

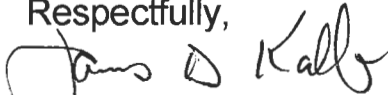
Memo

To: 3rd Ward Councilman Bob Mollette
From: Mayor James Kalb
Date: 11/28/2005
Re: Correspondences and request for information.

Councilman Mollette,

The following is a list of responses to your questions and concerns. I apologize for the delay of my response. I have been extremely busy with the preparation of the 2006 budget, contract negotiation, campaigning, daily operations of the city, etc. If you need additional information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Mayor James D. Kalb

Correspondence #05-001
Re: Sherman Road Traffic

As you are aware these are four-way stop signs in place at the intersection of Sherman Road and 28th St. The new signs and regular police patrol should help to resolve any complaints of speeding on Sherman Road.

As to your concern about unwanted traffic on Sherman; from your correspondence I see that SOMC President Randy Arnett was sent a copy of your letter. Mr. Arnett would have what little control there would be as to what vehicles use Sherman to travel to and from SOMC, by requesting drivers who do business with the hospital (vendors, ambulances, employees, etc.) to use an alternate route. I don't believe the City would want to get involved in choosing what traffic is allowed on public streets.

Correspondence #05-002
Re: 1803 Baird Ave.

Appropriate departments have been notified and notice will be sent to property owner regarding any violations. Repeat violations should result in misdemeanor charges being filed according to Section 941.99(b) of the Codified Ordinances. I will be in contact with the Health Dept. to see why this has not been done.

Correspondence #05-003
Re: 2004 Audit

Answered by Auditor

Correspondence #05-004
Re: Reported Existing City Building Condition

I "informally" stated to you at the time of your correspondence that a contractor had been hired to address the safety issues at the City Building. The contractor has been working in the building on a daily basis for nearly a month now. Safety of employees and citizens is a priority and corrective actions have been taken for the existing issues and future problems will be addressed as they become necessary.

Correspondence #05-005
Re: 3rd Ward Residence at 1721 Offnere St.

Answered in October 21, 2005 letter from City Service Director. If for some reason it is still not resolved, please notify me.

Correspondence #05-006
Re: City Planning Commission Meeting October 25, 2005.

Agenda Item for SOMC property at 1202 17th St. As requested, I read your concerns and preferences regarding the issue at the Planning Commission meeting. You should have received a copy of the minutes for the meeting by now. If you do not have them, please contact the Engineering Dept. or me and we will make sure you get a copy.

Correspondence #05-007
Re: Property Sold Throughout City Without Eminent Domain Authorization.

Answered by the City Solicitor.

Correspondence #05-008

Re: City Improvements to Meet the Expanding Campus and Services at the Southern Ohio Medical Center.

Attached is the response to your question from the Director of Wastewater.

Correspondence #05-009

Re: Traffic in Alley Between Kinney's Lane and 18th St.

Attached is a copy of the November 15th, 2005 Traffic Committee meeting.

Correspondence #05-010

Re: Parking Issues for 17th St. Residents and SOMC Dialysis and Financial Services Facility Employees and Patients.

Attached are your responses from the Engineering Dept. and the City Solicitor.

Correspondence #05-011

Re: Adelphia Programming

I was not given a copy of this correspondence. It appears that a response from Adelphia is requested.

Correspondence #05-012

Re: Reported Safety Concern on Hutchins Ave. Due to Vehicles Exceeding Speed Limits.

Police Dept. has been made aware of the concern. Persons violating the 25 mph speed limit will be ticketed.

Correspondence #05-013

Re: Condition of Alley Between Cleveland Ave. and Baird Ave.

The Engineering Dept. and the City Service Director performed an inspection of this ally. This alley was reported as not being a priority to pave this year.

Correspondence #05-014

Re: Potential Gun Registration within City Limits.

Addressed to City Solicitor.

Correspondence #05-015

Re: Monthly Billing for Customer Water Usage.

We are moving forward with the feasibility study on a wireless connectivity network. Negotiations and evaluations are ongoing for the 'Energy Conservation program.' We should have some preliminary plans for City Council to review early in 2006. I don't feel that monthly billing is an option for the upcoming year.

05-008



Public Utilities Department

Division of Wastewater

Memo

To: Mayor James Kalb
From: Director of Wastewater
CC: File
Date: 28 November 2005
Re: Bob Mollette's letter dated, 10/24/05, re: City Improvements and SOMC expansion plans

I spoke with Randy Amett of SOMC about the issues raised in Councilman Mollette's letter. The architects for the expansion project have been chosen. They are Tanner and Stone of Portsmouth and URS Consultants of Columbus. URS will also be doing the civil engineering (i.e., drainage design). However these consultants are not under contract yet and no work has been started.

I spoke with Mark Tanner, David Stone and Ralph Bussey of Tanner and Stone. They stated that Tanner and Stone was not involved in the recent hospital projects, but for the upcoming project they intend to work very closely with the City to avoid possible future problems, by taking the following steps:

1. Tanner and Stone has acquired the City's 2001 Stormwater Regulations and forwarded a copy to URS Consultants. They explained to URS that the stormwater issue is critical and is to be a priority.
2. Tanner and Stone intends to develop a "Preliminary Drainage Plan" for the project to be submitted to the Engineering and Wastewater Departments. This Preliminary Drainage Plan will be followed for all later design work.
3. Tanner and Stone hopes to work very closely with the appropriate City personnel. They feel that the fact that they are local, unlike the previous designers, will help to ensure that drainage issues will be handled correctly.

In addition I will be meeting with Stilson Consulting Group to continue work on the City's Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows. This plan should also address the SOMC/Grandview area drainage issue.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Duncan
Director of Wastewater
City of Portsmouth

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New Business:

- 1) Mr. David McSweeney, Speedeemarket Drive-Thru is asking for a left hand turn lane at the intersection of Mabert and Gallia. States that two traffic signal lights already exist that could be utilized and the road would not need to be widened.

Mr. McSweeney advised that the second light (on left) is not currently working, which results in long lines of traffic backed up on Mabert. He stated that Jack Tackett told him that all we would need is a light and timers. Mr. Grimm asked if ODOT would control the traffic signal light at this location; however, Captain Thoroughman believes that it is up to the City. Chris Murphy stated that he will do a traffic count and come up with some options at the next meeting.

- 2) Councilman Mollette advised of a safety concern for traffic in the alley between Kinneys Lane and 18th Street near Wurster Drugs (1220 Kinneys Lane). Mollette is suggesting that a "No Parking in Alley" sign on the west side of the alley be erected. He stated that parking in the alley is not acceptable because of congestion on this thoroughfare for citizens visiting local businesses, medical and fitness facilities.

Mike Penn will check this location for ownership. It was agreed that Police should be called to take enforcement action on any illegally parked vehicle.

- 3) Kevin Johnson brought up discussion on loading zones on Second Street. He feels that property owners / businesses should be required to justify their need for a loading zone. With so many restrictions on customer parking, loading zones should be limited and businesses should share.

It was suggested that council should check the ordinances and prepare legislation to better regulate the number of loading zones.

All items before the Committee having been discussed, the meeting adjourned.

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.



Charles H. Horner
Chief of Police

cc: City Council
Committee Members
Chris Murphy

05-010

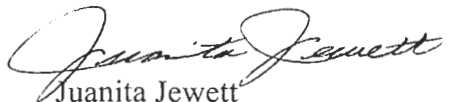
Mayor Kalb:

We were copied with Councilman Mollette's letter to you dated November 2, 2005. I would like to respond to issues concerning the Engineering Department.

When the Dialysis Center was constructed at the north corner of 17th Street and Waller, the Engineering Department certainly did address the issue of parking for the facility. This was addressed before actual construction.

I informed Mr. Mollette when he came into our office a few days ago that yes, we will review the design drawings for a permit prior to construction when and if SOMC submits plans to construct a parking lot at the south corner of 17th and Waller Street, as approved by the City Planning Commission. This is standard procedure for every project. Contractors, Owners, and Architects are certainly given adequate information and direction in a timely matter prior to their construction of any project. In this particular case of a possible new parking lot, our Engineering staff first informed SOMC no permits could be issued without the Planning Commission's approval.

The Engineering Department Building staff knows the Building Codes, Regulations and City Codified Ordinances and addresses all issues before construction. I am sorry if Councilman Mollette believes we do not know enough to discuss serious issues before issuing permits. I would like to assure you and all other Council Members our State Certified Building Department- consisting of State Certified Building Inspectors and State Certified Building Official- knows the importance of their jobs. They have and will continue to provide SOMC and any other company within our community with adequate information and direction for construction within our City.


Juanita Jewett
Assistant Director/Engineering

November 3, 2005