

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

August 16, 2023

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

- PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Michael Holloran, Mike Kilkenny, Larry Fairclo and Sandy Haechrel
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** one position vacant
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Jeremiah Dutton and Joe Green – City Police, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Dan Richardson – City Councilor and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Kenyon, Judy Merrill, Victor Johnson and Kolby Vaugh

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

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

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. Victor Johnson spoke to the commission regarding his concern about the speeds drivers are

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traveling on 4th Street, between 3rd Place and 4th Street Grade. Recently a serious accident occurred on 4th Street which highlighted the need for some type of traffic calming measures. Johnson spoke to the group regarding several ideas that could be used. Suggestions of a bulb out at one or more of the cross walks, planting trees or creating some type of art sculpture in the area was also discussed. Councilman Richardson agreed that some type of traffic calming measure is needed on 4th Street. A suggestion was made to move the 20-mph traffic speed trailer to 4th Street a couple times per year for driver awareness. Commission member Brown asked to have this item put on the September agenda for further discussion.

- B. Judy Merrill thanked the commission regarding their prompt response to the blinking lights issue in the downtown core area.
- C. Merrill also said the stop sign still seems to be obstructed at 9th Street and Trevitt Street. Codes Enforcement Officer Lesich will look at the area again and will contact Merrill for further discussion.
- D. Bob Kenyon also thanked the Commission for the prompt response in changing the lights for the trial period. He believes consistency is important and appreciates the lights being on seven days a week. Commission Holloran said he has noticed there isn't much traffic in the downtown area before 7:00a. The city will be compiling the citizens' responses during the trial period to get an idea is the lights being on 6a – 10p, 7 days as week is well received or not.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- 1. The Transportation Division recently placed a fog seal treatment over all of the roads that were chip sealed last month.
- 2. The annual City-wide long line paint striping project is scheduled to be completed later this week on August 17th.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Officer Dutton gave a stat report of DUIs, hit & run accidents, traffic stops and crashes for the previous month.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Lesich reported she had 9 property abatements, 407 complaints and many areas with graffiti that the Wasco County is working in partnership with the City to remove as soon as it is spotted. City Engineer McCabe told the Commission and City Staff the City has a new program called the 2023 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Cost-Share Application available for

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residential and commercial sidewalk repairs. Information is on the City's website for those interested in learning more about the program.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) design on 10th Street between Snipes Street and Chenoweth Loop Road is set to start this fall and construction should begin in Spring of 2024.
2. The 6th Street Widening Project continues to be on schedule to start in the spring of 2024. The area under construction will be on W 6th Street between Snipes Street and Hostetler Street.
3. The River Road frontage improvements are set to begin in the fall of 2023 with the City's storm line crossing River Road and Klindt Drive.
4. A pre-construction meeting for the storm line in the alley between 2nd and 3rd Streets and Federal Street and Laughlin Street was held. The recommissioning of a heating oil tank pre-construction meeting was held at the end of August. Work is scheduled to begin the first week of September.
5. Storm line work is continuing for the area around the pocket park between 9th Street and 10th Street and Quinton Street. The city is working with another contractor to have the fiber line moved.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Election of officers has been postponed until the September meeting.
- B. City Staff has not yet made contact with property owners along 10th Street near Vey Way regarding installation of a crosswalk and the loss of parking to the residents living in the area. Efforts to make contact will continue. Item moved to September agenda.
- C. Visibility concerns at the 10th Street and Walnut Street intersection have been addressed and the area is within compliance. It is a difficult intersection and has been brought up several times. A reminder to 1) Stop, 2) Slowly Pull Forward and 3) Cautiously Proceed was again suggested.
- D. Request for a yellow curb in front of a cluster of mailboxes at 2101 and 2113 W 7th Street was

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discussed. Discussion was held with Kilkenny making a motion and Holloran seconding the motion for the Transportation Division to paint the curb yellow 20 feet back from the driveway wing and then at the curb ramp all the back to Ash Street. Pyles, Brown, Fairclo and Haechrel approved the motion.

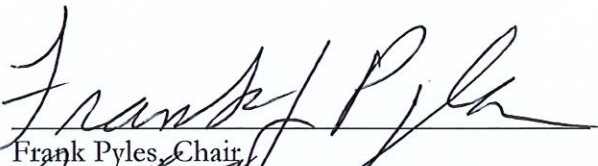
10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 8:17 a.m.

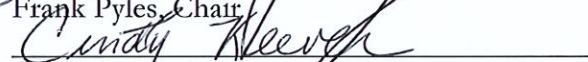
Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:



Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department