

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 18, 2022

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

**PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary, Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, and Darcy Long-Curtis – City Council Representative

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pyles at 7:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Kilkenny to approve the March 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. The Transportation Division will be completing the downtown corridor project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Transportation Division team will be continuing the crack sealing program on streets throughout town.
3. The annual chip seal project is scheduled to start on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will end on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. A fog seal will be placed over all of the chip seal roads in mid-July.
4. The annual road restriping project will take place in August.

**B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

**C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

1. Lesich reported she continues to work with the homeless and their camps. Clean up efforts are continuing and more permanent housing are being explored. This is an ongoing issue.
2. Lesich has also been continuing to post flyers on vehicles that are parking on the curb to let them know it is illegal and could result in a fine. She is working with the Columbia Gorge News for a newspaper article highlighting the damage and deterioration that occurs when parking on the curb continually happens.
3. Graffiti along the river has increased substantially and she is working with crews to quickly get it removed. Please let her know ASAP if any graffiti is noticed.
4. Weed and vegetation complaints have increased with the warmer weather. Please let her know if you see any traffic visibility issues caused by overgrown vegetation.

**D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

1. McCabe reported the Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project has been awarded and should begin in June and be done by the end of August.
2. The Scenic Drive Stabilization Phase III contract project is scheduled to start in June, depending on material availability.

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3. McCabe spoke to ODOT and they have tentatively scheduled June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to make the signal changes at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Webber Road intersection.
4. Crestline Construction will be re-doing the asphalt patch on Hostetler between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, May 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Project is nearing completion.
5. The Grove Subdivision plans have been revised and are now ready for approval.
6. The 50/50 Sidewalk application process is currently being worked on and will be ready for public applications soon.

### 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the April 2022 minutes were approved 7 to 0. Pyles, Davis, Brown, Kilkenny, Holloran, Haechrel and Fairclo moved to approve. .

### 9. ACTION ITEMS

None

### 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. A discussion was held about the safety of the E Scenic Drive and Jefferson Street intersection and the speed vehicles drive in the area. Suggestions of rumble strips, a 3-way stop and a 4-way stop were discussed. McCabe explained that E. Scenic Drive is a collector street and the City generally does not put stop signs on collector streets because of the heavier vehicle usage. McCabe said the new fiscal year, which starts in July, will have funds available for the purchase of a speed radar sign and this area would be a good candidate for that type of sign. The east side of Jefferson seems to be the most beneficial area for a radar speed sign. McCabe said City staff will put out traffic counters within the next week to capture the number of cars using E. Scenic Drive and Jefferson Street. Data to be shared at the June meeting.

B. Members discussed a request for yellowing the curb in front of a hydrant and in front of a bank of mailboxes near 1629 E 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Codes Enforcement Officer Lesich has worked with the post office in the past regarding violations. No codes violation unless yellow paint is present. Property owner across street will be notified to clear vegetation away from hydrant to make it more visible.

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

A. Kilkenny expressed frustration with patrons who park in the alleys while doing business in adjacent businesses. This blocks the alley and then other drivers can't drive through them.

B. Davis would like to have signage installed and parking boxes painted on Jefferson between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street to prohibit oversize vehicles from sticking too far out into the drive lane.

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

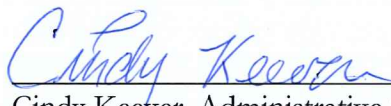
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Submitted by/  
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

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Frank Pyles, Chair

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Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary  
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