

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
May 16, 2016

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Captain Sean Young, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, City Engineer Brian Thomas, Councilman Ron Monday.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, Mayor's Office.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Myreon Cobb, The University of Findlay; Todd Jenkins, Peterman Associates.

### **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.

04/18/2016

Item remains tabled.

5/16/2016

Schmelzer gave an update regarding this request. He stated that Traffic Signals Supervisor Tom DeMuth placed traffic cameras resulting in five days of data being recorded. The pedestrian counts from this recording have been taken. We still need to collect the vehicle counts. After all the pedestrian and vehicle counts have been taken and this data reviewed by the Engineering Department, the data and a recommendation for the next step will be forwarded to The University of Findlay and their consultant. This should be completed in the next couple weeks. Item remains tabled.

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

04/18/2016

Item remains tabled.

5/16/2016

Schmelzer stated that a traffic camera was placed facing one direction at this intersection for peak traffic. It will then be placed facing the other direction at the intersection. Once the data collected from the video is reviewed, it will be brought back to Traffic Commission for consideration. Item remains tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Tom Wohlgamuth to enact an ordinance restricting golf carts to only be able to travel on 25 mile per hour roads or less.

Currently licensed golf carts can be on 35 MPH roads as long as it is not for a long period of time in the City of Findlay. Rasmussen stated that we should look at the power requirement of golf carts to see if they can go 35 MPH. The current ordinance is very ambiguous. It needs to be updated. A new Ohio traffic law allowing golf carts to travel on roads with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less will go into effect January 1, 2017. It is requested that the City enact a law only allowing golf carts on roads that are 25 MPH or less. Rasmussen will look into the new law and

its requirements. Will continue discussion at next month's meeting.

2. Request of Lela Doty, on behalf of the South Main Neighborhood Association, for placement of signage reading "South Main Neighborhood Association" on South Main Street southbound at Lima Avenue and on South Main Street northbound at Sixth Street.

Schmelzer stated that as part of the TAP project currently underway, we are looking at wayfinding signage for Main Street and the streets just off Main Street. This will give better direction to community landmarks. Any additional signage permitted should be consistent with the design used for the wayfinding signs. Schmelzer stated that he is not in favor of placing signage denoting an association in public right-of-way.

Motion to deny request for South Main Street Association sign; in the event that the association wants to continue the discussion, the homeowners will have to examine what the City is doing for the wayfinding signs and bring back a proposal that would be consistent with the historic nature of the area and aesthetics of the City's wayfinding package, by Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Request of The University of Findlay, 1000 North Main Street, to designate the 300 block of College Street as "No Parking Any Time" on both sides of the street.

The University of Findlay submitted a notarized letter from the only resident in the 300 block of College Street that states that the resident is in favor of the request for No Parking Any Time on both sides of the street in the 300 block of College Street. All other property in that block is owned by The University of Findlay.

Motion to make the 300 block of College Street "No Parking Any Time" on both sides of the street, by Councilman Monday, second by Schmelzer. 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 May 16, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk