

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
August 18, 2014

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Tom Lonyo, Steve Wilson, Engineering Department, Councilman Ron Monday.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Dave Honse, Streets Supervisor, Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mara Wallace, Holly Frische, Councilperson.

### **OLD 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.

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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.

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Motion to lift from table by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0. Director Schmelzer stated that there is a precedence for requests for handicapped spaces in residential areas, however, there is no precedence for requests for handicap spaces in the right-of-way. At 123 East Crawford Street there is a sloped approach due to a garage access. There is no longer a garage access to this building. It is now a front door. This can be converted to a parking space and designated as a 2-hour handicap space.

Motion to make a parking space in front of the sloped approach at 123 East Crawford Street and designate it as a 2-hour handicap parking space, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

2. 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.

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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.

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

Motion to make the east/west alley at 223 South Main Street one way going eastbound by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Following up on a previous discussion regarding signs for Hanco Ambulance Croy Drive location, Stoffel stated that he can erect signs from either direction for Hanco at its Croy Drive location if given approval.  
Motion to install Emergency Vehicle Entrance signs adjacent to entrance of Hanco Ambulance on Croy Drive in each direction, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Mara Wallace, Riverbend 4-H Club, to place three signs promoting Hancock County 4-H Clubs at the corporation limits.

Ms. Wallace requested that three signs promoting Hancock County 4-H Clubs be erected near the Welcome to Findlay rocks that are at the edge of town. Director Schmelzer stated that these rocks are on private property, and therefore the City cannot give permission to place signs at these locations. Stoffel suggested to place these signs on existing signs that the Hancock County Fairgrounds have in the city. Stoffel offered to check with the County for permission.  
Motion for Matt Stoffel, Street Superintendent, to investigate placing 4-H signs on existing fairgrounds signs, and if not permitted to do so, determine three other locations to place signs, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Dr. Jonathan Davis, 2117 South Main Street, to place speed bumps in paved alley behind 2117 South Main Street.

Motion to deny request to place speed bumps in paved alley behind 2117 South Main Street based on past practice and consultation with the Law Director, by Chief Lonyo, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Chief Gene Stump, Liberty Township Fire Department, to place 35 MPH sign and "No Thru Truck" sign on Township Road 89 eastbound at the County Road 140 intersection.

Stoffel stated that Chief Gene Stump reported to him that semi-truck drivers are turning onto County Road 89 eastbound from County Road 140 on the north side of Kohl's Distribution Center and then backing out onto County Road 140 after figuring out that it is not the road to the entrance for Kohl's.  
Motion to place one 35 MPH sign and one "No Thru Truck" sign on Township Road 89 eastbound at the County Road 140 intersection, by Chief Lonyo, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on September 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk