

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

February 21, 2024

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, Dan Richardson – City Council Representative, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jamie Carrico - The Dalles Police Department and Cindy Keever - 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 February agenda was made by Fairclo and seconded by Pyles. 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. Report was given regarding the tonnage of sanding rock that was put down and the hours worked during the last snow event.
2. Crack sealing will begin once the weather starts warming up.
3. Using cold patch asphalt on potholes and street cuts around town that can't wait for the hot asphalt season to begin.

**B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

1. For the 24/25 budget the Police Department will be budgeting for two new police cars and a new radar trailer.

**C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

1. Union Pacific Railroad and Codes Enforcement have been working together to clean up the homeless camps on UPRR property.
2. Lesich has also been sending out many letters to residents reminding all to trim bushes that cause visibility issues when driving and to trim trees 14 foot above streets and 9 foot above sidewalks.

**D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

1. Work on the Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) project continues with construction to begin in the next several months.
2. The project needs and scope of the project for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening Project has grown. Investigating funding options at this time.
3. Crestline Construction will soon be finishing up a portion of their project on River Road. Installation of the storm lines across River Road and Klindt Drive are getting closer to completion.
4. The West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Utility Upgrade Project will begin construction the first part of March. Mobilizing to site at this time. Access to I-84 on ramp and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed until approximately the first part of April.
6. The pre-construction meeting for the fiber installation on River Road will be happening later this week.

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8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Holloran and seconded by Pyles to approve the December minutes, (no meeting in January due to inclement weather). Kilkenny, Haechrel, Brown, Reineccius and Fairclo voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Members discussed the problems connected with each accident "hot spot". Holloran reminded the commission of the three E's of traffic safety; Education, Enforcement and Engineering.
- B. Transportation Manager Mills said the city is looking at the best choice for upgrading signage at an intersection. A discussion was held regarding the best location for signage upgrades. The commission decided that the Union Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street intersection would benefit the most with the upgrade.
- C. A request for yellow curbing at the mailbox cluster near 437 W 21<sup>st</sup> Street was discussed. No one should be parking in front of mailboxes. Holloran said he will go up and assess the area and talk to anyone he sees parking in front of the cluster of mailboxes. No other action needed at this time.
- D. The visibility issue at the NW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Snipes Street was discussed. Drivers on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, heading east, need to pull out across the crosswalk in order to see around the short wall and the curve in the street and proceed with caution when crossing Snipes Street.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING


Options for photo radar enforcement around town?

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 8:25 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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