

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
July 18, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, City Engineer Brian Thomas, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Don Rasmussen, Law Director; 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.

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.

07/18/2016

Thomas stated that the traffic cameras were placed on George Street and were able to pick up data on North Main Street from George Street to Foulke Avenue. Thomas sent a letter to The University of Findlay and copied their consultant, DGL with the results. If you look at the entire stretch that includes five intersections, and if you assume the pedestrians cross elsewhere 50 percent of the time, it does not meet the criteria. Thomas suggested to bring the item off the table at the next Traffic Commission for discussion and a decision. This will give The University of Findlay enough time to review the results and decide if they want to proceed. Item remains tabled.

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

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.

07/18/2016

Item remains tabled.

3. 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.

05/16/2016

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.

07/18/2016

Item remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Tom DeMuth, Traffic Signal Department, to convert the 200 block of Washington Street from one-way to two-way.

Thomas stated that the 200 block of Washington Street is just as wide as the remainder of the street. Chief Horne stated that visibility is not good for southbound Cory Street traffic. Stoffel stated that he didn't believe that visibility is bad. Monday stated that we should notify the property owners in the 200 block of Washington Street to get their feedback about making the change to two-way traffic.

Motion to table request; notify property owners; and have further discussion after receiving input from property owners, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Erikka Hermiller for a speed limit sign and a "Children At Play" sign be placed between the 400-500 block of Monroe Avenue.

Thomas distributed information from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in reference to Children at Play signs. It states that these signs are not used by ODOT, and further that ODOT discourages others from using them. It allows for a level of false security. Councilman Monday stated that the Traffic Commission has denied requests for Children At Play signs in the past. Motion to deny request for a "Children At Play" sign, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

Monroe Avenue is a residential street. Typically 25 MPH speed limit signs are not placed on residential streets.

Motion to deny request for speed limit signs on Monroe Avenue, by Chief Eberle, second by Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Ashley King, 1704 Lima Avenue, for a "No Trucks" sign on Morrical Avenue off of Lima Avenue.

Chief Eberle stated that since we are putting up eight "No Thru Trucks" signs in this area from last month's request, one more sign wouldn't hurt especially since damage is caused to this resident when a truck comes through.

Motion to place a "No Trucks" sign on Morrical Avenue off of Lima Avenue, by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Monday. 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 August 15, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk