

Legislative Committee Meeting

The Legislative Committee met on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Lyndhurst Municipal Center.

Present at the meeting were committee and Council members Joe Marko, David Frey, and Chuck LoPresti. Others present were Council members Joe Gambatese, Jeff Price, Mayor Patrick Ward, Law Director John Luskin, Assistant Law Director Ray Schmidlin, and Assistant Clerk of Council Kelly Miller.

Chairman Marko called the meeting to order stating the purpose is to discuss Ordinance 2021-86 and Ordinance 2021-87, which are on Council's Agenda this evening.

Mr. Marko stated 2021-86 has to do with motorized scooters that are being used in neighboring cities. He turned the floor to Mr. Schmidlin and Mayor Ward to discuss the legislation.

Mr. Schmidlin explained how it would be in the best interest of the City to put reasonable regulations on shared mobility devices. He referenced the city of Kettering, Ohio and the legislation they have put in place for motorized scooters.

Mayor Ward spoke about how these scooters, which are allowed in South Euclid, are being left at the border of Lyndhurst for days. His main concern is the safety of pedestrians on the sidewalks as well as other motorized devices including wheelchairs if scooters are being abandoned. Mayor Ward stated being the scooters are governed by GPS, they should be picked up within a reasonable time frame, otherwise they could be confiscated with a fee to get them back.

Mr. Luskin referenced section 404.05 of the Codified Ordinances regarding Impounding of Vehicles. He suggested making that reference in the legislation.

Mayor Ward also spoke about the age of scooter users. He inquired whether children under the age of 16 are operating a motorized scooter in the roadway, are they aware of traffic rules if they don't have a drivers license. Mr. Luskin stated a date of birth is needed when renting a motorized scooter through the app. Mr. Frey asked if the scooters shut down at a certain point when out of jurisdiction. Mayor Ward stated the parameters and operation are governed from the provider.

Mr. Marko stated some amendments will need to be made to the proposed Ordinance; therefore, it is recommended to be placed on first reading.

Mr. Marko asked Mayor Ward to give some background regarding Ordinance 2021-87. Mayor Ward shared how many salons in the community are offering permanent cosmetics. He remarked how this is different than tattoo and body piercing because they are performed by a licensed technician in a licensed facility, not a tattoo parlor.

Although no amendments were suggested, Mr. Marko said the Ordinance is also recommended for first reading allowing a thorough review by all Council members.

It was moved by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. LoPresti, that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Marko
Committee Chairman