

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Monday, April 21, 2014 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request to move the No Parking Any Time sign on East Street at the corner of East Street and Lima Street and on both sides of the alley exiting on to East Street between Lincoln Street and Lima Street.

11/18/2013

Visibility is an issue with people parking too close to the eastbound alley. It was suggested to make the alley one way going westbound. Chief Lonyo is against making the alley one way. It was suggested to move parking to the other side of street if there are no fire hydrants.

Motion to table request by Chief Lonyo, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Robert Gillen, 1635 Parkway Drive, to post a stop sign at the alley intersection of the alley north of Meeks Avenue that connects North Main Street and Cory Street for westbound traffic, making the intersection a 3-way stop.

11/18/2013

Stoffel reported that if a stop sign were installed it would be out in the middle and constantly getting hit. The City has experienced this in other areas. Mr. Gillen stated it will possibly slow people down. He has seen drivers go through the stop sign on north south alley. Rasmussen stated it is an issue of enforcement. Mrs. Gillen suggested putting up a speed limit sign.

Director Schmelzer stated that we need to go out and take a look and make sure there is room to place a sign and confirm who owns the property in the area.

Motion to table request until determine the location of the right-of-way in the alley and then determine if a stop sign or speed sign is warranted, by Chief Lonyo, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request of Blanchard Valley Health System, South Main Street, to change the parking on West Wallace Street from Chapel Drive west to the end of the West Wallace Street to 30 or 60 minute parking on the north side of West Wallace Street.
- 2. Request of Nancy Van Gunten to place additional "Do Not Enter" sign at entrance of Circle Drive at Tiffin Avenue.
- 3. Request of ODOT to temporarily change speed on Lima Avenue to 25 MPH during reconstruction of Lima Avenue at State Route 15/State Route 68 interchange.
- 4. Request of Jennifer Cramer, 929 East Main Cross Street, to reduce speed to 25 MPH on East Main Cross from Osborn to beyond Huron Road.
- 5. Request of Matt Stoffel, City Public Works Department, for No Overnight Parking and Parking During Park Hours Only signs to be installed at all City parks.

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 1:16 PM

To: 'Kathy Launder'

Subject: FW: Parking on West Wallace

Put them on the traffic commission and let them know. Thanks.

Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

Safety - Service Director City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419.424.7137

From: Shoemaker, Ryan D. [mailto:rshoemaker@bvhealthsystem.org]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 12:59 PM

To: pschmelzer@findlayohio.com

Cc: Brooks, Jim

Subject: FW: Parking on West Wallace

Paul-

Good afternoon. Per the email stream below, I would like to pursue the discussion of restricting parking on the north side of West Wallace Street from Chapel Drive westward to the end of West Wallace. I believe from speaking with Jim that a request to be placed on the Traffic Commission agenda is the starting point. I am currently working on our recommendation and will have materials prepared for the commission.

Any guidence would be appreciated.

Regards,

From: Brooks, Jim

Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 8:44 AM

To: 'Paul Schmelzer'; pschmelzer@ci.findlay.oh.us
Cc: Shoemaker, Ryan D.; Gilgenbach, John
Subject: RE: Parking on West Wallace

Thanks for the guidance, Paul.

They have not talked with neighbors, yet. We own all but one house on the south side of the street. Do we need <u>all</u> property owners to agree?

Jim Brooks
Owner's Representative, Construction Projects
Blanchard Valley Health System

Phone 419.429.7651 Fax 419.420.3043 Mobile 419.306.0401

From: Paul Schmelzer [mailto:pschmelzer@findlayohio.com]

Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Brooks, Jim; pschmelzer@ci.findlay.oh.us
Cc: Shoemaker, Ryan D.; Gilgenbach, John
Subject: RE: Parking on West Wallace

Jim,

I apologize for the delayed response.

It appears you have a couple of options here, any implementation of which would involve the traffic commission. I believe a request covering that portion of West Wallace that you own property on both sides of would be considered for either time restricted or no parking. Given the use, perhaps time restricted would be your best bet to accommodate clients and eliminate employee parking.

Those spaces that are across from other property owners would be given different consideration. Have you reached out to any of the other owners to see if there would be consensus for a request?

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From: Brooks, Jim [mailto:jbrooks@bvhealthsystem.org]

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 12:43 PM

To: Paul Schmelzer (pschmelzer@findlayohio.com); pschmelzer@ci.findlay.oh.us

Cc: Shoemaker, Ryan D.; Gilgenbach, John

Subject: Parking on West Wallace

Paul,

We're looking for your guidance with a parking problem.

Presently, unrestricted parking is allowed on the north side of West Wallace Street from Chapel Drive westward to the end of West Wallace.

It has been a bit of a problem for some time.

The amount of traffic has changed considerably in the past year. We owned the former orthopedics building at 301 West Wallace for several years before finding the right tenant. About a year ago, we opened the new Women's & Children's practice there. They are regularly seeing up to 150 patients a day.

With cars parked solid on the north side of the street, W Wallace becomes close to only one driving lane. I understand there are frequent patient complaints.

Complicating matters, it's our strong belief that BVH employees are parking in those spots.

Some of our safety and security people would like to eliminate that parking completely. What qualifications would there be to allow us to request that? I recall, during the Pavilion construction, we had a similar problem on East Wallace which we somewhat resolved by establishing 30 minute or 60 minute restricted parking.

I'd appreciate your thoughts.

Thanks.

Jim Brooks

Owner's Representative, Construction Projects Blanchard Valley Health System Phone 419.429.7651 Fax 419.420.3043 Mobile 419.306.0401

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Blanchard Valley Health System Request West Wallace Street

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 12:56 PM

To: 'Kathy Launder'

Subject: FW: Additional one-way sign for Circle Drive

Put this on traffic commission agenda. Thx.

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From: J. Randal Van Dyne [mailto:vandyne@findlay.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 4:48 PM

To: Ron Monday; Paul Schmelzer (<u>Pschmelzer@findlayohio.com</u>)

Subject: FW: Additional one-way sign for Circle Drive

Ron and Paul,

This problem (described in the forwarded email) continues to occur.

Ron, you helped me with this a few years ago, and we were able to get some one way & Do Not Enter signs up. There is a Do Not Enter sign up on the right had side of the street as you travel South on East Circle Drive from Tiffin – letiign you know you cannot continue to go South on east Circle. But, this does not seem to keep people from entering. I think what the Van Gunten's are proposing here is an additional sign on the left side of the street as well. This was discussed last time this came up – if I remember correctly – but it was decided to only have one sign. If there is a chance it will help, I say go ahead and put up an additional sign.

I agree that there should be some concern with the snow plows going the wrong way?? What are they doing that?? Unless there is some perfectly justifiable reason, then they should be obeying the traffic signs – shouldn't they?

Please let me know what you guys think.

Thanks! RVD

From: Nancy Van Gunten [mailto:nvangunten@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 9:24 AM

To: J. Randal Van Dyne

Subject: Re: Additional one-way sign for Circle Drive

Per our telephone conversation on Monday, March 24th, we living around the Circle feel that an additional "Do Not Enter" sign is needed at the entrance of the Circle as cars approach after turning off Tiffin Avenue.

Also, a reminder about the snow plows going to wrong way around the Circle. We feel that this is not only dangerous but could present a liability to the City of Findlay should an accident occur.

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Request of Nancy Van Gunten
Circle Drive

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 5:42 PM **To:** 'Steve Wilson'; 'Kathy Launder'

Subject: RE: HAN-75-14.39; PID 87005 - MOT SpeedReduction

It should go to traffic commission as a formality.

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From: Steve Wilson [mailto:swilson@findlayohio.com]

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 2:41 PM **To:** 'Kathy Launder'; 'Paul Schmelzer'

Subject: FW: HAN-75-14.39; PID 87005 - MOT SpeedReduction

Does the speed limit reductions during proposed construction on Lima Avenue go to Traffic Commission or can this be approved administratively?

Steven C. Wilson, PE, PS Project Manager City Engineering Department 318 Dorney Plaza Room 304 Findlay OH 45840 419/424-7121 419/957-6844 (cell)

From: Scheckelhoff, Eric [mailto:Eric.Scheckelhoff@dot.state.oh.us]

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 12:45 PM **To:** Steve Wilson (swilson@findlayohio.com)

Cc: Paul Schmelzer; hussein@pbworld.com; Rosebrock, Matthew; carmichael@pbworld.com; Hackworth, Duane **Subject:** HAN-75-14.39; PID 87005 - OUTSTANDING ITEMS (Water Works/MOT SpeedReduction/Utility Relocate Form/Carlin Phone Numbers)

Steve.

ODOT's designer is requesting the speed limit along Lima Ave. be reduced to 25 mph during the different Maintenance of Traffic work zones and phases for the reconstruction of Lima Ave. The justification forms and report are attached.

If there are any other outstanding items or you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with the above.

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Request of ODOT

Lima Avenue

http://hancock.iviewauditor.com/PrintMap.aspx

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

April 15, 2014

Traffic Commission City of Findlay Mayor's Office 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

I would like to request a speed limit change for East Main Cross from the Osborne Bridge to, at least, beyond the intersection at Huron Road. That stretch of road beginning at Osborne begins with a dangerous intersection at the fork to go over or under the bridge. Then you drive past the public park area, which includes a parking lot, picnic area and scenic river overlook. This area is constantly in use by pedestrians and cars. There are also residential homes on the south side of the road which are fairly close to the road. And most importantly there is the curve just west of the Riverside Suite Office Area which should never be taken at 35 MPH.

My personal desire to see a speed change is due to the fact that I live at 929 East Main Cross and our driveway is right at the curve. Our end of driveway view is naturally inhibited by the fact that it is on the curve. If drivers are limited to a 25 MPH speed limit, this would greatly reduce the risk for an accident.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Jennifer Cramer

929 East Main Cross Street

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Note Request of Jennifer Cramer

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