

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 1998
7:00 P.M., Newberg Public Library

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Dick Meyer, Doris Brandt, Don Matthews, Marcia Lauseng, and Terry Mayfield.

ABSENT: Glenn Benedict and Marcia Lauseng

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Tardiff and Mary Newell.

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Bob Andrews opened the meeting of Monday, June 8, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of the minutes of May 11, 1998, were set over to the next regular meeting.

II. New Business:

- A) Consider eliminating no parking zone adjacent to City Hall and reinstalling public parking spaces.

Chief Tardiff indicated that with the move of the police department to the new Public Safety Building, these parking spaces reserved for police vehicles were no longer needed.

Motion: Brandt/Lauseng to eliminate the No Parking zone adjacent to City Hall and reinstall the public parking spaces. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business:

Larry Anderson indicated that painting the curbs at Newberg Urgent Care will be done prior to the Old Fashioned Festival. The curbs were on the work order for the painting contractors.

Andrews said that a pickup parked adjacent to the Urgent Care driveways would make it extremely difficult for a person exiting the driveway to see down Hayes Street.

Larry Anderson indicated he had only just received the advanced copy of ODOT's plans for the bulb outs planned for downtown Newberg. ODOT has further refined their plans and it is within their budget to install bulb outs at College, Howard and Meridian streets. No bulb outs are planned for the west side of Main Street as they do not show on the new plans. First will come into Newberg with three lanes and widen on the east side. No encroachment.

ODOT is looking at installing signals at Howard and Meridian streets this year, with bidding beginning the end of June. Construction could begin in early fall.

IV. Staff Reports - General Information

Traffic Safety/Code Enforcement issues raised included:

- ▶ At Hwy. 99 and Deborah, Town & County Texaco has advertising sign blocking visibility. Staff will contact and ask for it to be moved out of vision clearance. Larry Anderson indicated the sign ordinance is being reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- ▶ Trucks are parking on First Street, behind the Wilco store, obstructing vision for vehicles.

Question asked regarding the road surface on College and Meridian. Andrews said maintenance has reduced the width of the road. Anderson indicated that the road condition could be corrected by their road maintenance staff. Andrews asked that Larry Anderson report on this at the next meeting.

Larry Anderson indicated that the City is looking at installing decorative street lighting downtown. They are looking at tall lights which can be connected overhead as the underground need conduit and wire which is very expensive.

Anderson indicated the Budget Committee had approved the hiring of a downtown redevelopment coordinator to help with developing the downtown.

Bob Andrews, noting he has received complaints about the intersection of Springbrook and Haworth, asked Staff to report on the contributing factors of the rollover accident which occurred approximately June 5. He said the City has jurisdiction over the streets and may want to look at (1) reduce speed or (2) redesign the intersection to mitigate those types of circumstances.

Chief Tardiff indicated the next meeting will be in the new Public Safety Building. Mayor Proctor will be canceling all Council committee meetings for the months of July and August.

V. Reports:

A) Draft policy regarding "Children at Play" signage

Larry Anderson read his proposed "Children at Play" policy into the record:

Traffic Safety Commission Policy 98-01

A POLICY ON THE INSTALLATION OF "CHILDREN AT PLAY" OR SIMILAR SIGNS ON CITY STREETS.

The Traffic Safety Commission receives numerous request each year for installing "CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs on certain streets. The requests usually come from concerned parents of small children. The Commission

recognizes the value of such signs but has made a commitment not to diminish their effectiveness by placing them away from schools and parks. There is also the perception that this may encourage children to play in streets and there is also a question of liability for accidents that might occur on a posted street.

In the interest of responding to the request of citizens in a timely fashion, the Traffic Safety Commission hereby formally adopts a policy not to post "CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs on streets in Newberg. Requests for these signs will no longer go through the Traffic Safety Commission and will be answered at staff level.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy. Larry Anderson said that he wrote the policy to indicate that these signs are not posted anywhere other than near schools or parks. Bob Andrews asked that the policy be reworded to allow people to apply for the signs. Larry Anderson explained the liability issue, noting that he has never been able to get a clear answer of what will happen if a child is hurt somewhere in the street that is posted "Caution Children at Play." The sign is not in the Uniform Traffic Control Manual governing signs and no criteria is identified that has to be met before the sign can be posted.

Tardiff proposed rewording the second paragraph as follows:

In the interest of responding to the requests of citizens in a timely fashion, the Traffic Safety commission hereby formally adopts a policy not to post "CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs on streets in Newberg, *other than in school and park areas*. Requests for these signs will no longer go through the Traffic Safety Commission and will be answered by at staff level. *Consistent with this policy.*

Motion: Brandt/Meyer to adopt the policy as presented and amended. There was no further discussion and the policy as amended was adopted unanimously.

B) Speed Hump Project

Larry Anderson reported that the grant was from the transportation system plan which is in the process of being updated by city staff. The goal of the update is to incorporate changes in the plan to meet a new 1995 planning goal, which talks about pedestrian, bicycle, transportation plans. It also includes a policy on speed humps or traffic calming devices. A date for a workshop on neighborhood management and traffic calming is scheduled for August 13th. Andrews asked that the Traffic Safety Commission get notification of the meeting, and supplied copies of the materials prior to the meeting date so they will have a chance to review materials before the meeting.

Larry Anderson, responding to a question from Bob Andrews, indicated that they

wanted a policy before building the speed hump. The speed hump needs to meet the criteria and it was recommended that the criteria be made more stringent than that used in Washington County.

Anderson said that if the speed hump meets the criteria, it will be the first one built and surveys done to see if it makes a difference. Anderson indicated it is important to get the standards established before installing them or the city will have to install them everywhere. Speed humps will only be on local streets.

C) Possibility of installing traffic light on Hwy. 219 at Second Street

Noting that he had looked at this when the mobile home park south of Emery was discussed, Larry Anderson indicated the intersection would meet the warrants for a traffic light at that location. However, a light cannot be installed there due to FAA regulations. The intersection sits at the end of the runway and a light could be hit by a plane. This was one reason the mobile home park was denied.

Regarding a traffic light at Hwy. 219 and the Wilsonville Highway, Anderson indicated a light is planned for the intersection. Funds have been budgeted to redesign the intersection.

VI. Communications from the Floor:

Becky Simpson, 531 Dayton Avenue, asked that the Main Street entrance to Nap's IGA be closed because it frequently causes traffic on Main Street to back up into the intersection of First and Main streets. She said this is a safety issue.

Ms. Simpson raised an additional issue of vehicles traveling down the left lane of First Street until they meet River Road, and then abruptly pulling into the center lane to continue down First Street beyond River Road.

Larry Anderson suggested that a fix for the Main Street entrance to Nap's might be a left turn lane and widening the street, with a right out only from the parking lot. Any change like this would require a public hearing because it reduces access.

Andrews suggested Staff approach Nap's to see if they would be amenable to post an exit only for their Main Street entrance/exit. If that contact is not successful or if they are not agreeable, Andrews proposed holding a public hearing for a left turn lane and eliminating the parking. Matthews said Nap's would have to rearrange their entire parking lot in order to accommodate this change.

Mayfield indicated the optimal avenue would be to contact Nap's to see if they can offer a solution within the parking lot and not have to alter the street. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Mayfield/Brandt to Staff to approach Nap's to see if they would be amenable

to posting an exit only for their Main Street entrance. No discussion. Motion carried, with one nay (Andrews) vote.

Matthews said a similar situation exists at Ray's Produce Stand. The difference is there is an access alley to the rear of the lot. No action taken.

VII. Adjourn to next meeting:

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, Doris Brandt moved the meeting be closed. Following a second by Don Matthews, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mary Newell 10/12/98
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Monday, June 8, 1998
7:00 p.m., Newberg Public Library

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of May 11, 1998

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Consider eliminating no parking zone adjacent to City Hall and reinstalling public parking spaces

III. OLD BUSINESS:

IV. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police
- B) Engineering
- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
 - 1. Community Relations
 - 2. Pedestrian Safety
 - 3. Parking Safety
 - 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions

V. REPORTS:

- A) Draft policy regarding "Children At Play" signage
- B) Speed Hump Project
- C) Possibility of installing traffic light on Hwy. 219 at Second Street

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

ACCOMMODATION OF PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS:

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