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MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2025

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

**PRESIDING:** Mike Killkenney, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Jim Schwinof, Bob Wood, and Victor Johnson

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Bosse – City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, Nathan Munsen – Transportation Division Lead Operator, Kellen Mathisen – Traffic Officer City of The Dalles Police, Nikki Lesich and Arturo Dominguez – Codes Enforcement Officers for City of The Dalles, Dan Richardson – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** none

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Killkenney at 7:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the October agenda was made by Brown and seconded by Schwinof. Motion approved by Killkenney, Wood and Johnson. Reineccius and Cole absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

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## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

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

- 1) Transportation team recently completed the ADA upgrades from 13<sup>th</sup> and Federal Street to Washington Street and have begun prepping this section of road for paving next week.
- 2) Pavement patching around the City continues to occur.
- 3) The annual grading and shaping of the City's streets and alleys have begun with the recent rain and fall weather.
- 4) The Fall Crack Seal Program in preparation of 2026 Chip Seal Program.
- 5) Preparations of equipment used in winter maintenance is beginning.

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

- 1) Continuing to be a presence in the community.
- 2) Extra attention in school zones is frequently given.

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

- 1) Introduction of Arturo Dominguez, new Codes Enforcement Officer. Dominguez is bi-lingual in Spanish and the department is looking forward to increased understanding among citizens when investigating complaints.
- 2) Vegetation in power lines, overgrown vegetation near stop signs and the towing of illegally parked vehicles and RV's is ongoing.
- 3) City Council recently passed a ruling where 3 complaints about the same issue of overgrown vegetation can now equal a fine.

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

Bosse and Stephens discussed the following;

- 1) 10<sup>th</sup> Street widening – punch list in progress.
- 2) 12<sup>th</sup> Street Paving work is underway and expected to be completed by October 17<sup>th</sup>. Striping of the new asphalt is scheduled for the end of the month.
- 3) City crews are finishing sewer, storm and curb work on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 4) The Federal Street Plaza water line installation and storm line upgrades is in progress.
- 5) 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Hostetler Street storm drain work is currently in progress. Hostetler is closed for approximately 3 weeks, with a mid-November completion expected.
- 6) First Street Streetscape has a bid opening in mid-November and construction should begin in January of 2026.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) 4-Way Stop Request at 14<sup>th</sup> & Bridge had been addressed during the September meeting. No action needed.
- B) No action at this time.
- C) Discussion held regarding yellow curbing needed near 807 E 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff will look at the area and options will be given at the November meeting.
- D) Brown informed the commission and staff members about a proposed Superfund Site clean up where 93% of contaminated dirt could potentially be trucked up to the Wasco County Landfill site. Discussion was held regarding additional details.
- E) Previously a request was submitted for a RFB (Rapid Flashing Beacon) on 19<sup>th</sup> Street at the Nevada Street intersection. Upon further study by City staff it was determined the RFB would be better suited at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Oregon Street. Engineering staff will be designing bulb outs on the sidewalk at that intersection for increased visibility.
- F) Commission members welcomed newest member, Victor Johnson.

## **9. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- A) A citizen asked if the crosswalks at the bottom of 4<sup>th</sup> Street Grade could be painted and a sign warning drivers there is a crosswalk ahead. This would be for the traffic heading down the hill traveling west. Members to check out area, especially during walking to school and home again hours.
- B) Johnson wanted to thank the Police Department for setting up the speed sign trailer on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. It seems to have helped slow speeds down. He would also like to see a campaign of the three "E's" of traffic calming, which are; Engineering, Education and Enforcement. The educational aspect could include all drivers and would remind drivers about the rules in general. The campaign could be run through a newsletter, social media or an officer in a crosswalk operation.
- C) Councilperson Richardson asked members to think about different areas around town that could benefit sidewalk bulb outs and to turn them into city staff for collection during the months of November and December.



**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:03a.

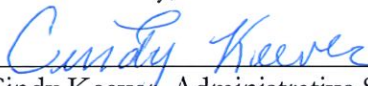
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Submitted by/  
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

SIGNED:

  
Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department