

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
July 21, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Schmelzer, Service-Safety Director, Police Captain Sean Young, Fire Chief Tom Lonyo, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Rasmussen, Law Director; Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: John Kunysz, IntelliHARTx; Reid Ponx on behalf of Gardner Brothers, LLC; Bob Kuhlman.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Melinda Mueller, 2067 Windsor Place, to make East Main Cross Street at Bright Road right turn only.

06/16/2014

Chief Lonyo stated that it is difficult to make a left turn onto Bright Road from East Main Cross Street but not impossible if you take your time. Don't feel comfortable changing for one request. A suggestion is to put signage warning of a dangerous intersection. Director Rasmussen stated that better markings for lane designation for the right turn lane on Bright Road approaching Sandusky Street may help. Motion to table request for further review by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 3-0.

7/21/2014

Motion to lift from table by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer is not in favor of approving this request. Understands that the visibility is not the best. Chief Lonyo stated that if the traffic lane is maintain until past the intersection to enter the right turn lane, that would help.

Motion to deny request by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of residents of Logan Avenue to revisit making Logan Avenue No Parking Any Time on one side of the street.

6/16/2014

Chief Lonyo inquired what the long term plan is for the fire hydrants along Logan Avenue with the ongoing project. Currently there are hydrants on one side of the street in one block and on the other side in another block.

Motion to table request for further review by Chief Horne, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 3-0.

7/21/2014

Motion to lift from table by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer stated that the City will be working on an additional two blocks on Logan Avenue as part of the continuing improvement project. We will revisit the request when the Logan Avenue improvement project is complete.
Motion to deny request by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of John Kunysz, IntelliHARTx, 129 East Crawford Street, Suite 360, for one or two additional handicap spots near 129 East Crawford Street.

Mr. Kunysz stated that a few of his employees are physically challenged. They are currently utilizing the parking garage. Mr. Kunysz is requesting four handicapped parking spaces: two on the north side of East Crawford Street at Beech Street and two on the south side of East Crawford Street at Beech Street. Would also like them designated as "Employee Parking" and exempt from the 2-hour parking limit.

Chief Lonyo stated that the City needs a policy moving forward regarding requests of this nature. Director Schmelzer stated that there is a private property requirement by the ADA for providing a certain number of handicapped parking spaces. There is no requirement for public right-of-way. Chief Lonyo stated that he would like to have a defined policy for handicap parking requests for the business area. He would like a map from the requestor detailing exactly where they want the four parking spaces designated as handicap parking. Also check feasibility of converting the area to the west of 129 East Crawford Street that has a drive approach into a parking space.
Motion to table request by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Sgt. Ryan Doe, Findlay Police Department, for an additional "Do Not Enter Sign" or "One Way" sign on the south side of the intersection of West Main Cross Street and South Cory Street.

Motion to add a "Do Not Enter" sign or "One Way" sign on the south side of the intersection of West Main Cross Street and South Cory Street by Councilman Monday, second by Captain Young. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of a representative of Muddy River Bicycle Company, 403 South Main Street, for a Loading Zone (10 minute parking only) in front of their location in the space that is currently marked for the fire hydrant that is within a few feet of the intersection.

Chief Lonyo stated that there is enough space between the fire hydrant and the corner to convert the no parking area to one parking space. Chief Lonyo prefers this space be a temporary 10 minute loading zone. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of a 10 minute loading zone space vs. a regular parking space: the space is in front of a larger building, could always make it a regular parking space if needed in the future, does give opportunity to have the area cleared quickly in event of a fire, are not taking parking space away to create.

Motion to make one permanent parking space at 403 South Main Street by Chief Lonyo. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion to convert space from the southeast corner of South Main Street at East Crawford Street to a loading zone consistent with City Ordinance by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Request of Reid Ponx on behalf of Gardner Brothers, LLC, 16067 State Route 12, Findlay, per recommendation of City Planning Commission to make the east/west alley at 223 South Main Street one way.

Mr. Ponx stated that the owner has no preference as to the direction of the one way designation. If the alley is one way going westbound it prevents stacking on Main Street or motorists trying to beat traffic when trying to turn left into the alley. Captain Young is concerned about visibility and safety entering onto Main Street. He prefers the designation be one way eastbound. Director Schmelzer stated that he will talk to the property owner to the north of the parking lot to get their feedback, and come back next meeting to discuss further.

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

5. Request of Chris Kucharski, Gilbane Construction, contractor for Marathon Petroleum Company, to temporarily remove one parking space in front of the building at 129 East Crawford Street on the East Sandusky Street side during the construction at Marathon Petroleum Company.

Mr. Kunysz has no issue with temporary removal of parking space.

Motion to temporarily remove one parking space in front of the building at 130 East Crawford Street on the East Sandusky Street side during the construction at Marathon Petroleum Company by Chief Lonyo, second by Captain Young. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Bob Kuhlman, resident of Saratoga, requested increased patrols on Saratoga from Bright Road east especially between 6:45am-7:45am. Mr. Kuhlman estimates that motorists exceed the 25 MPH speed limit by more than 10-20 MPH. Director Schmelzer stated that the City Police Department has been doing targeted enforcement for these types of issues. Captain Young stated that part of the determination to do targeted enforcement is driven by crash data. Targeted enforcement is done during free patrol time which is very limited. Street Department will confirm that the appropriate number of speed limit signs are installed on Saratoga.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting August 18, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk