already received permission to close the adjacent alley and she inquired about having food trucks set up on the property at 505 West Wyandot Avenue, adjacent to the alley. It was noted that would be possible as this would be considered private property.

Parking for the event was discussed. Chief Lucas suggested the overflow parking be directed to the Water Tower Park located in the next block to the south of Mrs. Holbrook's business location.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman