

MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Council Chamber, 898 Elk Drive
April 7, 2010

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Bernard Banta, Bob Schaefer, Bill Sharp, Chair Donny Dotson

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Asst. Fire Chief Jim Watson, Public Works Asst. Lauri Ziemer

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Crosswalks in school areas of Ransom and Pioneer – need for crosswalk in school area again discussed. Mid-block crosswalks not recommended as they pose a safety issue. Current new construction in the area includes building of sidewalks. **Motion made by Bill Sharp to put a sidewalk at the upper corner of Pioneer and Ransom and install a crosswalk across Ransom; motion seconded by Bernard Banta and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.** Bob Schaefer to check with builder, Bart Kast, about current status of sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fir Street residents request crosswalk across Old County Road to Azalea Park – need for crosswalk in area for pedestrians to cross safely discussed. No intersection involved, would be a mid-block crosswalk which is not recommended because of visibility issues for cars traveling up and around curve on Old County Road. **Motion made by Bill Sharp to postpone matter until Fir Street LID issue resolved; motion seconded by Jim Watson and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Stop sign issue at North Bank Road, Constitution Way and Old County Road – discussed traffic safety issues when roadway construction completed. At present time, a temporary stop sign is at North Bank Road by the construction contractors and a stop sign is at Old County Road. Traffic to the left and right onto Old County Road and North Bank Road from Constitution Way is permitted without stopping. Because of traffic conditions, speed and volume; believe there is a need for permanent stop signs at North Bank Road, Constitution Way in both directions and Old County Road. **Motion made by Bob Schaefer to replace temporary stop sign with permanent stop sign at North Bank Road and recommend to ODOT to make intersection a four way stop; motion seconded by Bill Sharp and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Restrict parking to one side on 5th Street, from Chetco to Easy Street – discussed street widths and hazard of parked vehicles encroaching into travel lanes forcing motorists to drive across center line. **Motion made by Bill Sharp to eliminate parking on west side of 5th Street from Chetco to Easy Streets, motion seconded by Bob Schaefer and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.** Bob Schaefer to measure roadway for possible relocation of center line. Matter forwarded to City Council.
- D. Light timing change at Chetco/Fifth Street traffic signal – discussed timing issue and traffic. **Motion made by Bob Schaefer to refer matter to ODOT for further review, motion seconded by Bill Sharp and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- E. Left turn only signal on 5th at Chetco – discussed traffic patterns, street and driveway entrances, traffic volume. **Motion made by Bill Sharp to refer matter to ODOT for further review, motion seconded by Bob Schaefer and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Guardrail on Marine Heights – discussed road history and hazards. **Motion made by Bill Sharp to refer matter back to staff for further review and recommendation, motion seconded by Bob Schaefer and the committee voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- G. Limiting parking on the S turn of Ransom west of Pioneer – matter continued for further investigation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donny Dotson, Chair

(approved at May 5, 2010 meeting)