

## DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

September 14, 2026

The September 14, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Scott Moore, Vice Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were, Marc Mays, Scott Moore, Zach Morral, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway. Tom Karcher and Nicole Morris were absent.

Others present included: Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 10, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that she will handle contacting the necessary individuals regarding the flowers to be planted in the downtown area in 2027.

Downtown Committee members discussed the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) rules and regulations. In response to the discussion held at the August 10, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting regarding DORA cups, it was noted that Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, has reviewed the DORA application that is an Exhibit in the City's DORA Ordinance and he has determined that the Ordinance does not need to be amended to reflect the new cup identified with the DORA stickers from each business. Downtown Committee members agreed that no changes are needed for the DORA Ordinance at this time.

Mr. Ethan Korte presented an example of a 3" x 5" license for food truck vendors that could be placed in a vendor's window and the color of the license could be changed each year. Downtown Committee members voiced no objections to the use of the 3" x 5" license for food truck vendors. Mr. Korte requested consideration of the food truck license dates to be amended again in 2027 to run from March 31 to March 31, instead of January 1 to December 31. Mr. Korte indicated that food truck vendors obtain their food licenses from the Health Department in the spring of each year and there are other cities that have gone to these dates for issuing their food truck vendor licenses. Discussion was held regarding the dates and the possibility of changing the suggested dates to be April 1 through March 31.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Treadway, to recommend to City Council to amend the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance to reflect the April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> licensing period beginning in 2027.

Mr. Korte explained the "Eyeroll" website where all food truck vendors paperwork can be seen by Fire Departments and cities at no cost. The expense for the website is paid by the food truck vendors. Downtown Committee members indicated that they would like to discuss this website further at their next meeting.

The elimination of designated areas to be used by the food truck vendors as shown in Exhibit B, as attached to Ordinance No. 40-14, was discussed.

Mr. Korte requested the time constraints mentioned in Section 727.03(c) of Ordinance No. 40-14 be removed and vendors be permitted to set up prior to 5:00 p.m. This section states, "Vending may only be conducted at the locations designated by Exhibit "A" every Monday through Thursday, throughout the entire calendar year, from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Vendors are prohibited from setting up in the designated areas prior to 5:00 p.m.". Following discussion, the Downtown Committee members agreed to leave this section as is.

Downtown Committee members agreed that due to the October 12, 2026 Columbus Day holiday the Downtown Committee meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 13, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Scott Moore, Vice Chairperson