

## MINUTES

Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

August 18, 2021

Page 1 of 4

---

## MINUTES

### REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

August 18, 2021

7:00 a.m.

### VIA ZOOM

**PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny and Michael Holloran,

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Russ Brown, Sandy Haechrel and Larry Fairclo

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary, Dale McCabe, City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Jeremy Dutton, The Dalles Police Department and Nikki Lesich, Codes Enforcement

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jerry Meligan

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:04 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jerry Meligan spoke to the commission regarding two intersections. The first is the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Hostetler Street. There is a black pickup with a long black utility trailer attached that is causing visibility issues. The second intersection is at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Pomona Street. The south bound lane has difficulty seeing around the block wall with ivy growing on it. Cars must creep out into the lane of traffic before proceeding. City staff will check both areas to make sure each clear vision triangle area is being met.

### TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- A) All of the roads in town have been re-stripped.
- B) The Transportation Division team is working on getting the crosswalks touched up around all of the schools.

---

## **CITY OF THE DALLES**

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"

## MINUTES

Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

August 18, 2021

Page 2 of 4

---

- C) Restriping of streets will be done around town starting July 26<sup>th</sup> and going through July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- D) On Quinton Street near E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street (water main break area), will be having the storm line upgraded towards the end of September. The Transportation Division team is anticipating paving the area at the beginning of October. Watering the road twice daily to help with dust control is ongoing.

### **CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Officer Dutton had no new information to report at this time.

### **CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

- A) Codes Enforcement is working with School District #21 regarding trees that are out of compliance and she currently has a list of 15 trees that need trimmed. She also gets complaints about trees blocking stop signs, etc. on private lots and wanted to let commissioners know she cannot send compliance letters to those owners since it is private property.
- B) She has been working with the property owner at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Thompson Street, on the southwest corner. Their trees and blackberry bushes make it difficult to see the traffic coming down the hill.
- C) The City Public Works Department recently made a few visibility improvements at the E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Thompson Street intersection and she appreciates the efforts.

### **CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

- A) Work has continued on the West Side Interceptor Sewer Project on W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The road closure will continue until mid to late September.
- B) The W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street Paving Project has begun and things are going as planned.
- C) The 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program for City residents will begin the first part of September.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Kilkenny and seconded by Holloran to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried, absent Brown, Fairclo and Haechrel.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

---

## **CITY OF THE DALLES**

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"

## MINUTES

Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

August 18, 2021

Page 3 of 4

---

- A) A discussion was held regarding the pull in parking and the oversize vehicles that use them. Mills explained some of the history of the parking reasons in the downtown area.
- B) The employee parking on Webber Street is still happening even though an empty lot to the north of W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street has been graded and is currently being used for overflow parking too. This is an ongoing issue.
- C) The Transportation Division received a request for additional yellow curb adjacent to the crosswalk at the intersection of Third Street and Madison Street. Commissioners discussed the need for more visibility for both the drivers and the pedestrians in the area.  
Holloran made a motion and Kilkenny seconded the motion to have the Transportation Division paint additional yellow curbing adjacent to the crosswalk at the SW corner. Motion carried, 4 to 0, Pyles, Davis, Kilkenny and Holloran in favor and Brown, Fairclo & Haechrel absent.
- D) A discussion was held among members regarding the need for addition of lighted stop signs at the intersection of E 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street. Transportation Manager Mills read the police report regarding accidents at that intersection for the last five years and there have been 14 reported accidents.  
It was moved by Kilkenny and seconded by Holloran to install flashing stop signs at the E 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street intersection. Motion carried, 4 to 0, Pyles, Davis, Kilkenny and Holloran in favor and Brown, Fairclo and Haechrel absent.
- E) A concern was expressed regarding the difficulty of looking north around the vehicles that park adjacent to the UPS building on Webber Street near the W 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection. Transportation Manager Mills explained the cars parking along the curb are in compliance but agreed it is a stop sign that drivers need to stop at, then cautiously proceed out into the lane of traffic in order to have a clear vision of northbound traffic. Also, this problem seems to be only happening in the morning as the cars are gone by mid-afternoon.
- F) Public Works received a request for a "No Parking" or "No Loading Zone" sign on Pomona Street adjacent to the Wasco Electric Maintenance Yard. Transportation Division Manager Mills will contact Codes Enforcement Officer Lesich and they will discuss ways to discourage overnight camping.  
Kilkenny wanted to thank Lesich for all she has done and what she is continuing to do for the ongoing homeless camping problems the City is experiencing.

## **ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Holloran said he is still talking with ODOT about the proposed roundabout at Bret Clodfelter Way, Lone Pine Boulevard and Hwy 197.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

---

### **CITY OF THE DALLES**

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"



MINUTES

Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

August 18, 2021

Page 4 of 4

---

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

---

Submitted by/

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary

Public Works Department

SIGNED:

  
Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

---

**CITY OF THE DALLES**

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"