

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2021
7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Michael Holloran, Larry Fairclo, Sandy Haechrel and Russ Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary; David Mills, Transportation Division Manager and Dale McCabe, City Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT: Garrett Gronkowski/BIRD

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Kilkenny to approve the May agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Garrett Gronowski, with BIRD gave a presentation about BIRD's proposal to have e-scooters available for short term transportation around town. Commission members asked questions about how the business was run and logistics of gathering the e-scooters each night. Members asked to have a separate meeting for more discussion with June 9th as a tentative meeting date.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- A) Transportation Manager, Mills reported his team had performed night time flagging operations for ODOT to assist them with the signal head upgrade at the intersection of Webber Street and W. 6th Street.
- B) Mills reported they are in the process of painting the yellow curbs around the City.

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- C) The team installed the new LINK bus stop sign and yellowed out 22 feet of curb on E. 12th Street and Dry Hollow Road.
- D) A crosswalk was painted at E. 16th Place and G Street with the continental style markings to improve visibility at the intersection.
- E) June 10th and 11th the will be completing the scrub seal project on E. Scenic Drive from Jefferson Street to the Sorossis Park exit. Another scrub seal project will be happening on Bridge Street from W. 10th to W. 14th Street after the first phase is completed.
- F) The Transportation team will have a chip seal project the following week of June 14th thru June 16th. They will follow this up with a fog seal on the same roads the week of July 12th thru July 14th.

CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Nothing at this time.

CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Codes Enforcement Officer, Nikki Lesich reported she is continuing to work with the homeless camps and abandoned vehicles around the City. If you know of any location that need attention, please let her know.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

- A) City Engineer McCabe said the ADA Concrete Contract is underway.
- B) McCabe also told the members the E. 15th Street Reconstruction paving contract will have the bid opening on May 20th, 2021. Project will begin in June.
- C) The new LINK bus shelter at 12th Street and Dry Hollow Road is compete and ready for use. The next request will be for a bus stop at 11th Street and Kelly Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sandy Haechrel said there were a couple of typo mistakes on page 2, item C under the Transportation Division Manager Report. Items will be corrected as noted. Being there is no further business, Kilkenny made a motion to adjourn and Fairclo seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

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ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Chairman Pyles complimented the City on how much smoother traffic flows at the 6th Street and Webber Street intersection. Pyles believes this would work well at the 2nd Street and Webber Street intersection too. Brown would like to propose some kind of award or special recognition for past Traffic Safety Commission member, Robert Kuenzinger. Robert was instrumental in getting the north and south bound turn lights changed. Brown moved to send the request to the Public Works Director. Holloran seconded the motion.
- B) McCabe suggested he and Mills meet with the Principal at the Colonel Wright School to discuss the congestion problems on Trevitt Street near the school. They will discuss various options for improvements and get with the Traffic Safety Commission members to discuss at the June meeting.
- C) A request for LED Stop signs at the 4th Street and Washington Street intersection. Members of the Commission discussed the request. Mills told members a 4 way stop with LED lights on the edges of the stop sign cost \$8,000 per intersection. Mills said they also have \$2,000 budgeted for next year to purchase 2 more LED signs. Members acknowledged it is a busy intersection but did not believe the intersection warranted an expenditure of \$8,000. No further action needed at this time.
- D) Brown asked if anything had been done about the traffic generated from the Center for Living's employee overflow parking onto Webber Street, near the 10th Street intersection. Brown said he would like to urge the City Planning Department to take into consideration employee parking along with customer or patient parking when approving site team plans. McCabe will talk to the Planning Department.
- E) A discussion was held regarding citizen concerns on Columbia View Heights with regards to speeding concerns. Mills suggested continued enforcement with members checking out a radar gun or City staff setting out the radar trailer. Currently this is a law enforcement issue. Mills suggested striping the crosswalk in the new continental style to make them more visible and safer for pedestrians. McCabe suggested adding this location to his Request for Proposals list.
- F) Commissioner Brown is very concerned about the traffic on 12th Street near the new Center Market. Delivery trucks park on 12th as they are unloading products for the store and pickups in the parking lot don't have enough room to turn around, so they end up backing into the street. Brown would like the Planning Department to consider these issues more when they come up in site meeting. McCabe will talk to the Planning Department about this also.

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G) Davis requested a radar gun be used on 11th Street between G Street and H Street.

H) Commissioner Haechrel asked if the City could paint a crosswalk from the State Office Building to the City Park steps. McCabe explained the City Park is Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation's property and it would be up to them to put in a compliant ADA ramp onto the sidewalk at their cost. The City would be willing to paint a crosswalk if those improvements are met.

ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Additional meeting request regarding the e-scooters proposal. Members would like this to be scheduled a couple of weeks from today. This meeting would also be separate from the June Traffic Safety Commission regular meeting.

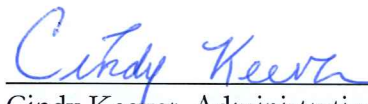
ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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