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Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

September 15, 2021

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Russ Brown, Sandy Haechrel and Larry Fairclo

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Michael Holloran

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Jeremy Dutton, The Dalles Police Department, Nikki Lesich, Codes Enforcement and Darcy Long-Curtis – City Councilperson Representative

GUESTS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. Transportation Division Manager Mills said all of the streets in town have been re-striped and that job is complete for the year.
2. The Transportation Division team has installed a temporary fence around the Red Cross parklet located at the corner of Chenoweth Street and Cherry Heights Road. A permanent fence is pending. Once permanently fenced this area will be utilized by Ixtapa restaurant
3. Quinton Street near E. 14th Street is scheduled to be paved soon.
4. The Westside Interceptor Upgrades Phase I contract on W. 1st Street is going slowly due to the basalt rock hammering that is occurring. Currently the projected completion date is the first week of October 2021. After completion W. 1st Street will be back open to traffic.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Codes Enforcement Officer Lesich reported the efforts to reduce the homeless camping has been successfully reduced from about a dozen motorhomes and campers to just a couple. She greatly appreciates the efforts from the Police Department and from citizens who call in with concerns. She will continue to work with the homeless travelers to help them complete their journeys.
2. Lesich reported she received a large list of out of compliance trees from School District #21. She is working with property owners to correct the problems.
3. The graffiti removal process continues to go smoothly. Removal typically takes less than 24 hours and she appreciates all who call in areas where tagging occurs.
4. Efforts continue with property owners to clean up and get rid of any nuisance issues on their properties.
5. Puncture vine continues to be a problem and she is working with commercial property owners to keep the plants under control and the seed pods from being spread.
6. Lesich said she currently is working with four different companies who pick up scrap metal. She has successfully removed, with the owners' permission, 25 to 30 cars from private property.

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D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

The W. 15th Street Paving Project by Granite Construction Company has been successfully finished. The City is working with adjacent property owners for a few minor repairs and then the project will be complete.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of August minutes has been postponed until the October meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Mills received a request from a business at 411 Lone Pine Boulevard for a No Parking sign, Loading Zone sign or yellow curb near the driveway at the back of their property on Osprey Lane. When parked cars block their driveway delivery trucks have a difficult time unloading their supplies. A discussion was held regarding the best options for a solution.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to recommend extending the yellow curb out from the crosswalk for 20 feet and to install a "No Parking, Loading Zone" sign. Commissioner Kilkenny seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 to 0 in favor, Pyles, Davis, Haechrel, Fairclo, Brown and Kilkenny in favor and Holloran absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) A request form concern was received from a citizen concerning vehicles continually running with their fog lights on and other vehicles running oversized tires. This is a police matter and was referred to their department.
- B) A request form concern was received from a citizen concerning Burgerville's customers using the alley as part of the drive-thru lane. Members discussed the additional use of the drive-thru since COVID-19 began and did not see a problem with the customers using the alley. The alley is also accessible to the businesses on the east side near Union Street and as long as the customers don't block the north or south bound traffic on Liberty commissioners didn't see a problem. Examples of other businesses in the downtown core were given where alleys are being used to load and unload products to a business. Brown did ask City staff to check with the Planning Department to see if a variance was issued to Burgerville for their drive-thru business.
- C) City Engineer McCabe and Transportation Manager Mills reported they had met with School District #21 principals and staff to discuss problems that are occurring at drop off and pick up times at the grade schools. More data will be collected and this issue is scheduled for discussion at the October meeting.

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ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

School District #21 Drop Off and Pick Up Issues

LED Stop Signs at the 4th Street and Washington Street Intersection

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:57 a.m.

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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