

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
November 28, 2023

The regularly scheduled work session of Clyde City Council was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Clyde City Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Doug McCauley
Vice Mayor Scott Black
Council Member Steve Keegan
Council Member Chris Shay
Council Member Brent Stanley
City Manager Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Visitors:

Visitors signing in can be referenced in the record book supplement.

Discussion will be held on a Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. LaBenne sent a copy of the policy to Council prior to this meeting, and copies were available at this meeting. A committee was implemented earlier this year. The committee toured Clyde to look for handicap accessibility issues, things that are already done well, and opportunities for improvement.

A bicycle audit was done a couple years ago, and it was identified that sidewalks were not always available where needed.

The policy could be adopted as an Ordinance or could be implemented in other ways.

Laura Bogard, CHC Program Coordinator, Sandusky County Public Health, gave a presentation (a copy is available in the Record Book Supplement). Information included:

- Workgroup members
- Explanation of technical assistance provided by Toole Design
- Explanation of what the workgroup accomplished
- Explanation of what Complete Streets are, and what the benefits are
- The elements of a policy
- Possible cost and maintenance for complete streets
- Results of an Active Living Survey that was conducted in May/June 2023

- Photos of some areas of concern identified during the walking audits
- Review of what is next for this process

Mr. Stanley questioned what type of project is being considered for the \$4,000 grant that could be offered by Ms. Bogard's office. He suggests using the grant for a paint for the crosswalks that will last longer than one to three years. Ms. Bogard stated the funds could be used for crosswalks, signs or a combination of areas. Mr. LaBenne has some ideas for the grant use; he would like to get the policy in place first. Mr. Stanley referenced the low response to the survey that was completed this summer; he does not recall hearing about the survey being conducted. He feels the questions on the survey were appropriate, and the general response was positive to what Clyde is currently offering.

Mayor McCauley identified a need to find a way to offset the costs of sidewalk repairs for residents who cannot finance the repairs. Mr. LaBenne referenced a prior sidewalk program whereby the City paid the costs upfront, and the costs were added to the property taxes over a period of multiple years for the resident to repay the City. He noted it may be time to re-look at that type of program.

Mr. Bill Brown discussed maintenance for the sidewalks; for example, keeping grass from overgrowing the width of the sidewalks or overgrowing the handicap pads.

Mr. LaBenne reviewed the various options for enacting this policy in Clyde.

Mr. Ken Winke referenced a past sidewalk program that was paused in 2009 due to recession and was not restarted.

The Complete Streets Committee will resume meetings in early 2024.

Mr. Brown questioned if there are other grants through the State, in addition to the \$4,000 grant through the county.

Mr. John Willey stated this is also an ODOT initiative, and having a Complete Streets policy in place could be considered by ODOT when they are awarding grants.

Policy scoring by Toole Design was reviewed. Ms. Bogard stated she could also submit the policy for national scoring, and this could assist with grant applications.

Mayor McCauley would like to have Woodland Avenue added to the audit, to identify the need for sidewalks near Clyde High School. It was noted some of that area is out of the City limits.

Ms. Bogard shared a list of communities in Ohio who have adopted a Complete Streets policy. The list is relatively short, and if Clyde would adopt this policy they could be seen as a leader in this type of thinking for the northwest section of the State.

Mr. Keegan has previously requested a 20mph sign on Limerick Road near the Clyde Middle School. He feels the traffic in that area is a safety concern. Mr. LaBenne will look into this and

respond. Mr. Willey noted it can be an indicator of parents' perception of safety depending on how many bicycles are rode to school. Mr. LaBenne also spoke about the perception of an area being not safe (the corner of George and Vine), but there is data that supports there are no accidents at that intersection.

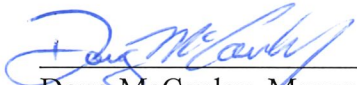
Mr. Brown advocates for the consistency that can be achieved by having a policy such as this for the City, and also enhancement to the quality of life in Clyde. Mayor McCauley agrees with the standards throughout the community this type of policy can achieve.

Mr. LaBenne referenced the perception of not enough parking as an issue for downtown. However, there is ample parking, a couple hundred parking spaces, available in the municipal parking lot that are available and are only a five-minute walk from downtown. Issues such as this might be improved by having sidewalks to connect the parking to the desired destination.

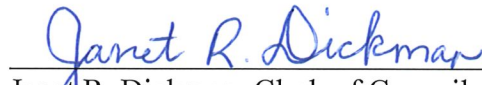
If a Council member would like to join the Committee work group, they should contact Mr. LaBenne.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McCauley announced the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

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COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday November 28, 2023

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Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Ben Brown
2. John Willey - SCRPC
3. Ken Winkler
4. Garrett Smith
5. Terri Meek
6. Mindy Birkholz - GLCAP
7. Tom Kensler
8. Laura Bogard SCRH
9. Jim Posey SCRH
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