

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

June 8, 2026

The June 8, 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, Scott Moore, Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, and Kate Niederkohr. Graham Treadway was absent.

Others present included: Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant; Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director; Zeke Korte; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, addressed the Downtown Committee requesting road closures for future First Thursday events beginning with the July 2, 2026 event and continuing through the remainder of the season, or at least for the July 2, 2026 and October 1, 2026 events as these are anticipated to be larger in size and scope. The road closures being requested are Sandusky Avenue from Walker Street to Johnson Street, and Wyandot Avenue from Fifth Street to Seventh Street or at least to the first alleys to the east and west of the intersection with Sandusky Avenue. Mrs. Walton indicated that she would like to begin the road closures for these events at 2:00 p.m. to allow for vendors and food trucks to setup, pedestrian safety, and overall event operations. Mr. Ethan Korte stated that Mayor McColly would prefer the road closures be done for all of the First Thursday events to take place during the remainder of the year and Mayor McColly would prefer the road closures begin at 4:30 p.m. Discussion was held with Mrs. Walton regarding the time of day of the road closures especially with businesses still being open. Mrs. Walton asked if the cones blocking parking spaces for food truck locations could be placed at 2:00 p.m. along with the highway signs/barricades and the barricades downtown designating the road closures begin being placed at 3:30 p.m. Downtown Committee members agreed that these times would be acceptable for the placement of cones for food trucks and for the placement of barricades indicating the road closures.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the closure of Sandusky Avenue from Walker Street to Johnson Street and the closure of Wyandot Avenue from the first alleys to the east and west of the intersection of Sandusky Avenue through the remainder of the year for the First Thursday events. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Parking in the downtown area was again discussed and a suggestion was presented from a concerned resident to reduce the downtown lanes of traffic to single lanes in each direction due to hazards with long vehicles being parked in the angle parking spaces and partially obstructing the right hand lanes of traffic. An opinion from Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, will be obtained to determine if extended length vehicles can be ticketed. It was noted that the two hour parking limitation in the downtown is currently not enforced. Measures to possibly enforce the two hour parking were discussed. Mrs. Niederkohr suggested the possibility of the parking spaces along North Sandusky Avenue at the east end of the currently closed alley located between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue be designated for longer length vehicles as there is no curb in this location.

Mr. Mays suggested that food trucks be reminded that they need to bring trash cans when they set up for vending in the downtown. Mr. Ethan Korte will email the food truck vendors and Mrs. Brittney Walton and remind them of this.

Mr. Ethan Korte reported that two food truck vendors have changed their names and clarification is needed on their paperwork. Mr. Korte also suggested that liability information is needed on the food truck application. Mr. Korte also shared that Cousins Maine Lobster was set up at Wyandot Memorial Hospital recently and he noticed that they have a small mobile food vendor permit that was placed on the window of their food truck, and Mr. Korte suggested the City check into issuing a similar vendor permit in the future instead of the letter sized permit currently issued.

Downtown Committee members reviewed a request from Traum Brewing, 126 South Sandusky Avenue, for the approval of the following dates, times, and food trucks to be located in front of their business: June 20th 4pm-8pm : Machete; June 26th 4pm-8pm : Mr Bills; June 27th 4pm-8pm : Machete; July 11th 4pm-8pm : Machete; July 25th 4pm-8pm : Machete; Aug 14th 5pm-8pm : Mr Bills. Mr. Korte indicated that these food truck vendors need to obtain their food truck licenses from the City.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the dates, times, and food trucks to be located in front of Traum Brewing as stated, pending the food truck vendors obtaining their food truck licenses from the City. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

A request was presented for the closure of Star Alley later this year for approximately two weeks while brick work is done on the Star Theatre building. Downtown Committee members agreed to discuss this request again when the timeframe for the work to be done is more set.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson