

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
December 21, 2015

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, City Engineer Brian Thomas, Councilman Ron Monday.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of The University of Findlay, 1000 North Main Street, for a pedestrian activated light across North Main Street from new admissions office to the campus.

12/21/2015
Item remains tabled.

2. Request of Bob Kuhlman, 500 Fox Run Road, for additional 25 MPH signs on Saratoga off of Bright Road.

8/17/2015
Mr. Kuhlman stated that his request is for Fox Run Road and surrounding area streets, not Saratoga. Mr. Kuhlman stated there are no speed limit signs on Fox Run Road, and streets to the south of Saratoga. He stated that there are many motorists who speed throughout this area. He doesn't know if installing speed limit signs will help.
Motion to table request to gather further information on the Fox Run Road and surrounding area street, by Chief Eberle, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 5-0.

11/16/2015
Item remains tabled.

12/21/2015
Motion to lift from table, by Councilman Monday, second by Schmelzer. Motion passed 5-0.
Motion to deny request, by Monday. Motion dies for lack of second.

Chief Eberle stated that he drove Fox Run Road and surrounding area. He stated that there are no speed limit signs on Fox Run Road or any of the surrounding smaller streets. Stoffel stated that the standard number of speed limit signs can be installed.

Motion to install three 25 MPH speed signs on Fox Run Road: one northbound off Saratoga Drive; one southbound off Saratoga Drive; and one northbound off Greendale Avenue, by Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Request of Scott Harden to grate the white strip on East Sandusky Street at Hunters Creek Drive to encourage motorists to merge to the left to prevent head on collisions at this intersection.

11/16/2015
Stoffel stated that the current signage and markings are correct. He is not in favor of a rumble strip.
Motion to direct Street Department to improve street markings, installing a sign stating "Thru Traffic Keep Right", then revisit traffic reports for area to see if there is an actual issue with vehicle accidents, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Dave Moore, 705 Franklin Avenue, that if North Cory Street is made one way northbound that Franklin Avenue is also made one way northbound.

Moore stated that he would also like to request making the north/south alley between North Cory Street and Franklin Avenue one-way northbound. He is concerned about additional traffic on Franklin Avenue and especially the alley once North Cory Street becomes one-way northbound.
Schmelzer stated that the City will take traffic counts now, pre-project, then when the switchover happens making North Cory Street one way in 2017, the City will again take traffic counts and compare. If

significantly increased, then Mr. Moore is requested to talk with his neighbors to determine if they are in favor of making Franklin Avenue and the alley one-way northbound.

2. Request for additional signals at Sandusky Street and Main Street.

Schmelzer stated that stacking on Sandusky Street at the Main Street intersection has been increasing. The City has the infrastructure with cameras to install left turn signals to the existing lights on Sandusky Street on the eastbound and westbound sides. A dedicated left turn lane exists for westbound traffic. A dedicated left turn lane will have to be created for eastbound traffic which will eliminate about three parking spaces. This can be coordinated with the TAP project for Main Street. Schmelzer stated that he will research if a left turn lane can be installed and have ready for next meeting.

3. Request of Jessica Trinko, The Heritage, 2820 Greenacre Drive, for a speed limit sign on Greenacre Drive in front of The Heritage as well as a sign indicating to watch for pedestrians.

Representatives of The Heritage stated that there have been more and more vehicles travelling at higher rates of speed.

Motion to post 25 MPH speed limit signs near the either side of the drive intersection of The Heritage, by Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on January 19, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk

WORK ORDERS

Motion to install three 25 MPH speed signs on Fox Run Road: one northbound off Saratoga Drive; one southbound off Saratoga Drive; and one northbound off Greendale Avenue, by Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to post 25 MPH speed limit signs near the either side of the drive intersection of The Heritage, 2820 Greenacre Drive, by Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION ACTION

Schmelzer stated that the City will take traffic counts now, pre-project, then when the switchover happens making North Cory Street one way in 2017, the City will again take traffic counts and compare. If significantly increased, then Mr. Moore is requested to talk with his neighbors to determine if they are in favor of making Franklin Avenue and the alley one-way northbound.

Schmelzer stated that he will research if a left turn lane can be installed on eastbound Sandusky Street at Main Street and have ready for next meeting.