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REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

July 16, 2025

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

PRESIDING: Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russ Brown, Bob Wood, Jim Schwinof, Randy Cole and Jayme Reineccius

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Michael Holloran

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bosse - City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, Cynthia Roe – City EIT, James Sprague – Transportation Manager, Jamie Carrico – Captain City Police, Dan Richardson – Council Representative, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement Officer, Jonathan Kara – City Attorney and Cindy Kever – Administrative Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: David Kelsey and 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 July agenda was made by Brown and seconded by Wood. Motion approved by Kilkenny, Schwinof, Cole and Reineccius. Holloran absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. David Kelsey brought his concern regarding the lack of visibility due to cars, fencing and a shrub at the SW corner of 7th Street and Richland Court. Kelsey said when exiting off of Richland, onto 7th Street, the lack of visibility makes seeing oncoming cars very difficult.

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This area is on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) area and 7th Street should be updated starting in the fall of 2025. Completion of the project is slated for the spring of 2026. City staff will look into improvements for the area.

B. Judy Merrell gave TSC members several handouts regarding bicycles on city streets and spoke more about her concerns about pedestrians and riders sharing the sidewalk.

Jonathan Kara spoke with the group about the General ORS 801.010 ordinance from the Oregon Vehicle Code that addresses definitions of different types of bicycles.

Reineccius thought it isn't realistic to expect no e-bikes or motorized scooters on sidewalks. They too have to have safe places to ride. Merrill said that through her research she has found other cities are implementing walk only zones. Kara said that the city does have some ordinances regarding sleds and skates on sidewalks but it hasn't been updated since 2010 so updates are needed. Kara recommended, after further discussion in August that the Traffic Safety Committee make a recommendation to the City Council to update the City Ordinance to reflect e-bikes.

Merrill suggested members check on the ordinances in Hood River regarding riding on sidewalks. This item will be brought up again in the August meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- 1) Paving of the roads is on hold until work by the Wastewater Collections Division is complete.
- 2) They are continuing work on ROW around town.
- 5) Vegetation management throughout the right-of way areas and city owned properties continues.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report given

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Heavy growth has been experienced so tree trimming is ongoing.
- 2) Lesich reported over 300 letters have been sent regarding different types of violations have been sent out this year.
- 3) Accepting applications for the open Codes Enforcement position.

D. CITY ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Stephens said contractors continue to be busy working on jobs around town. The

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retaining wall on 12th Street is being worked on and concrete work is being done on 6th Street and on 10th Street. ADA ramps on the corner of 12th and Thompson Street are being worked on too.

- 2) Bosse reported the 6th Street Widening Project is continuing. Working with ODOT regarding the pump station near Hostetler. Concrete work should start around the third or fourth week of July and paving should be ready to go in September.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Woods and seconded by Brown to approve the June minutes. Kilkenny, Brown, Schwino, Reineccius and Cole voted in favor. Holloran was absent. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. A request for a crosswalk across Dry Hollow Road at the 10th Street intersection was made. People walking home from church find it difficult to get cars to stop while trying to cross in this area. Discussion was held regarding ADA compliance issues. There are currently crosswalks at 12th Street and at 9th Street. Stephens will do research in the area and will bring the findings to the August TSC meeting.
- B. A compliment was given regarding the new sidewalks on 12th and how good they look. There were a couple of concerns expressed about any accidents that have happened in the area (with the changes) and how are the parking needs for everyone being met.

10. TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

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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