

Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Dustin Rice, 1310 Amelia Avenue, for solutions to persistent speeding on Amelia Street.

4/15/2024

Rice stated that motorists going high rates of speed on Amelia Avenue south of Blanchard Avenue has been ongoing since 2017 when he moved there. When the speed trailers are brought out, motorists slow down and when they are removed, motorists speed back up. Rice understands that the City does not allow speed bumps in the roadway. In reference to the suggestion of a three-way stop at Amelia Avenue and Fourth Street, Director Martin explained that the science behind placing stop signs is that you put stop signs in for maneuverability, not to slow traffic. Human nature is to have a tendency to speed up between stop signs or miss them completely, and it gives the pedestrian a sense of false security. Kalb stated other options are narrowing concepts to slow traffic, but concerned about how wide the street currently is and do not want to narrow too much and cause head on collisions. Director Martin stated that the City has been working through all the scenarios to try to come up with a solution. Kalb stated that traffic coming off of Blanchard Avenue have an easy turn onto Amelia and do not have to slow down as much and can get back up to speed much quicker. He suggested that a slight reconfiguration of the Blanchard Avenue/Amelia Avenue intersection to tighten up the radius to make traffic turn at a sharper degree than what is currently there may help to slow traffic coming off of Blanchard Avenue. Chief Mathias suggested to periodically post the speed trailers. Rice stated that the Police Department is welcome to park in his driveway to monitor traffic. Copus stated they can attach the small radar collection sign to a signpost to collect data rather than use the large trailers. The radar will run one week without displaying speed, but will collect data, and then run one week displaying the speed while continuing to collect data. Kalb stated that this data will help support a decision to place stop signs.

Motion to post radar collection unit to collect speed data for two weeks, evaluate curb bump out options on Amelia and Blanchard, and table request until data is evaluated, by Director Martin, second by Councilman Bauman. Motion passed 5-0.

06/17/2024

Director Martin reviewed the speed data results from the radar collection unit. He stated there a couple outliers, but the majority of motorists are complying with the speed limit. These results do not warrant a stop sign. Kalb stated that he attended a seminar regarding traffic calming measures on residential roads. Suggestions from the seminar include putting a curve in the road creating choke points or installing a mini roundabout. Kalb stated that due to the results of the radar collection, he recommends to not place stop signs, but get feedback from the residents on the street for traffic calming solutions. He stated that the City will send out letters to all residents on the street to get feedback. He further stated that there is a decent amount of right-of-way to work with and no truck traffic to contend with. Engineering Department will work with the neighborhood for solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Dan Delong, 130 Woodcliff Drive, for signs stating "Do not contribute to illegal panhandling. Call police department to report" at locations where panhandling is being done.
2. Request of Ashley Donaldson, 116 Lima Street, for clarification of pedestrian right-of-way at the Hancock Hotel driveway and install signs for pedestrian safety.
3. Request of Hope Klingler, 204 E. Hobart Avenue, for no parking signs on Maple Avenue from Hobart Avenue to Eagle Street.
4. Request of Terry Werling, 2528 Blanchard Avenue, for a signaled crosswalk at 6th Street and Washington Street.
5. Request of Carah Alvarez, 920 Crystal Avenue, for a flashing red light at the four-way stop at Crystal Avenue and Bernard Avenue/Foulke Avenue intersection.