

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
March 16, 2015

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Dave Honse, Street Supervisor; Don Rasmussen, Law Director; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** none.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of Mayor Lydia Mihalik for a crosswalk on East Sandusky Street at Hunters Creek Drive.

12/15/2014

Motion to table request, by Director Schmelzer, second by Captain Young. Motion passed 4-0.

01/20/2015

Item remains tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Dave Honse, Street Department Supervisor, to implement a snow emergency policy effective beginning Winter 2015/2016 on Beech Street from East Lima Street to Hancock Street.

Honse stated that when cars are parked on the street, it is very difficult to get a small plow truck down the street to plow snow. A fire truck would not be able to get through. This is the narrowest street. There are no snow emergency streets currently in Findlay. Director Schmelzer asked Honse to research how other communities handle snow emergency policies as it relates to parking on the street. Do they handle it by legislation or is it policy. Motion to table request by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Request of Paul Schmelzer, Service-Safety Director, to conceptually review making Crawford Street one way and change parking to reverse angle parking.

Director Schmelzer presented a conceptual plan to make Crawford Street One Way adding angle parking. This adds 29 parking spaces to Crawford Street. West Crawford Street would become one way going west; parallel parking would remain as it is on the north side; parking on the south side would become reverse angle parking. East Crawford Street would become one way going east; parallel parking would remain as it is on the north side; parking on the south side would become reverse angle parking.

Motion to table for internal review by Police Department, Fire Department, and Hancock County Sheriff's Office by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Request of Paul Schmelzer, Service-Safety Director, to discuss concepts of how to improve the intersections of Blanchard/Sandusky and Blanchard/Sixth Street before presenting to City Council Committee of the Whole.

Director Schmelzer presented multiple concepts for improving the intersection for Blanchard and Sixth Street to include a roundabout to improve traffic flow through the area. An advantage to the roundabout is it will eliminate the need for a signal at this intersection as well as move traffic through the area a lot easier.

Motion to recommend that Concept 4 be presented for further review by Councilpersons for Wards 4 and 5 and engage the property owners in the area, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

Director Schmelzer presented a concept for improving the intersection of Blanchard and Sandusky. This includes a designated Left Turn Only lane, a thru lane, and a thru/right turn lane on northbound and southbound Blanchard Street at Sandusky.

Motion to recommend this concept be presented for further review by Councilpersons for Wards 3 and 4 and engage the property owners in the area, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Request of Chief Greg Horne to change the wording on the sign at the entrance of the Municipal Building parking lot to read 2 hour limit and remove the words "in designated spaces only."

Motorists are confused by the wording the sign at the entrance of the Municipal Building. They are interpreting the words "2 Hour Limit in Designated Spaces Only" to mean that only the Reserved spaces are a 2 hour limit.

Motion to change the wording on the sign at the entrance of the Municipal Building parking lot to remove the words "in designated spaces only" by Director Schmelzer, 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 April 20, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk