COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Mann from J. Patrick Foley, III, regarding Council decision to proposed narrowing streets for the safety of pedestrians.

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, WE MOVE to amend Article III Section 2 of the Administrative Code to include the following: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or within the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the City Solicitor shall not expend any funds in furtherance of the prosecution of offenses set forth in Section 910-23 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, including with limitation, presenting any evidence or argument in support of the prosecution of such offenses. And to amend Section 910-23 to include new subparagraph (P): (P) "Any person cited under this section shall be given a written notice of the fact that the City Solicitor is prohibited from expending any funds in furtherance of the prosecution of any offense set forth in this Section. Such notice shall be given at the time the citation is issued and must include the following in a typeface at least 16 point font: ALTHOUGH A CONVICTION UNDER SECTION 910-23 OF THE CINCINNATI MUNICIPAL CODE, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION. YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 2 OF THE CINCINNATI ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE CINCINNATI CITY SOLICITOR IS PROHIBITED FROM EXPENDING ANY FUNDS IN PROSECUTING ANY VIOLATION OF SECTION 910-23. YOUR ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY TO LEARN HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY YOU SHOULD APPEAR AT THE DATE AND TIME OF THE HEARING AND REQUEST AN ATTORNEY BE PROVIDED TO YOU."

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report on Public Services staffing levels. Included in the report, please provide the following: 1. Historical staffing levels over a 10 year period 2. How may FTEs are needed for Public Services to deliver optimal levels of Basic Services? 3. Cost for additional staffing to meet optimal level 4. Potential sources for funding additional staffing
MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE that the City administration produce a report on the cost and feasibility of purchasing and installing an intercom system for City Hall and any other City-owned buildings that might need it in the event of an active shooter situation. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)
The Honorable David Mann

Member of Council

801 Plum St
Cincinnati OH 45206

Re: Pedestrian safety

Dear David:

I’m certainly not an expert on traffic flow, although I was counsel for the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles from 1991 to 2000.

On a number of occasions Members of Council have proposed narrowing streets for the safety of pedestrians. I am generally opposed to these measures. The Cities of Dayton and Columbus have streets downtown which are much wider than those in Cincinnati. Pedestrians in downtown Cincinnati are often tempted to and indeed do jump out across the street, partially because the streets are so narrow. Motorists sometimes speed. These are dangerous situations.

Instead of narrowing streets, I propose that we put all-way pedestrian crossings at all or most of the downtown intersections and also at other busy pedestrian crossings throughout the city.

An all-way pedestrian crossing system is much safer for pedestrians than what we have now. What I’m proposing is that all vehicular traffic stop and that the pedestrians then be allowed to cross the street in any direction, north, south, east, west, and diagonally. This means that when the pedestrians are moving no cars are moving. It is much safer for pedestrians by removing the movement of pedestrians at the same time that cars are moving. I don’t think such an intersection exists in Cincinnati but they do exist in other cities. They are a safe alternative.

I believe that we also sorely need a study of traffic flow throughout the downtown area. Pedestrians and motorists need to be able to move through downtown expeditiously but safely. We should be encouraging drivers to move through the city at a steady pace, while assuring the pedestrians safe passage.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Pat Foley
October 23, 2019

MOTION

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And to amend Section 910-23 to include new subparagraph (F):

- (F) “Any person cited under this section shall be given a written notice of the fact that the City Solicitor is prohibited from expending any funds in furtherance of the prosecution of any offense set forth in this Section. Such notice shall be given at the time the citation is issued and must include the following in a typeface at least 16 point font: ALTHOUGH A CONVICTION UNDER SECTION 910-23 OF THE CINCINNATI MUNICIPAL CODE, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION. YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 2 OF THE CINCINNATI ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE CINCINNATI CITY SOLICITOR IS PROHIBITED FROM EXPENDING ANY FUNDS IN PROSECUTING ANY VIOLATION OF SECTION 910-23. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY TO LEARN HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY YOU SHOULD APPEAR AT THE DATE AND TIME OF THE HEARING AND REQUEST AN ATTORNEY BE PROVIDED TO YOU.”

Councilmember Jeff Pastor
October 29, 2019

MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report on Public Services staffing levels.

Included in the report, please provide the following:

- Historical staffing levels over a 10 year period
- How many FTEs are needed for Public Services to deliver optimal levels of Basic Services?
- Cost for additional staffing to meet optimal level
- Potential sources for funding additional staffing levels

STATEMENT:

Good government requires that we prioritize Public Safety and the Basic Services that make our city run efficiently and our communities safe. Cutting Public Services should be treated like proposals to cut Public Safety, D.O.A (Dead on Arrival)! We are a growing, vibrant city. After years of decline, we are starting to see growth. Now, more than ever, is the time to provide excellent public services to all 52 neighborhoods. Excellent Public Services is mission critical and our City’s promise to all citizens and taxpayers.

Councilmember Jeff Pastor

COMMITTEES

Chair: Neighborhoods  Member: Budget & Finance  •  Economic Growth & Zoning  •  Law & Public Safety
MOTION

WE MOVE that the City administration produce a report on the cost and feasibility of purchasing and installing an intercom system for City Hall and any other City-owned buildings that might need it in the event of an active shooter situation.

STATEMENT

During an active shooter situation, the safest thing to do is run to safety if doing so is possible, but in buildings like City Hall, it would be impossible to know exactly where an active shooter might be, making it impossible for employees and visitors to accurately judge whether it is possible to run to safety. An intercom system, potentially as simple as a system routed through City phone speakers, would enable security or the City Manager’s office to alert the entire building to the shooter’s location, allowing employees and visitors to make informed judgments about how to respond.