

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2025

PRESIDING: Council President Melissa Hiner

PRESENT: Darcy, Cox, Donnalley, Hiner,
Smith

ABSENT: Temple and Wilson

The special meeting on October 21, 2025, was called to order at 4:30 with Council President Melissa Hiner presiding.

Council President Hiner opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RE: LIQUOR LICENSE/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITE 126 W LINCOLN WAY

Mr. Darcy questioned where the license the owner had applied for came from, Solicitor Beech indicated a CVS in Cleveland. Mr. Darcy also talked about when Renee Lewis had applied and the process, she went through asking if this is the same. Ms. Lewis did apply for a Trex transfer also and when the application for the license was sent to the village there was no objections. The village approved this Trex transfer but filed an objection on this particular application. A question of a Daycare business being located near was a reason to object was asked, Mr. Beech said this is not a council decision it is the Liquor Control Division decision. If council does not have an objection with the liquor license itself the objection can be withdrawn, and a hearing will not be held.

Council then discussed the building and proposed development of the site including both curb cuts and a drive thru window on the building. Mr. Barkley reported that all the zoning requirements under the current zoning code comply and would be approved. The Architectural Design and Review Board would need to approve the materials to be used for the drive thru window. The question of an appeal was asked and Mr. Barkley said this would only happen if someone were to appeal his decision as the zoning inspector.

Mr. Cox questioned if the curb cut proposed on W Lincoln Way was an ODOT approval or the village. Zoning Inspector Barkley reported he has talked with ODOT and since it is in the village limits the village would approve or disapprove of the curb cut application. Council discussed all three plans in their packet with the proposed curb cuts. Mr. Barkley reported the property owner preferred either C1 or C2 site plan of the three site plans provided in the council packets prior to the meeting. Council discussed each site plan with concerns on the curb cut proposals on W Lincoln Way being brought up. Police Chief Abraham and Fire Chief Hall who were both present at the meeting had concerns with traffic back up at the intersection of W Lincoln Way and Beaver St. Chief Abraham also had concerns with loss of parking spaces in front of the Republican Building if a cut was approved on W Lincoln Way. He feels that at least 2, possibly 3 spots would be lost in an area where parking is already limited. Mr. Cox questioned if the current curb cut on Beaver St was an option to the property owner, this cut is at the south end of the parking lot.

Mr. Barkley indicated this would change the number of parking spaces available in the lot. Site plan C3 with a curb cut on the North end of the parking lot raised concerns with traffic at the intersection waiting to turn left into the parking lot as traveling South on Beaver St, Council President Hiner ask if a no left turn sign could be installed. Chief Abraham stated it could be but both he and Solicitor Beech said it would be hard to enforce. Council President ask Mr. Barkley what ODOT recommends on curb cuts when he asked them as he indicated earlier in the meeting. Mr. Barkley said that ODOT recommends a cut 50 foot from the cross bar. All of council agreed they do not want to deter the business from coming to the village however they are not comfortable with the curb cuts. The traffic may not be an issue in the evenings or on the weekend, however, weekday traffic could be an issue.

Cox made the motion to not approve any curb cuts on W Lincoln Way

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Cox made the motion to withdraw the objection to the liquor license and notify the Division of Liquor Control as required

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before the council, Council President Hiner adjourned the October 21, 2025, meeting at 4:55 pm

Council President Melissa Hiner

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer