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City of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

OF

October 20th, 1982

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M I N U T E S
City of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
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PRESENT : Mike Courtney, Jack Rinehart,
Harvey Prouty, Chris Zukin, Maury
Snow and Cecelia Cushing.

ABSENT : Don Hall

STAFF PRESENT : Rod McKee, City Engineer
Kurt Corey, Assistant City Engineer
Paul Nagy, Police Chief
Kathy Hunter, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Courtney called the meeting to order at 7:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 18, 1982

Prouty moved, seconded by Snow, to approve the minutes of the August 18th, 1982 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

McKee discussed the proposal which had already been made to City Council. He proposed designating certain streets as snow routes and requiring that these routes be free of parked cars when a "snow emergency" has been declared by the City. He asked the Commission to issue their comments in favor or in opposition to the proposal. If the Commission and the Council did not support the proposal then it was not reasonable to spend any more time with it. Rinehart commented that there would be quite a problem with parking for residents on 12th and 14th Streets. Courtney asked how much it would cost. McKee explained that initial signing might be \$2,200 and if a private weather forecast was used that would be \$600 annually. The City would however, realize a great savings in time spent on the job and therefore a savings in money spent on man-hours. McKee cited past problems of blocked streets with buried cars, cars without traction devices, claims over dented cars, and claims over dirty and chipped cars caused from sanding. Cushing was concerned for where people would park in those congested areas. McKee stated that in some cases they might have to clear side streets to provide parking room.

Nagy suggested that the impounding of vehicles left in the street is a costly program. Perhaps we could try a program with parking allowed on odd or even numbered sides of the street for the winter period Dec. - Mar. Prouty moved, Rinehart seconded, to support the Public Works Department's proposal for emergency snow routes. Motion failed. Yes - Prouty, Rinehart. No - Snow, Cushing, Zukin. Absent - Hall.

Proposal/ Emergency Snow Routes - (Cont'd)

Hunter requested that the Commission express their reasons for opposition to the proposal. Those were:

1. It would create confusion and inconvenience for residents over where to park on the routes.
2. Residents would be penalized for parking on the routes during a "snow alert".
3. A voluntary program for clearing streets of cars would be a better idea.

McKee noted that if the snow routes proposal was not adopted the City had the option of enacting a disclaimer to damages caused to any property left in the streets during plowing and sanding operations. This might be needed because the number of claims and complaints the City receives during snow removal operations has been increasing.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SAFETY AT HALLOWEEN

Zukin moved, seconded by Prouty, in favor of Traffic Safety Commission sponsoring a Public Service Announcement reminding drivers to watch for children along streets during trick-or-treat hours. Motion carried. Yes - Prouty, Zukin, Snow and Cushing. No - Rinehart. Absent - Hall.

FREE RIGHT TURN INTERSECTIONS

Council had requested review of City intersections where a right turn was permitted at a stop. They reviewed the following:

- E. 9th / Brewery Grade
- E. 15th/ Nevada
- E. 14th/ Union
- Webber Road/ W. 2nd

The use of such signing is unique to the State of Oregon and there are no guidelines for its installation. These intersections were reviewed for problems. No traffic accidents had been reported. The only problem noted is the failure to use turn signals. This does cause confusion and uncertainty.

Prouty moved, Snow seconded, that no changes were needed at these intersections and that there was no evidence that a traffic safety hazard existed. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Courtney requested that staff review the traffic accidents at W. 6th and Hostetler for the next meeting.

With no further business Rinehart moved, Zukin seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.