

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

November 15, 2023

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Sandy Haechrel, Larry Fairclo and Jayme Reineccius

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Russ Brown, Michael Holloran

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Dan Richardson – City Councilor, Jamie Carrico- The Dalles Police Department and Jean Corbin - Administrative Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kilkenny at 7:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the November agenda was made by Pyles and seconded by Fairclo. 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. A reminder of the Starlight Parade ending with the tree lighting at the Chamber on November 24, 2023 from 6:00 pm to-9:00 pm.
2. The Transportation Division team is cleaning and preparing ditches for the upcoming winter season.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Captain Carrico reported on the recent Traffic Safety Grants that have been received. \$4,000 will be allocated towards DUI's, \$3000 allocated towards Speed Control and \$8000 allocated towards Distracted Drivers.
2. Fairclo asked Carrico about "ride along's" for the Traffic Safety Commission members. He feels it's a good idea for the members to see traffic violation issues first hand. Jamie encouraged Commission members to reach out if they are interested.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich feels she is caught up on enforcements regarding trees and vegetation that is in the ROW. She encourages all to contact her if anyone sees any signage that is being covered.
2. Lesich reported she is continuing the graffiti removal program as it is reported and encourages members to let her know right away if any is spotted.
3. Lesich has seen an increase in abandoned boats and vehicles that have been towed by the City. She encourages members to let her know right away if any are spotted.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. Work on the Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) design on 10th Street between Snipes Street and Chenowith Loop Road is continuing. Project will be bid this winter and construction is to be completed the summer of 2024.

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2. The 6th Street Widening Project is continuing with the design process and plans have been sent to other utility providers for their review. Project is to bid this winter with construction to begin in the spring/summer of 2024.
3. The City has received easement documents back from Lumen for the 2nd Street Utility Project. Project will bid out this winter and construction to begin in the spring/summer of 2024.
4. Crestline Construction will be installing storm lines across River Road and Klindt Drive. Detours will be in place periodically beginning late November.
5. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) signage and striping upgrade project on US Hwy 197/Hwy 30 to Auction Yard is ongoing. Bids are due in December of 2023 and project will occur in the spring of 2024.
6. The City's Sidewalk Rehabilitation Cost-Share Program is ongoing and has been well received by the public
7. The Navigation Center construction work on W 7th Street is complete and paved back.
8. Received 95% plans to review for the 1st Street Streetscape Project construction to begin in 2025.
9. A new sidewalk is being installed by JJ Castro around the First Christian Church on 8th Street, 9th Street and Court Street. This sidewalk repair work is being partially funded through the City's Sidewalk Rehab Program.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Pyles and seconded by Fairclo to approve the October minutes. Kilkenny, Haechrel, and Reineccius voted in favor. Brown and Holloran absent. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Reineccius asked the Commission about the flooding that occurs on the road near the underpass on Webber Street during heavy rains. Is there anything that can be done to help with the flooding? McCabe explained this was developed by ODOT, and that the area is shallow so the water has nowhere else to go. No further action needed.
- B. A discussion was held regarding high accident areas in town. It was mentioned the intersection at US Hwy 197, Fremont Street and Columbia View Heights is an issue. McCabe informed the Commission members the area of road (US Hwy 197) belongs to and is maintained by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT plans to make changes

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that will include signage, striping and possibly a rumble strip in the spring of 2024. No further action is needed.

- C. Pyles brought up an issue regarding the Christmas lights downtown along W 2nd Street on the light posts. He feels that in the evening hours and during rain showers the lights are “too much, there is too much reflection from the Christmas lights, the downtown business lights as well as the traffic lights.” McCabe stated that the lights are part of the Chamber Main Street Project and that he should contact them with any concerns. No further action is needed.
- D. Councilman Richardson asked the Commission members if there are any traffic safety issues that are not being resolved. He said he would be happy to take concerns to the Goal-Setting Council Meeting which is scheduled November 17, 2023.
Kilkenny stated the excessive speeds in the downtown corridor (2nd Street, 3rd Street and 4th Street) continues to be a big problem. Also, the replacement of the radar trailer for the Police Department needs to be discussed. Both are topics that need continued discussion. Richardson said he would inform City Council during the next Goal-Setting Meeting about the issue and report back
- E. Lesich wanted to thank the Commission of the timeliness of the meeting. She appreciated how smoothly it ran and how little chatter there was.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

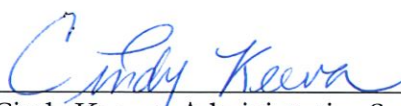
None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 7:31 a.m.

Submitted by/
Jean Corbin, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED: 
Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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