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MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 20, 2026

7:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

**PRESIDING:** Mike Kilkenny, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russ Brown, Jim Schwinof, Victor Johnson, Jayme Reineccius, Bob Wood and Tom Tramontina

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Bosse – City Engineer, Todd Stephens – City Engineer, Cynthia Roe – City EIT and Cindy Keverer – Administrative Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the May agenda was made by Brown and seconded by Schwinof. Motion approved by Reineccius, Wood, Johnson and Tramontina.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Russ Brown talked to the commission as a private citizen and aired his concerns about the city's spending priorities. His examples of spending were; Investing in developer projects; which includes a housing project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Laughlin Street and Jefferson Street and the parking lot at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Jefferson Street, plus the Federal Street Plaza. His concerns are the city says there is "no money available"

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**CITY OF THE DALLES**

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"

for safety improvements at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street crosswalk where a pedestrian was injured but funding is available for previous mentioned projects.

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

### a. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- 1) Final paving of E 9<sup>th</sup> Street from E 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Oregon Street. Crews will be in the area raising utilities and performing final work.
- 2) ADA sidewalk and curb work continues at E 13<sup>th</sup> Street in preparation for late summer paving from Washington Street to Union Street.
- 3) Crews will be performing pavement rut patches on streets slated for chip seal next month.

### b. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report given.

### c. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

No report given.

### d. CITY ENGINEERS REPORT

- 1) The W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening/repaving project on West 6<sup>th</sup> between Snipes Street and Hostetler Street continues. The new pavement is rated at 74 PCI and it should be rated between 90-100. The contractor's proposed surface treatment was rejected by the city. The city recommends profiling and an inlay. Contractor must resubmit remediation plan by June.
- 2) The West Side Interceptor Phase II project continues to work seven days a week on storm and sanitary lines in Webber Street. The partial trench patching is complete. End of project completion date is targeted for the end of June. Changing the schedule to seven days a week until completion has added \$120,000 to the cost of the project.
- 3) Ajax Construction has started the submittals and demolition for the Federal Street Plaza. They are working with Northern Wasco PUD on electrical/street light plan revisions to maintain existing lights during construction.
- 4) The First Street Streetscape has been halted for approximately a month because archeological materials were found while digging. A report has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. Awaiting state response (could take up to a month);

two recognized archaeological sites existed before the start of the project. An underground storage tank was also discovered at the former icehouse location with removal underway. Ajax Construction has pulled off the project temporarily, but the Federal Street Plaza work is continuing.

- 5) Oregon Department of Transportation, (ODOT), has agreed to study the entire city limits section, from Lone Pine Drive to Columbia View Drive. Data collection should begin in approximately 12 months. The final report should be available a couple of months later for a total of approximately 14 months to completion.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Elections were held for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions. Schwinof made a motion to keep Kilkenny as the Chairman and Brown as the Vice-Chairman. Tramontina seconded the motion. Kilkenny, Brown, Reineccius, Wood, Tramontina and Johnson voted in favor.
- b) Transportation Manager to coordinate with city engineers regarding options at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Street crosswalk. Commission members should also review options before June meeting to reach a consensus.
- c) Johnson reported another accident occurred and another resident's vehicle was totaled on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This seems to occur on a yearly basis. Johnson has requested speed reduction measures such as mobile speed feedback signs. These were suggested as potential solutions, (like permanent installations on Columbia View Drive and other locations). Staff will research options.
- d) Johnson asked if the March discussion on downtown sidewalk cycling be reconsidered at the June meeting. This would come under new business (not as a reconsideration under Robert's Rules, since too much time has passed since last discussion). Reinnecius suggested contacting the city attorney and requesting state law background on bicycle/micromobility regulations to guide the ordinance discussion. Woods not in favor of revisiting the topic.


## 10) ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

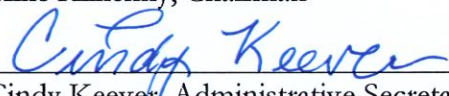
**11) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:36 a.m.

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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