

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

December 21, 2022

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

- PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fred Davis, Russ Brown, Michael Holloran and Sandy Haechrel
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Mike Kilkenny and Larry Fairclo
- STAFF PRESENT:** David Mills – Transportation Manager, Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremy Dutton – City Police, Darcy Long – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** None

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the December agenda was made by Brown and seconded by Holloran. 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. The Transportation team has finished installing 40 new delineators on W. 2nd Street, east of the Cherry Heights intersection to try and stop cars from whipping a “U” turn on 2nd Street to head west. Problems are still happening so extra attention and enforcement of the “No U Turn” sign from the police department is what needs to happen now.

2. Manager Mills reminded the members that during winter weather it is slick out. He has crews on 24 hour sanding rotations. His division is working with ODOT and experimenting with salt on the roads trying to get the most effective and least corrosive product on the roads.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Officer Dutton said DUII cases have substantially increased during the holiday season.

2. Officer Dutton will try and give more attention to the W 2nd Street area east of Cherry Heights Road. Tickets will be issued for those who ignore the “No U Turn” signs.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported work loads and safety concerns have increased significantly this year and after calculations were run there have been a 500% increase in her case load.

2. Tagging vehicles with expired tags has increased now that DMV is open full time. An increase of scrapping abandoned vehicles has become more frequent also.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. Trevitt Street is currently open with the work now occurring between Trevitt Street and Lincoln Street in the alley between 10th Street and 11th Street. Alley work is going very slowly.

2. The ADA contract for 27 concrete sidewalk ramps is going out to bid. Bid opening will be towards the end of January 2023.

3. The house is gone from the 9th Street and Quinton Street right of way. Wastewater Collections utility work will continue as they install a sewer line in the right of way.

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4. The surveying on the 6th Street Design Project is ongoing between Snipes and Hostetler. Once the ROW portion is done the project will resume.

5. The awarding of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant for improvements on 10th Street between Snipes and Chenowith Loop is looking very favorable for the City. Should know more by next month.

6. A Lone Pine Traffic Impact Study (TIA) was done at the intersection of Hwy 197 and Lone Pine Blvd. by ODOT, Bend office, because a proposal for a new 78 unit housing complex plus additional stores has been introduced. McCabe reported the 5 year TIA shows no improvements needed for roads in the areas. It was understood by the Traffic Safety Committee that new building in the area would trigger a roundabout for that area, but the recently completed TIA shows no new improvements needed. Those with concerns can contact the Bend office of ODOT for further clarification.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Holloran and seconded by Brown to approve the November minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. See November minutes, 9A for recommendation. City staff will be asked to not park City pickup with snow plow on it near that intersection

B. City Staff did another clear vision triangle at the intersection of 12th Street and Thompson Street. The measurement starts where the stop bar is located. This intersection is like many other areas around town where the vehicle must stop and then cautiously creep forward to see oncoming traffic. City staff will also be in touch with Codes Enforcement Office Lesich if any shrubs are causing a visibility problems so that a letter can be sent requiring the property owner to trim their plant(s).

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Davis asked members to think about solutions or improvements to the stop light at 10th Street and Washington Street by The Dalles High School. This is a split and offset intersection with a lot of foot traffic traveling to and from the high school and if something could be done to improve the visibility of the stop sign and stop light it would be very beneficial.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Submitted by/

Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary


Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:



Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
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