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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

June 18, 2025

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

**PRESIDING:** Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Michael Holloran, Bob Wood and Jim Schwinof

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Randy Cole and Jayme Reineccius

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Bosse - City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, James Sprague – Transportation Manager, Jamie Carrico – Captain City Police, Chris Autry – Codes Enforcement Officer and Cindy Kever - Administrative Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Judy Merrell

**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 June agenda was made by Brown and seconded by Wood. Motion approved by Holloran, Kilkenny and Schwinof. Cole and Reineccius absent.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Judy Merrell spoke to the commission regarding her concerns about the safety of pedestrians while sharing the sidewalks with the riders of e-bikes, scooters, bicycles. She is also very concerned for these riders while they are using the roads with vehicular traffic because of the many unsafe practices she has witnessed riders exhibiting. Merrell said she has researched various ordinances, the Oregon DMV manual, ordinances from other cities, and the Oregon bicycle manual.

Merrell would like the Traffic Safety Commission to request an ordinance be created for the

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various riders of e-bikes, bicycles and scooters.

Holloran reported he works with the Columbia Gorge Children's Coalition and said at this time there is only law enforcement for the use of helmets.

All members present agreed the time has come to begin the process of an ordinance in The Dalles dealing with e-bikes, scooters, bicycles and skateboards.

After discussion it was decided to table this issue until the July meeting and Captain Carrico will bring updated information regarding rules.

### **7. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT**

- 1) The Transportation team is continuing on the Crack Sealing Program.
- 2) The 1<sup>st</sup> Street Parking Lot project continues with the installation of the curbing and paint striping.
- 3) The paving of the alley between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Court Street and Federal Street is scheduled for the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) The last step of the annual chip seal project, which is a fog seal, is scheduled for the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Vegetation management throughout the right-of way areas and city owned properties continues.

#### **B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Carrico reported they have two police officers back from the academy.

#### **C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

- 1) Autry announced this was his last week working for the Codes Enforcement Department. He will be starting working for the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Autry reported over 250 letters have been sent regarding vegetation violations, 14 property abatement letters, over 500 vehicles towed because of non-compliance, 68 abandoned vehicles have been towed off of the streets and they continue to deal with transient merchants.

#### **D. CITY ENGINEERS REPORT**

1. Bosse reported they are in the initial review with Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) regarding another bus stop.
2. The 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening Project has completed the sanitary sewer phase and the storm sewer phase is almost complete. Project is currently on hold until ODOT and the city finish conversations regarding the lift station near Hostetler.
3. Phase II of the upcoming Sewer Interceptor Project will start soon. Storm sewer on Webber Street and sanitary sewer on 1<sup>st</sup> Street will be occurring. More information to follow at the July meeting.
4. Stephens said the next Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project will be 7<sup>th</sup> Street. No timeline for start or completion dates at this time.
5. The E 12<sup>th</sup> Street storm sewer has been completed and the contractor is currently building walls in the area, starting at Thompson Street and heading east.
6. The contractor will soon begin the storm sewer system upgrades. Project is between Hostetler and Floral Court and is part of the Storm Master Plan. Road will be re-graded once the storm sewer has been upgraded.

#### **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Holloran and seconded by Wood to approve the May minutes. Kilkenny, Brown and Schwinof voted in favor. Reineccius and Cole were absent. Motion carried.

#### **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. The bike lane on Hostetler, near 7<sup>th</sup> Street was recently removed, (this was discussed at the May meeting). Upon further inspection by the city, it was discovered the bike lane should not have painted on Hostetler.
- B. The area on Webber Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. Many thought the white line was a bike lane marking but it is actually a shoulder of the road paint line.
- B. Discussion was held regarding removal of vegetation, miscellaneous asphalt cuts that need attention and sign visibility issues.



**10. TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:54a.m.

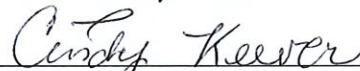
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Submitted by/  
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Public Works Department

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Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department