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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

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7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mike Kilkenny, Russ Brown, Michael Holloran and Sandy Haechrel

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Larry Fairclo and one position vacant

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement,
Dan Richardson – City Councilor and Cindy Kever - Administrative
Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Joni Long

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyles at 7:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the June agenda was made by Kilkenny and seconded by Holloran. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joni Long spoke to the members regarding the traffic jam that occurs when refrigeration semi-trucks try to turn onto Mt. Hood Street from 10th Street. She asked if the city could change the designated truck route to 9th Street and Mt. Hood Street during cherry harvest so trucks can more easily turn onto Mt. Hood. When

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trucks are trying to turn south, they can't make the turn without going into the north bound lane. They also have to negotiate vehicles parked on the street near the stop sign, plus the stop sign itself on the SW corner of that intersection. A discussion was held regarding different truck route options and different signage to let drivers of smaller vehicles know trucks trying to turn at that intersection need an extra wide turning radius.

City staff will look at the intersection and present their findings at the July meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. The City's downtown, 2nd Street surface treatment has been completed.
2. The annual chip seal program will be held during the week of June 26th through June 28th. After the loose rock has been picked up off of the scheduled streets the fog seal treatment will take place August 7th through August 9th.
3. During the week of July 24th the City will be conducting a full width grind and pave back of Chenoweth Street between W 6th Street and Cherry Heights. An emergency sewer line repair occurred at this location and the road is in too bad of shape to just pave the work area. The city will be recycling all of the old asphalt in place and using it as the base for the road. All five of the ADA ramps will be upgraded next spring as part of our annual ADA contract for paving projects.
4. The annual City-wide long line striping project will be the week of August 14th.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

none

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported vegetation letters continue to go out to property owners to make sure visibility is maintained at intersections.
2. Lesich said she has tagged 60 plus vehicles for issues regarding right of ways.
3. The property owner of the tree limbs at 14th and Union, heading north, that is causing visibility issues will be sent a letter asking them to trim the limbs.
4. The County has hired a new employee so the cleaning of graffiti around town is being taken care of again.

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D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. Surveying continues for the Safe Routes to School Project on 10th Street between Snipes Street and Chenoweth Loop.
2. The 6th Street Project - surveying and design is ongoing.
3. The storm line project for the Navigation Center on W 7th Street will soon be completed.
4. At the 9th and Oregon Streets intersection the fiber line will be moved during storm sewer work.
5. The project on River Road and W 2nd Street continues.
6. Due to the retirement of Jim Schwinof the City has hired Randy Seibel as the new Construction and Development Inspector.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Election of officers postponed until the July meeting. Discussion was held regarding where on the City's website the TSC member application can be found. Link will be sent to Holloran to forward to potential candidates.
- B. A citizen requested mirrors be installed on a pole near 1513 Jefferson Street because of the difficulty of seeing drivers when backing out onto Jefferson when leaving the address. Members suggested always backing into the driveway for ease of exiting. City staff will also check with PUD regarding installing a mirror on the pole nearby. This pole is not owned by the city so we can't suggest anything be installed on the pole. City staff will contact person who turned in the concern.
- C. City Engineer McCabe spoke to the members about the things that would need to occur if a crosswalk were to be installed across W 10th Street near Vey Way. The ADA ramp will be to be re-done on the north side, a new ADA ramp would need to be created on the south side and three parking spaces would need to be eliminated for visibility clearance. A discussion was held regarding the cost of installing the crosswalk. Members asked City staff to talk with adjacent property owners regarding the elimination of parking spaces and bring an estimated cost to the July meeting.

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D. The fence and vegetation that grows on the fence continues to be a problem for drivers who stop on Walnut Street and look to the right onto W 10th Street. Visibility is limited and drivers must creep out into the west bound lane of 10th Street in order to have good visibility of ongoing traffic. Members are asked to drive the area to get a better understanding of the issue. Codes Enforcement will contact the property owner to see if a solution can be reached. Discussion will continue at July meeting.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

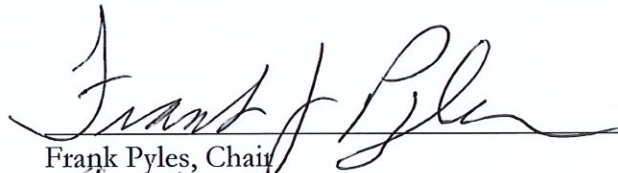
Kilkenny asked if members could look at the intersection of 10th Street and Walnut Street. The shrubs and arbor with plants on it are causing visibility issues.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 7:54 a.m.

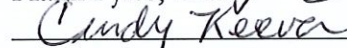
Submitted by/
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:



Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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