

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay

September 15, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis McPheron, Findlay City Schools; George Scaife; Sandy Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Dennis McPheron, Findlay City Schools, for additional signage or LED solar powered pedestrian crossing sign with push button activation at North Main Street and East Melrose intersection.

Dennis McPheron stated that students from Northview Elementary School, ages Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, are crossing at Melrose Avenue and Main Street. Northbound traffic on Main Street heading east on Melrose Avenue may not see students walking across to the island at the intersection to cross Main Street at Melrose. A solar powered pedestrian crossing sign with push button activation or some type of signage to make motorists more aware that small children are crossing in that area is requested.

Director Schmelzer stated that he will consult with DGL and circle back with Findlay City Schools for the best option.

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

2. Request of Matt Stoffel, Public Works Department, to make the northeast corner of the intersection at Beech Street and East Crawford Street no parking any time.

Stoffel stated that the northeast corner of the intersection at Beech Street and East Crawford Street is not marked with signage as no parking any time and it is not marked that it is a parking space. Parking tickets have been issued and then reversed because of this. Discussion regarding if there is sufficient space to create a 2-hour parking space.

Motion to create a 2-hour parking space with appropriate pavement markings and signage at make the northeast corner of the intersection at Beech Street and East Crawford Street by Chief Lonyo, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of George Scaife, 2326 Park Street, to post "No Thru Trucks" signs at Park Street and Sixth Street heading south and Park Street and Olive Street heading north.

George Scaife stated that semi trucks are travelling on Park Street and Washington Avenue from Sixth Street to Olive Street. He noticed it started happening this

summer. He states that the semis are breaking up the street. He could not say how many semis per day, per week are travelling down these streets.

Director Schmelzer stated that Park Street and Washington Avenue can support semi traffic, not a large volume, and can support regular use by garbage trucks and delivery trucks, etc.

Chief Lonyo stated that if we were to post "No Thru Trucks" on Parks Street, we would also have to post it on Washington Avenue and Brookside Drive.

Director Schmelzer stated that the City will perform a traffic count on Park Street and Washington Avenue to determine the number of semis that are travelling down those streets.

Motion to table request until traffic counts can be performed on Park Street and Washington Avenue by Chief Horne, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.


4. Request of Sandy Smith, 512 East High Street, for two 25 MPH signs on East High Street, one for each direction.

Sandy Smith stated that there are motorists that travel at high speeds on East High Street from Blanchard Street to Wilson Street. She stated that if there are 25 MPH signs in place, it might slow them down. Chief Lonyo stated that it is an enforcement issue, but is not opposed to the signs being installed.

Motion to install 2 25 MPH signs on East High Street at Blanchard Street and Wilson Street, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. 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 October 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk