

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

February 9, 2026

The February 9, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Tom Karcher, Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Tom Karcher, Marc Mays, Zach Morral, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway. Scott Moore and Nicole Morris were absent.

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

The minutes of the January 12, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Downtown Committee members reviewed information received from Ms. Marty Reber, a representative of the local committee of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250-OH) in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States, for America 250 Flags to be hung in the downtown area and be alternated with the American, Ohio, and Upper Sandusky Schools flags. It was noted that there will be approximately twenty (20) of the America 250 Flags and they will be sponsored by the Rotary Club and also have the Rotary logo on them.

An Ordinance to update the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) regulations to include Stoked and T&T Underground will be prepared and presented at the March 9, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting for a recommendation to City Council.

Discussion was held regarding the QR code established for DORA. It was noted that this code appears on the DORA signs throughout the downtown and will be added to the next batch of DORA cups that will be ordered. The cost for A-1 Printing to host the QR code is \$20.00 per year, otherwise a new QR code would have to be established and the signs would have to be replaced. It was agreed to have A-1 Printing to continue to host the QR code for DORA at a cost of \$20.00 per year.

Mr. Karcher reported on an email received from Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, requesting to close the streets in the downtown one block each way from the intersection of Wyandot Avenue and Sandusky Avenue, including to Johnson Street, Walker Street, Seventh Street, and Fifth Street and also including Court Street on Saturday, April 25, 2026 for the second annual Spring Fling. It was noted that a pickleball tournament will be held in the parking lot near the Courthouse as part of the event. Considerable discussion was held regarding the requested closure of Wyandot Avenue from Seventh Street to Fifth Street, and instead possibly closing Wyandot Avenue a half block each way to the first alley to the east and west of the Wyandot Avenue/Sandusky Avenue intersection.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the street closures in the downtown on Saturday, April 25, 2026 for the Spring Fling, on Sandusky Avenue from Walker Street to Johnson Street and on Wyandot Avenue from the first alleys to the east and west of the intersection of Wyandot Avenue/Sandusky Avenue, and Court Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Karcher also noted that Mrs. Walton inquired about revisions to the food truck map that she requested. It was noted that City Council adopted Ordinance No. 40-14 which took effect on December 31, 2025 and addressed changes to the Mobile Food Vendors regulations.

Mr. Ethan Korte indicated that the GoBus line will begin operating soon and will be stopping in Upper Sandusky twice per day at the Wyandot County Council on Aging and the street closures will affect their ability to reach their dedicated stop. Mr. Korte will obtain more information regarding this matter.

Mr. Treadway inquired as to if there is a calendar of events scheduled to take place in the City. Mr. Ethan Korte indicated Yodel Event Calendar online offers calendars. Mr. Treadway will discuss this issue with Mrs. Walton.

Mr. Ethan Korte reported that so far this year that two (2) new food truck licenses have been issued.

Mr. Ethan Korte indicated that he was contacted by Mr. Kyle Treadway, Traum Brewing, 126 South Sandusky Avenue, who requested permission to have a food truck in front of his business on Friday, February 13, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Morral, to approve Mr. Kyle Treadway's request for a food truck in front of Traum Brewing on Friday, February 13, 2026. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ethan Korte also reported that so far this year no permits have been obtained by businesses in the downtown area for the commercial use of sidewalks and public rights-of-way as addressed in Ordinance No. 41-14.

Mr. Ethan Korte indicated that the plan is to eventually make the food truck application that is on the City's website a fillable document.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson