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Mayor



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Vice-Mayor

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

Rolin Spicer
Councilmember

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

OCTOBER 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guest Joel King, Warren County Career Center Superintendent
5. Floor open to the public
6. New Business Ordinance 2023-30, First Reading, permitting the posting of political signage on public property

 Ordinance 2023-31, First Reading, prohibiting the posting of political signage on public property

 Approval of Invoices
7. Old Business
8. Communications and reports from City Officials and Committees
 - a. Mayor
 - b. Director of Finance
 - c. Administrator
 - d. Asst. Administrator
 - e. Law Director
 - f. Sergeant
 - g. Council Members
9. Executive Session
10. Adjournment



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Jerry Haddix, City Administrator

Date: October 3, 2023

Subject: Warren Co. Career Center Superintendent Visit

At the October 5th meeting, Joel King, the Superintendent of the Warren County Career Center (WCCC) will be a guest. Mr. King will be discussing the upcoming WCCC bond issue on the ballot in November. Here is a link to information re: the issue: <https://www.mywccc.org/bondissue>

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30**

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE POSTING OF POLITICAL
SIGNAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the City of South Lebanon, Ohio does not currently have a regulation, Ordinance, or other legislation that specifically addresses the posting of political signage on public property; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio (“City Council”) has expressed a desire to provide specific legislation addressing the posting of political signage on public property; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it is appropriate and reasonable for political signage to be posted on public property; and

WHEREAS, City Council is enacting this Ordinance for the purpose of promoting the freedom of speech of all individuals desiring to post political signage on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Any candidate for any political office shall be permitted to post political signage on public property; however, any such political signage shall not be posted on public property earlier than the date provided by Ohio law. Further, any such candidate, acting individually or through another individual and/or entity, shall be solely liable for any damage caused to public property by any such posting of political signage in any civil or other action initiated by the City of South Lebanon pursuant to Federal, Ohio, and/or local law.

Section 2. Public employees shall be permitted to temporarily remove political signage posted on public property as may be necessary to conduct City-related activities, including, but not limited to, mowing, street sweeping, construction, and maintenance. If political signage is removed for any such reason, it must be placed in a location that is substantially the same as when it was removed.

Section 3. The City of South Lebanon shall be not be responsible in any way for the activities of any candidate for any political office who chooses to enter public property and post political signage on public property, nor shall the City of South Lebanon be responsible for damage, destruction, permanent removal, or any other similar action related to the political signage.

Section 4. The recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of City Council concerning and relating to passing this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of City Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from the after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted on _____, 2023.

Attest: _____

Petrina Williams, Director of Finance/Clerk

James D. Smith, Mayor

Rules Suspended: / /2023 (if applicable)	Effective Date – / /2023
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Prepared by and approved as to form:

ANDREW P. MEIER
CITY SOLICITOR
SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO

By: _____

Date: ___/___/2023

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO
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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio (“City Council”) has expressed a desire to provide specific legislation addressing the posting of political signage on public property; and

WHEREAS, City Council has considered all aspects associated with the posting of political signage on public property and believes it is in the City’s best interest for political signage to not be posted on public property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal and Ohio law, a municipality may enact ordinances prohibiting political signage on public property and permitting recovery of the cost of removal of such signage because it is within a municipality’s police powers to do so and it is within the municipality’s constitutional power to attempt to improve its appearance and esthetics; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that this Ordinance is necessary to advance significant and legitimate state interests, including, but not limited to, protecting the health, safety, and well-being of City residents, and further, that alternative channels of communicating political messages are available to any candidate for political office in the City of South Lebanon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Any candidate for any political office shall not be permitted to post political signage on public property in the City of South Lebanon.

Section 2. Public employees shall be permitted to remove political signage posted on public property in violation of this Ordinance; however, a representative of the City of South Lebanon shall place any such political signage in storage, inform the applicable candidate of such removal as soon as possible so

the candidate may retrieve his or her property, and make the political signage available for the candidate to retrieve. The City of South Lebanon shall have the right to recover any costs associated with such removal and storage.

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