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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

November 17, 2021

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

**PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Russ Brown, Sandy Haechrel and Larry Fairclo (arrived at item #10)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Michael Holloran

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** none

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:03 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Kilkenny and seconded by Brown to approve the November 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 reported the fence is complete around Red Cross Park, near the intersection of Chenoweth Street and Cherry Heights Road and the area has been turned over to Ixtapa for their use.
2. The Transportation Division team has been cleaning culverts and trimming and removing dead tree limbs prior to winter weather. This past Monday there was a wind storm and they have cleared numerous fallen trees and branches because of the storm.
3. The Transportation Division crew has prepared the vehicles and equipment for winter conditions and is ready for inclement weather
4. The annual Starlight Parade will occur on Friday evening, the day after Thanksgiving. The Transportation Division team will again assist with closing streets and the setting up and taking down of barricades along the parade route. Please use caution when traveling in the Cascade Square and downtown areas.

#### **B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

#### **C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

None

#### **D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

1. McCabe gave a recap of the Oregon Safe Routes to School Walking Audit that occurred November 4, 2021 at Chenoweth Elementary School and at Colonel Wright School. He shared the North Wasco School District Safe Routes to School Plan Schedule and will give updates as those dates occur.
2. The Westside Interceptor Upgrade, Phase I project on First Street is looking at completion of pipe installation in approximately three more weeks if the work goes as planned. Paving of the trench with hot mix asphalt will be weather dependent.
3. The Trevitt Street Utility Upgrade Project bid opening will occur December 16, 2021. Construction is also weather dependent but is scheduled to begin late winter or early spring in 2022.

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4. McCabe said he has been in contact with ODOT regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Webber Street intersection traffic light phase timing changes. Work is to begin in the near future.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the October 2021 minutes were approved 6 to 0. Kilkenny, Brown, Pyles, Davis, Fairclo, and Haechrel moved to approve. Commissioner Holloran was absent.

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The installation of the LED stop signs at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Washington Street is still scheduled to occur once all of the items are received by Public Works. Manager, Mills said parts are in the process of being shipped and installation should occur by the end of next week

**11. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Commissioner Davis commented that the newly reported plans for the Mid Columbia Medical Center to be re-located to the property near 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Webber Street and Walnut Street brings concerns about the ODOT east bound off ramp, exit #83 and the difficulty drivers have when trying to merge onto the east bound traffic. City Engineer McCabe said a traffic study of the entire area will be an early part of any proposed changes.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

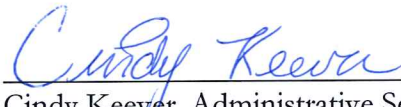
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Submitted by/  
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

SIGNED:

  
Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

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