

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
October 20, 2014

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Tom Lonyo, Councilman Ron Monday.

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bill Hohenbrink, Shirley Hohenbrink, Aubrey Sopher, Gene Ritchie; Cooper Tire & Rubber Company.

### **OLD 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.

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Dennis McPheron stated that students from Northview Elementary School, ages Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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Motion to lift item from table by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

Stoffel reported that the City is changing the crosswalk location. Director Schmelzer has been in contact with Findlay City Schools and all are in agreement with the location. Motion to deny request due to situation being corrected, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

2. 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.

09/15/2014

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.

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Item remains tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Bill Hohenbrink, Hohenbrink Building, LLC, 5975 Lugabill Road, Columbus Grove, Ohio, to appeal the decision of Service-Safety Director Schmelzer to deny a request for an additional curb cut at 1112 Sixth Street to allow for an additional drive access.

Hohenbrink stated that there are six other houses on this street that have double access to their property. The homeowner has a handicapped child, and it would make maneuvering her vehicle a lot safer and easier for her.

The standard currently is one driveway access per lot. Councilman Monday stated that this is strictly an Engineering Department decision to make. Chief Lonyo stated that this is similar to the mid block crosswalk discussion. We need parameters for allowing additional driveway access points from Engineering Department so we can make an informed decision. Director Rasmussen stated the Director Schmelzer did suggest an alternative that would allow for the safety of maneuvering a vehicle without having another driveway access.

Motion to table and to request the Engineering Department to develop parameters for allowing dual access drive in residential areas by Chief Lonyo, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Request of Gene Ritchie, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, to install additional directional signage at Lima Avenue and Lake Cascades Parkway to their receiving or shipping departments.

Mr. Ritchie stated that semi truck drivers are not seeing the directional signage to the shipping and receiving departments for Cooper Tire & Rubber Company. He requests directional signage be added to the mast arms of the traffic lights. Stoffel stated that we cannot add private business directional signage to these mast arms. Director Rasmussen stated that the directional signage needs to be placed on private property.

Motion to deny request for installation of directional signage by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on November 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk