

All of Council:
Mayor: Sam Keller
SSD: Tom Braun
Law Director: Kim Rohr
Economical Director: Caroline Statkus
Police Chief: Emmett Stone

August 27, 2020

A meeting Of Laws, Rules and Ord. Committee was held in Council Chambers Tues. Aug. 25, 2020.
The meeting convened at 7:35.

In attendance:

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION: Mayor Sam Keller: Police Chief Emmett Stone;
SSD. Tom Braun; Economic Developer: Caroline Statkus.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Amy Richter, Gail Griffin, Dave Voss, and Pres of Council: Mark Waters.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jim Sunderhaus, Rae Jean Hardig, Dan Cunningham and Chair: Kitty Zech.

OTHERS: Steve Statkus and John Hardig.

TOPIC: To discuss, and address questions and/or concerns re: Cheviot's DORA Application. The SSD presented Council with the Application via Email on Friday August 21 as promised, to give Council time to absorb the data before this meeting scheduled for this purpose.

Chief Stone, voiced his concerns re: Safety and Wellbeing in establishing a DORA; citing things such as: Issues resulting from Cheviot's DORA route being located on a main street, possibility of underage drinking, more crime etc. He also voiced Budgetary Concerns: - possible need for an additional part time Officer, more court appearances etc. He wanted Council to be aware of all of all possible scenarios, but did share that his concerns had softened somewhat after visiting and speaking with other DORA communities.

There was much discussion.

Members of Council asked questions, voiced concerns and explored possibilities and suggestions.

The Mayor reminded all that the Dora could be absolved at any time by Council if it proved not to be working for Cheviot.

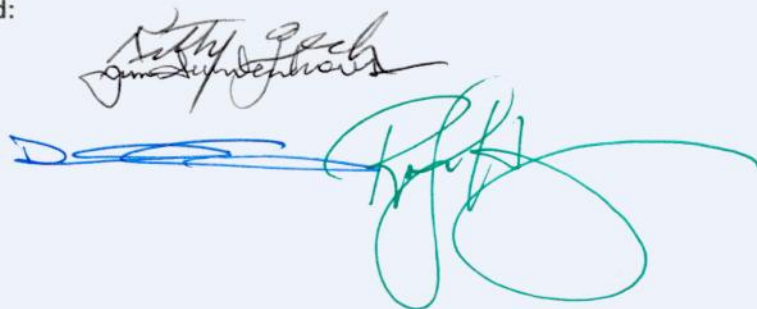
In an effort to avoid any violation of the Sunshine Law, or the DORA being rejected, and/or delayed by the Division of Liquor Control and the Dept. of Public Safety, Mark Waters, Pres. of Council, presented information on the process as spelled out in the ORC 4301.82 Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas and offered some suggestions. He provided copies of the State Ord. to all, along with a copy of State of Ohio Department of Commerce guidelines in establishing a DORA.

The Committee, Council or the Administration certainly has no desire to violate any Sunshine Law, nor to delay or risk rejection of the Dora Application. Therefore, as extra insurance against this happening, the Committee recommends that a Motion be made to officially Receive and File the Application at the Sept. 1 Council meeting and that the Clerk could be requested to take the necessary steps to publish the statue, if necessary..

The Law Director will be consulted for her input and legal opinion. Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Zech: Chair
Jim Sunderhaus
Rae Jean Hardig
Dan Cunningham

The image shows three handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is 'Kitty Zech', the middle one is 'Jim Sunderhaus', and the bottom one is 'Dan Cunningham'. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.