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**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Sam Davis.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Sam Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tameika Isaac Devine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Moe Baddourah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. The Committee is asked to review the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance and update it to modern classifications of carts.

Ms. Jeanne Lisowski, Esq., Assistant City Attorney advised the Committee that City Council cannot prohibit national chains from applying for sidewalk vending carts. City Council should disqualify applications that do not meet the definitions and the requirements of business licensing.

Ms. Sidra Nelson, Business License Administrator said the word and definition of cart is used consistently through the City's ordinance. She asked if we want to stick with that or add upon the definition to include other types of displays. She presented pictures of well-constructed carts versus other things that should not be allowed. The ordinance doesn't clarify if coolers and tables are allowed. She reported that we currently have three (3) vendors.

Ms. Jeanne Lisowski, Esq., Assistant City Attorney suggested that Council add language that sets a designated footprint for sidewalk vending carts and at no time can the designated footprint obstruct pedestrian traffic. She recommended not changing the current definition of a cart.

There was an in-depth discussion about the carts, accessories, safety of pedestrians, and merchandise.



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There was a consensus of the Committee to:

1. Advise City Council that national chains cannot be prohibited from submitting a sidewalk vendor application;
2. Do not amend the current definition of a cart or allowed accessories that fit within the designated footprint;
3. Add language that sets a designated footprint for sidewalk vending carts and for the safety of pedestrians, at no time can the designated footprint obstruct pedestrian traffic;
4. Staff will add sample photos of well-constructed sidewalk vending carts to the ordinance;
5. Amend the list of permitted merchandise to reflect all merchandise included in the City's ordinance along with salads and pizza; and
6. Amend the ordinance as outlined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk