



Coffee with Council
September 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Panera Bread, 91 N. Hamilton Rd.

PRESENT: President and Ward 3 Representative Brian Larick, Vice President Nancy McGregor, At Large Member Karen Angelou, Ward 2 Representative Michael Schnetzer, Clerk of Council Krystal Gonchar

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Council members discussed the events at the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival, held the evening before; stated that the weather was perfect, and despite the smaller scale, there were a lot of residents in attendance; the music was great; there was a variety of food options; Signatures restaurant and bar opened back up. Two residents attended and had some questions. They were curious about who their Ward Member was; stated that they had lived in the City for around 10 years; the husband had recently retired, was more curious about local government, began watching the livestreamed meetings and periodically read the meeting minutes to keep up with the events of City Hall. They both had questions about the yard waste drop-off site located off Oklahoma Ave., which was managed by the City; after doing landscaping work, tried to drop off yard waste and noticed that it was closed; drove there and saw the signs; looked on the city website again and saw a message that it was opened; as of that morning, the website still had the site listed as a drop-off location; curious about the status of the site. Council members explained that because of so many messaging paths, it's possible that the site was closed, and the city website not updated to reflect that, but they would reach out to get answers.

The residents in attendance also had a question about the sidewalk program; were curious if when the sidewalks were replaced/repared, if they could also have their driveway replaced by the same contractor, so that both areas would be refreshed at the same time; would like to take advantage of the assessment for the sidewalk, but understood that the driveway costs would be theirs alone. Council members said they would see what they could find out. The residents also asked about the development on the former Frisch's Big Boy site, off Morrison Rd. Clerk stated that it will be a Moo Moo Car Wash, and that the project went before Planning Commission relatively recently, so it may take some time to get through the Building and Engineering review phases.

The residents commented on the street program, stated that their street was repaved and looks nice and clean; stated that they are happy with the safety of the city and that the Police Department does a great job. Council members agreed; stated that their response time is unbelievably quick; they provide excellent service. Council discussed how the funds from the recent income tax increase have been designated for police, service, and parks; we are beginning to see the fruits of that revenue.

The residents inquired about mask requirements; asked if the City will be enforcing masks and if so, how. Council members stated that the Mayor, after placing the City in a state of Emergency, could require a mask mandate; the Mayor has required masks for all when in city buildings; but relies on businesses to post

requirements if they so choose; the City is treating those who refuse in the same way it treats trespassers; if someone is not complying, then the police can request the person to leave the premises. Council members discussed the Crescent Park development project and explained that there is a 5th medical office building proposed there; there's also a proposal for multi-family housing there; trying to ensure that there's a solid base of healthcare in the area.