

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

July 13, 2026

The July 13, 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, and Scott Moore. Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway were absent.

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

The minutes of the June 8, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held concerning an upcoming Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) detour of North Warpole Street (State Route 199) due to the Interceptor Sewer Project which is currently under construction on Houpt Drive and headed west and will next be traveling south on North Warpole Street. It was noted that due to this construction ODOT will be detouring traffic onto Sandusky Avenue and Wyandot Avenue and those roadways will not be able to be closed including for the upcoming First Thursday events, as previously approved by the Downtown Committee. An inquiry was made as to if South Sandusky Avenue, between Wyandot Avenue and Johnson Street, could be closed. Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will be asked to consult with ODOT regarding this inquiry.

Discussion was held regarding the July 2, 2026 First Thursday event and future First Thursday events. It was noted that the Downtown Committee approved the barricades that were set up on Wyandot Avenue to be placed at the first alleys to the east and west of the intersection of Sandusky Avenue, and those barricades were instead placed at Fifth Street to the east and Seventh Street to the west. Mr. Korte indicated that Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, had the barricades moved. Mr. Korte also shared that Mayor McColly would prefer to leave Wyandot Avenue open during the First Thursday events. It was noted that during the July 2, 2026 First Thursday event there were motorists who drove thru the barricades and into the event area. Mr. Korte suggested that volunteers could be asked to stand at the street barricades to stop vehicles from entering the event area. Mr. Karcher stated that he noticed a need for additional trash cans during the First Thursday events and that food truck vendors need to bring trash cans when they set up in the downtown area.

Mr. Korte reported that the Wyandot County Council on Aging will be moving to 100 South Sandusky Avenue, at the southwest corner of the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and South Sandusky Avenue, and it is expected that they will be requesting parking spaces near this building to be designated for handicap parking. It was noted that parking adjacent to the building along West Wyandot Avenue is not heavily utilized during the day.

Mr. Korte also reported that food truck licensing is going well this year as approximately thirty (30) food trucks have obtained a license through the City.

Downtown Committee members inquired about the status of sidewalk permits obtained by businesses in the downtown area. Mr. Korte stated that two (2) businesses in the downtown have obtained sidewalk permits and he will begin tomorrow to contact other businesses who need a sidewalk permit.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson