

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 8th, 2016

The Special and Contact Committee met Monday, August 8th, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre. In attendance were Special and Contact Committee Chair Kelly Ricklic, Members Mrs. Aimee May and Mrs Cheryl Ramos and Alternate Committee Member Mr. John Zucal.

Guests were Mayor Joel Day, President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Safety Director Greg Popham, Service Director Ron McAbier, Auditor Beth Gundy, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Council Member Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger, Council Member Mr. Dean Holland, Council Member Mr. Rob Maurer, Council Clerk Julie Courtright.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with three items on the agenda.

The purpose for the meeting is to discuss a request to change the name of McDonald Drive to Garland Drive, a Proposed Ordinance for Walter Drane 2016 Replacement Pages, and .

A notice to Council from the
Ohio Division of Liquor Control,

Notice Dated July 19, 2016,
Rosenthal Investments Now LLC
DBA The Venue and Patio
126 Front Ave SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663;

Mr. Ricklic made the following statement:

Is there anyone here to discuss changing the name from McDonald Drive to Garland Drive? I see none. They haven't responded to me since that first message.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following response:

I think it would be interesting to know why they're requesting the change.

Mr. Ricklic had the following response:

I will contact them again.

Mrs. Ramos made the following statement:

They did say when they were here to make comments before Council that they had lost some business because some the brides didn't want to put McDonald Drive on their wedding invitations, so that's why they asked to have it changed.

Mr. Ricklic had the following response:

McDonald Drive is different to me than Ronald McDonald Drive. I don't think having the name McDonald Drive is negative. I think to change the name of a street effects the Service Department first. Of any work that's been done or any records, 30 years from now you start looking for the name McDonald Drive and you can't find it because they changed the name to Garland Drive. All the people that know about it are not present. As record has shown and from my experience, the water box is next to Dr. Brown's house, well Dr. Brown's long gone and nobody has the physical address so you spend hours wasting energy. I think those records and 911, all those things will need changed. If they can show Council and the Committee that it is definitely hurting their business. I know many people who have had wedding receptions there and I never heard anybody tell me that McDonald Drive was a negative name. I mean,

(cont.) that's my own personal opinion.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock made the following statement:

That business "McDonald's" has put a lot of money into this Community.

Mr. Ricklic made the following statement:

I will contact

Mr. Zucal made the following comment:

I think we also have to be cognizant that other businesses reside on McDonald Drive which would impact them as well, so their voice would have to be heard too because we have businesses that continue to operate, potentially their letterhead, stationary, how they've done business, communicating that to their customers. There's an impact there as well. Do they favor a name change to Garland? Maybe they prefer McDonald. I don't know that but I think we're not just talking about one isolated business, although they've done a lot, there's a lot that's impacted by that.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following question for Mr. Ricklic:

They were invited to tonight's meeting?

Mr. Ricklic had the following response:

I didn't call them tonight. I called them last time and told them it would be tonight but she never responded to the first meeting I had. I told her the meeting would be that night and if she had any problems to call me. She's never responded to any of my phone messages that I left her.

Mrs. Ramos had the following response:

Just from my own education, when there is a name change of a street how that effects the records. I would direct this to Ron McAbier, and the things that Mr. Ricklic mentioned, how would that effect the City?

Mr. McAbier had the following response:

If you're going to go back like Mr. Ricklic said, it says there's a 6 inch Waterline on McDonald Drive, and that street no longer exists, you would have to go through and change everything.

Mr. Popham had the following response:

The other side of that is on every map that has been printed now, in the entire United States, GPSs and all kinds of different means of finding addresses is this address. So, if we change it just because someone has come in and made a statement, it could create a problem. I also think that if there's a name change it should be us coming up with the name and not them. Otherwise everybody who puts a business on the corner of a block somewhere in the City of New Phila, if we do it for this one we're obligated to do it for the other.

Mr. Zucal made the following statement:

I would worry that it would be precedent setting and folks would want to do that. I mean I know when we do developments those are new, a lot of times you would have names of streets that honor those that are family members or maybe part of that development team, but an existing structure, that bothered me that we've had that for a long time. There are cities across the United States that are named McDonald too that I do believe are populated, the people don't necessarily say "I don't want to live in McDonald, Pennsylvania." I don't necessarily think that the name is such a deterrent. I wouldn't decide to not have my wedding reception somewhere just because of that name.

Mr. Ricklic had the following reply:

I can contact her and tell her that we had two meetings already.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following reply:

You can table it, but I would try to get ahold of everybody who has an address on McDonald Drive and would be effected if there was a name change. That would give a little better input.

Mr. Ricklic had the following response:

I'll get the names of all the businesses in that area.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following response:

I think the City's position is important on this too, especially what we've talked about with records.

Mr. Ricklic had the following reply:

Records is my biggest reason not to change the name, because I've been personally effected by different names of different streets.

Mr. Lautenschleger made the following statement.

Rather than have Mr. Ricklic do all the leg work and calling all of these businesses. Obviously no interest here has been shown by the requester. I would think if they believe they have a strong case they would want to bring their folks in.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock made the following statement:

You should write a letter to the requester stating the following: "due to the lack of any attendance by anyone, the Committee didn't vote. Anyone who wishes to pursue it further should get back in touch with us."

Mr. Popham made the following statement:

Mr. Ricklic, in your letter you should also let them know that there's opposition in doing this. You should just give them a heads-up that there are several different reasons why we don't want to.

Mr. Ricklic made the following statement:

The second item on the agenda is the change of liquor permit for to Rosenthal Investments LLC, doing business on 126 Front Avenue through the venue The Patio. I talked to the Chief of Police, he has no problem with it. He says he has no issues at all. Does anybody in the Committee see a reason not to permit this?

Mrs. May had the following question:

Are they changing it from business to business? Is it the same owner?

Mr. Ricklic had the following response:

It's the Front Street Tavern, there's a patio behind it.

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR THE LIQUOR PERMIT REQUEST TO BE PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

MRS MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

THE LIQUOR PERMIT REQUEST WILL BE PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL DURING THE MEETING TONIGHT

Mr. Ricklic made the following statement

The third item on the agenda is to accept the 2016 updates to the Codified Ordinance books. Proposed Ordinance 12-2016 will need to be added to the Agenda for Regular Council to decide.

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 12-2016 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

ORDINANCE 12-2016 WILL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA TONIGHT

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM