

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

January 19, 2022

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Fred Davis, Vice Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russ Brown, Sandy Haechrel, Michael Holloran and Larry Fairclo

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mike Kilkenny, Frank Pyles

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary, Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, and Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement

GUESTS PRESENT: none

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brown at 7:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Holloran and seconded by Fairclo to approve the January agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

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A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. Transportation Division Manager Mills reported they have been patching potholes throughout town with cold mix asphalt. This is just a temporary fix until we can get some hot mix asphalt in the spring. Please let us know if you notice any potholes that need fixed.
2. The Transportation Division team recently cleaned up two rock slides on E 2nd Street out past Big Jim's Drive Inn. The rock is unstable in that area and falling down with all of the water runoff from melting snow.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich thanked the Public Works Department for their fast response time when help is required and said she really appreciated the City's efforts in keeping the sidewalks and bridges cleared for safe walking during the recent snow storm.
2. A City ordinance has been changed regarding reducing vegetation problem areas. The ordinance has been changed from a two week to a one week compliance period. This should be especially helpful during the seasonal fire season.
3. There has also been a change in the ordinance regarding the length of time a camper or motorhome can be parked on the street. Currently a five day permit is allowed with multiple extensions available. The ordinance has been changed so there are no extensions and the permit is good for 5 days only.
4. During the recent snow storm she received complaints regarding the lack of mail being delivered because of snow piled in front of mail boxes or cars being parked in front of mail boxes (because regular on street parking was blocked by snow piles). A new ordinance is being developed requiring property owners to clear the snow away in the areas in front of mailboxes. It will also be a code violation for cars to park in front of mailboxes and tickets will be issued.
5. Commissioner Brown asked Officer Lesich if she has had any luck with contacting the vehicle owners on E 16th Place, (a location they have previously discussed). Lesich said she has mailed letters to the owner(s) of the cars and they are aware it is illegal to park on the sidewalk. She asked Brown to notify her if he sees vehicles parked on the sidewalk again. Officers will cite the owner of those cars.
6. Lesich said she was in the process of getting the vegetation removed that is causing visibility issues. Unfortunately the City received the snow so progress was slowed. Lesich will continue with notice of trimming once snow is reduced in the area.

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D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. McCabe reported the Westside Interceptor Upgrade, Phase I project on First Street is close to completion but the road is currently still closed. Due to the recent snow storm the base of the road is saturated with water so it needs to dry out a bit before rock can be compacted in the ditch. Once compaction is completed and a couple of items are finished First Street can be opened to the public. The road will still have a gravel area so caution will need to be used.
2. The Trevitt Street Utility Upgrade Project bid opening occurred on December 16, 2021. The City has rejected all bids and will be going back out for bids in the future.
3. McCabe said ODOT is still planning on making changes to the lights at the 2nd Street and Webber Street intersection. No new information at this time
4. An email was received from a concerned citizen regarding potential traffic problems if the Mid-Columbia Medical Center decides to build at the Kramer Field location. McCabe said an impact study will have to occur and when the formal land use application is filed it will have to have a traffic study done as part of that permit. No permits have been filed at this time.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the December 2021 minutes were approved 5 to 0. Brown, Davis, Fairclo, Holloran and Haechrel moved to approve. Kilkenny and Pyles absent.

9. ACTION ITEMS

None

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The request to paint yellow on 10th Street where it intersects with E 9th Street east of Quinton was postponed until the February meeting. Discussion was held regarding painting center line stripes to help traffic stay in their lanes. Mills & McCabe will go out to the site and look at the area for a better understanding.

11. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Brown stated he recently visited with the City Police Captain about the continuing problems parents are causing when they block traffic on Trevitt Street, adjacent to the Col. Wright School. McCabe received an email from the Principal of the Col. Wright School telling him about the information that was sent out to parents including a map showing the restricted areas. McCabe

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will also let the police know more police presence is needed during the drop off and pick up times each day.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

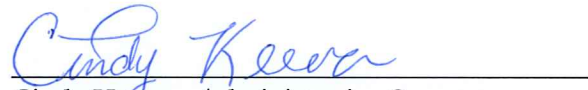
Submitted by/

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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