MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETNG September 21, 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:

Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Darcy Long – City Council

Representative, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jamie Carrico –

Captain City Police and Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyles at 7:03 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 September agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. <u>AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION</u>

None.

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- 1. The new solar LED stop signs and radar feedback signs came in. Installation will begin in a couple of weeks.
- 2. Crack sealing of the roads is continuing.
- 3. The Transportation crew is finishing up painting of the crosswalks around town.
- 4. Installation of 34 yellow delineators on @ 2nd Street at Cherry Heights will begin as soon as they are received. These will be installed to try and stop the illegal U turns being done by eastbound vehicles.
- 4. Starting Monday October 10th, a rut grind and fill project will start on W 10th Street from Cherry Heights to Walnut Street. This project is scheduled to last two weeks.

B. <u>CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT</u>

The Police Department should be fully staffed by the beginning of 2023.

C. <u>CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT</u>

- 1. There seems to have been an increase in homeless camping in cars recently, especially around the Big 5 Store and along W 1st Street.
- 2. Out of town property owners have been more compliant recently and fire hazardous vegetation has been reduced.
- 3. Property abatement notices has been steady and ongoing.
- 4. Currently reviewing and updating five different City codes.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

- 1. The East Scenic Drive Stabilization Phase III Project is completed.
- 2. The Trevitt Street Utility Upgrade, between 9th and 12th Street has been started and will be closed for the next couple of weeks for bypass pumping.

- 3. Safe Routes to School has done a Quick Build Sidewalk Bulb out Project at 16th Street and Trevitt Street, next to Col. Wright School. Painting of continental crosswalks, curbs painted yellow and traffic candles installed has occurred. Discussion was held regarding tour bus and school bus drivers abilities to make the corner if the bulb out becomes a permanent structure.
- 4. Residents who live around the Chenowith Elementary School are reporting problems with cars blocking driveways and mailboxes. Area will be observed for ways to make improvements.
- 5. A recent application for the Lone Pine housing area has occurred and is triggering a traffic impact analysis.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Brown told Codes Enforcement Officer Lesich the intersection of 14th Street looked good. A discussion of the improvements at the 12th Street intersection was held. No more discussion necessary at this time.
- B. Discussion of the shrubs in need of trimming at the exit was discussed. No more discussion necessary at this time.
- C. A phone number for the Union Pacific Railroad was given to members to call if a train blocks the tracks at the intersections at Webber, Union or Madison Streets for more than approximately 10 minutes. The number is 1-888-877-7267. This phone number plus the crossing number is located at each crossing.
- D. The delivery drivers that block the drive lanes on 2nd Street was discussed and Capt. Carrico said as long as the blockage is for a short time and there is another lane around the truck that is unloading supplies it is legal.
- E. Reports of tour buses, supply vehicles and various other vendors blocking the road on 1st Street was discussed. Commissioner Haechrel said she has not seen a problem when she is down there in the morning with the group that greets the passengers. More data on times will need to be collected. Dale will also work with our City Clerk/Schedules Coordinator to make sure the word gets out to all drivers that lane blockages can't happen, especially on the corner.
- F. Commissioner Brown asked for "No Parking" signs on W 6th near Hostetler Street for approximately 50 to 100 yards to the west on 6th Street. Large trucks and semis parking too close to the Hostetler intersection blocks the vision of drivers looking west on W 6th Street. Commissioner Holloran will look at the area when he is in his state patrol car and if he sees the driver, will ask

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them to park further west on 6th Street so as to not cause visibility restrictions.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1) A concern was raised about pedestrians on the corner of Court Street and E 3rd Street, on the north side of the intersection. If a pickup or van is parked near the intersection, people can't be seen until they are practically in the travel lane on 3rd Street.
- 2. Vehicles still seem to be speeding downtown on 3rd Street early in the early morning while the stop lights are still in the blinking yellow phase.

11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by/

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary

Public Works Department

SIGNED:

Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary

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