

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

March 20, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

- PRESIDING:** Mike Kilkenny, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Frank Pyles, Sandy Haechrel, Larry Fairclo and Jayme Reineccius
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Michael Holloran
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, David Mills – Transportation Manager, Dan Richardson – City Council Representative, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremy Dutton - 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 7:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the March 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. 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. A large traffic sting was held by City Police on March 15th, from 3:00p -9:00p at many different locations around town. There were a 104 traffic stops made during that time with the majority of tickets given for speeding.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported she has talked with area businesses adjacent to the Post Office and they are no longer allowing their employees to park next to their business. This has freed up parking along West 2nd Street and Union Street while allowing Post Office customers closer access.
2. The annual tree trimming letters have been sent out by Public Works. Trees need to be trimmed 14 feet above the street and 9 feet above the sidewalk in order to be in compliance with the City Ordinance. Lesich will follow up with the Regulatory Compliance Officer to make sure notified property owners are in Compliance.
3. Abandoned car reports seem to have increased with the warmer months.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The 10th Street Safe Routes to School Project (SRTS) design is continuing and meetings with property owners will happen soon. Construction will occur during the summer months.
2. The 12th Street Storm and Sidewalk Project is currently in the design phase. The City has received a lot of calls from property owners and will be meeting with them for the 2025 construction season.
3. The installation of fiber work continues on River Road. RBC will be starting the next phase and flaggers will be used to move traffic through the construction zone.

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4. The West 2nd Street Utility Upgrade Project is currently under way with the closure of West 2nd Street closure to continue for approximately another 4 weeks. Single lane closures will be in place after that and will have flaggers in place to safely move traffic through the construction zone.
5. New sidewalks and ADA ramps will soon be constructed on 3rd Street at the NE corner of Washington Street and the NW corner of Federal Street. This project will consist of sidewalk bulb out ADA ramps and is adjacent to the construction that is happening at the Steltzer Enterprises building at 315 Federal Street.
6. The City's 60/40 Sidewalk Replacement Program still has monies available for homeowners who are wanting to make repairs on their sidewalks.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion continued regarding photo radar enforcement, particularly in the downtown corridor and the advantages/disadvantages between AI and patrol officers. Options discussed were red light cameras on the signal lights, radar trailer with photo capabilities and speed signs with photo capabilities.
Haechrel made a motion to recommend the City's Public Works or Police Departments start looking into and budgeting for photo radar enforcement of cameras on the signal lights in the downtown area. Brown seconded the motion. Kilkenny, Pyles, Reineccius and Fairclo voted in favor. Holloran absent. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. A request for a stop sign on Bridge Street at the intersection of 16th Street was received. This intersection is adjacent to the Col. Wright School property and drivers have been reported as not paying attention or stopping for children in the crosswalk. Members discussed this and felt this was an enforcement issue and no stop signs are needed at this time.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 7:52 a.m.

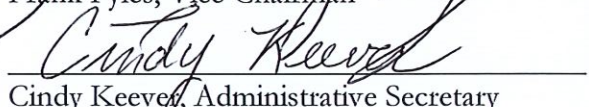
Submitted by/
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:



Frank Pyles, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department