

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

December 20, 2023

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

- PRESIDING:** Mike Kilkenny, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Frank Pyles, Michael Holloran, Sandy Haechrel, Larry Fairclo and Jayme Reineccius
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremy Dutton - The Dalles Police Department and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Wood

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kilkenny at 7:03 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 Pyles and seconded by Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Fairclo reported he spoke to Capt. Carrico, City Police Dept. regarding areas around town that he considered “hot spots” for accidents. Fairclo handed out the list of “hot spot” areas. 1) Hwy 197/Columbia View Drive, 2) 3300 block W 6th Street, 3) W 6th Street and Hostetler Street, 4) 1200 block of W 6th Street, 5) W 2nd Street and Webber Street, 6) 1300 block of W 6th Street, 7) W 2nd Street and Webber Street, 8) 1300 block of W 6th Street, 8) W 6th Street and Webber Street and 9) W 7th Street and Snipes Street. Areas were divided among commission members and their observations will be brought back to the January meeting.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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None

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. Nothing new to report

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Discussion was held regarding the cost of a new radar trailer (\$10,900). Questions were asked about grants, multiple purchase discounts, dividing costs between city departments and budgeting for the 24/25 budget season.
2. Officer Dutton said the new radar cars will have LPR (License Plate Reader) capabilities.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported she is continuing her efforts dealing with abandoned vehicle complaints, 1st Street and Getchell Building clean up and the tracking of garbage abatements. 9000 pounds of garbage and 100 pounds of metal were cleaned up.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. Work on the design for the Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) design on 10th Street between Snipes Street and Chenowith Loop Road is continuing.
2. The 6th Street Widening Project is continuing with the design process. Project is to bid this winter with construction to begin in the spring/summer of 2024.
3. Crestline Construction will be installing storm lines across River Road and Klindt Drive January 8th through January 18th.
4. Had meeting regarding 95% completion on the 1st Street Streetscape Project.
5. The City has received easement documents back from Lumen for the 2nd Street Utility Project. Project is bid. Bids due January 9, 2024. Construction to begin in February and completion date is by the end of May 2024.
6. Manholes on W 2nd Street will be installed by Crestline Construction January 8th through January 18th.

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7. RFP (Requests for Proposals) for 12th Street sidewalk and storm lines are due by December 21, 2023. Area of improvements will be from Thompson Street to what was the Grove Subdivision property.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. A discussion was held regarding the need for a stop sign on E 18th at the intersection of E 19th Street. The cost to install a stop sign is approximately \$600 at this location. Members did not think there was a high need for a stop sign on this gravel road. Holloran will contact citizen and talk to her more about her concerns.
- B. Commission member discussed the request for traffic control on 8th Street between Garrison Street and Trevitt Street and ultimately said the problem is an enforcement of speed issue.
- C. A request for Traffic Control at Thompson Street at the E 10th Street and Thompson Street intersection was received. McCabe talked to the commission members regarding the TSP, (Transportation Safety Plan) for that area. A round about and possibly a dual roundabout has been proposed as options for that intersection. City Police/Dutton couldn't remember any accidents occurring at that location. Request for extra patrols in the area.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Traffic Safety Commissioners would like to draft a letter to the City Council and Budget Committee to hire a dedicated police officer to fill the traffic safety patrol position. Letter can then be presented at a City Council meeting in the near future.

11. ADJOURNMENT

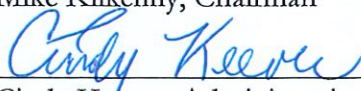
There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 8:20 a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

ATTEST:


Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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