

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Monday, August 15, 2016 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

# **Agenda**

#### **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.

03/21/2016

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.

03/21/2016

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.

06/20/2016

Item remains tabled.

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

7/18/2016

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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Request of Bobbie Hile to look at parking on Clifton Avenue at Main Street causing congestion.
- 2. Request of residents of Bluestone Drive for "No Parking" signs on Bluestone Drive.

# Office of the Mayor

# Lydia L. Mihalik

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> Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S. Service-Safety Director

July 18, 2016

«FirstName» «LastName» «HomeAddresss» «HomeCityStZip»

RE: «PropertyAddress»

Dear «LastName»:

At the July 18, 2016, meeting of the Traffic Commission, a request to convert the 200 block of Washington Street from one-way traffic to two-way traffic was made. During the discussion, the members of the Traffic Commission were interested to hear what the residents and property owners in this area thought about this change.

The Traffic Commission is looking for feedback for its next meeting. If you would like to express your thoughts about the above request, please contact the Traffic Commission by email at <a href="mailto:TrafficCommission@FindlayOhio.com">TrafficCommission@FindlayOhio.com</a>, or by phone by calling me at 419-424-7137. Please provide this feedback by Monday, August 8, 2016, in order to be considered at the next meeting.

Your feedback will be considered at the August 15, 2016, Traffic Commission meeting. If you would like to attend the meeting, it starts at 2:30pm and is held in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

Kathy K. Launder City Clerk

FirstName	LastName	PropertyAddress	PropertyCityStZip	HomeAddresss	HomeCityStZip
David	Bryant	223 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	223 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Deborah	Oman	215 1/2 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	5172 County Road 26	Rawson, OH 45881
Hancock County Commissioners		210 Washington Street; 212 W	Findlay, OH 45840	300 South Main Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Hoss Properties LLC		214 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	15366 State Route 568	Findlay, OH 45840
Joel Radabaugh	Allen Welch	219 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	101 West Sandusky Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Nancy Booze Trust	c/o Nancy Booze Trustee	226 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	226 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Robert Scott	Haley	218 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	218 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Robin Rosencrans	Jack Aldrich	217 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	217 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Sherryl	Phillips	222 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	222 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Todd	Trautman	206 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	9629 Jadlos Drive	Findlay, OH 45840
William	Damon	211 Washington Street; 213 W	Findlay, OH 45840	1911 Glenwood Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		201-207 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		219 1/2 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		227 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		230 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		300 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		301 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		302 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840
Wasbro Rental Property LLC		303 Washington Street	Findlay, OH 45840	115 East Front Street	Findlay, OH 45840

From: Robin Aldrich <rdr600@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 12:33 PM
To: trafficcommission@findlayohio.com

**Subject:** Washington st one way

Jack and I would like it to stay one way. We are having lots of problems with people not stopping at the stop sign in the alley by 217 Washington st. They go the wrong way in the alley one way and blow through the stop signs. We are afraid there will be a wreck that will hit our gas meter or our house. I feel changing the one way would add to the mess. I wish the police would watch this area and catch them and help us out. Thanks Jack and Robin Aldrich 217 Washington st.

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

From: NANCY BOOZE <nbooze131@sbcglobal.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2016 6:15 PM **To:** TrafficCommission@FindlayOhio.com

**Subject:** 200 Block Washington St. Traffic Conversion

Hello Ms, Launder,

I have lived on this block of Washington Street for over 20 years. I feel the need to ask why the change?

Here's my opinion:

\*it is difficult enough to back out of the driveway with one way traffic, the difficulty is seeing over the parked cars. I've had several close calls because of this.

\*it would make our street busier and more dangerous for the children who live here and play on the sidewalks.

\*the way the parking is at present, there is no way I would be able to back out of my driveway and go east on Washington St. There is no room to back out

of the driveway and not damage my car or the new sidewalks that were just installed last summer. The 3 foot rule generally does not apply here.

\*I question also the visibility at the intersection of Cory Street to see oncoming traffic coming from either way. I feel you would have to have the front end of

car in the intersection to see the traffic coming from Front Street properly. I also don't believe a proper right turn can be made from Washington Street

onto Cory Street without going into the left driving lane.

In closing, I am suggesting that the traffic pattern not be changed for convenience but for safety.

Sincerely, Nancy Booze 226 Washington Street

From: Jill Wagner < jillwasbrowagner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 7:22 AM **To:** TrafficCommission@findlayohio.com

**Subject:** 200 block of Washington St.

## Dear Traffic Commission:

We received your letter about feedback regarding the 200 block of Washington Street. We own eight lots within the 200-300 block. There is too much traffic already on Washington Street and we do not want to see it become a two-way street. Two-way traffic could also take away some of the street parking which is vital for those properties. It is our wish that the railroad tracks be barricaded so no traffic could cross over.

Furthermore, to help with traffic flow in the area, we would like to see the wait time shortened for a red light at the intersection of Front and Main. The current wait time is decidedly too long and traffic gets backed up on Front St.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Jill Wagner
Wasbro Rental Property, LLC and
The Sherman House
Manager/Co-owner
419-348-0404
jillwasbrowagner@gmail.com

**From:** sassysg@aol.com

Sent:Saturday, July 30, 2016 3:28 PMTo:TrafficCommission@FindlayOhio.comSubject:200 Block of Washington Street

As a resident of the 200 block of Washington Street, I oppose the idea of changing it to a two way street for several reasons. The first reason being you have to pull out too far on to Cory to see around the bridge. Granted, it's not as bad as it was, but it's still not ideal. I also believe there would be a lot of accidents where South West Street ends at Washington Street simply because people are already used to it being the way it is. And just making a 3 way stop there would not be a good idea either.

You would also have to put up "No parking this side of street" signs on the south side of the street, not to mention the stop sign you would have to put at the Cory-Washington Street intersection, which is just an added expense that's not necessary.

Please leave it as it has been. Since it's not broken, please don't feel you need to fix it.

Thank you, Sherry Phillips

222 Washington Street

From: bobbie hile <budbod@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 1:17 PM

**To:** ssd@ci.findlay.oh.us

**Subject:** New Contact Us Submission from bobbie hile

## What is your name?

bobbie hile

## How would you like us to contact you?

E-mail

#### Which department would you like to contact?

Streets Department

#### What is your email address?

budbod@sbcglobal.net

## **Phone Number**

419-889-8345

## What is your Question, Comment or Concern?

Parking on Clifton Ave corner of main & clifton. Parking on both sides of street causing problems with traffic congestion & with school bus traffic Can you look into this?

# Receive City of Findlay Emails?

Yes

#### Receive Lydia's Letters Emails?

Yes

# **Hancock County GIS**



Notes

Request of Bobbie Hile-parking on Clifton Ave. at Main Street causing congestion

From: Holly Frische <holly@acapltd.com>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 12:10 PM
To: Paul Schmelzer; Kathy Launder

**Cc:** Anne Stapley

**Subject:** Traffic Commission REQUEST

**Attachments:** IMG\_2941.jpg; FullSizeRender.jpg; FullSizeRender.jpg; FullSizeRender.jpg; FullSizeRender.jpg;

FullSizeRender.jpg; 20160729113419511.pdf

**Importance:** High

#### Paul

Anne Stapley reached out with a parking concern in her neighborhood over the weekend. I talked with her about her concerns and she put together a letter w/ neighbors signatures attached along with some photos.

Please add to the August agenda

I have cc'd her in this email as well so you have her contact email.

Please confirm with her that she is on the agenda.

Thanks Paul!

Holly

July 25, 2016

City of Findlay: TRAFFIC COMMISSION 318 Dorney Plaza Findlay, Ohio 45840

Paul Schmelzer, Service-Safety Director, Chairman Greg Horne, Findlay Police Chief Ron Monday, City Council Josh Eberle, Findlay Fire Chief Brian Thomas, City Engineer

We are writing to you as homeowners on Bluestone Drive in Findlay Ohio. Currently, half of Bluestone Drive has "No Street Parking" signs posted from the Manor Hill entrance to the stop sign; from the stop sign to Timberstone Drive there are no parking restrictions. This request is for "No Street Parking" signs to be posted on Bluestone Drive.

The narrow stretch of street that currently allows unlimited on-street parking is a safety hazard to many residents, especially those with young children. The street has had recent growth in new homes which will be on going since there are several lots still available for construction. The on-street parking has created an issue. Homeowners have witnessed many occasions where skillful maneuvering of vehicles is needed to jog through parked traffic; this has caused an unsafe driving environment. All

homes along Bluestone drive have ample private drive-way parking space available yet on-street parking still seems to be used on a daily basis.

Most recently, a car was hit while a neighboring home was being built and a mailbox at another location was destroyed by a vehicle attempting to negotiate around parked vehicles. Current resident work trucks/vehicles are being parked for long periods of time on the street as well. In the event of an emergency, an ambulance or fire truck would not be able to adequately make it through the subdivision. In the event of snow removal, the automobiles would delay, be snowed in or give a plow insufficient room to make a pass to clear the roadway.

Sincerely,

(Some of the Homeowner's that were home have personally signed the letter – the letter is attached)

**Current Parking ordinances:** 

#### 305.15 NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF STREET.

The Traffic Commission is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking on the side of any street when such parking would, in their opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous condition. (1979 Code 80.15)

Holly Frische ACAP LTD 1995 Tiffin Ave Suite 312 Findlay, Ohio 45840 419-425-4660 419-425-4661 fax City of Findlay: TRAFFIC COMMISSION 318 Dorney Plaza Findlay, Ohio 45840

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Kenni Une Japley, 2140

Mrt Mrs Bill Needlebaugh 2132

Carole Naussem 2135

Jack Houssem 2135

Phyllis Jahnson 2136

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Polano Jahnson 2182

Math Jamn 2182

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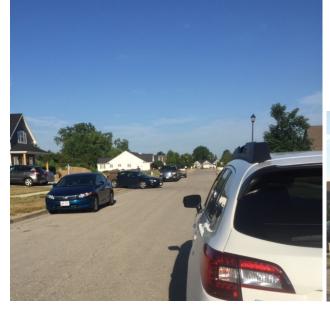
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From: Kevin Russell <kdr1232@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 4:49 PM

**To:** TrafficCommission@FindlayOhio.com

**Subject:** Bluestone Dr. Parking

To The City of Findlay Traffic Commission,

I first want to thank you for reviewing my email. Yesterday, (07/28/2016), I was made aware of a parking petition that was circulated in the Bluestone Dr. neighborhood within the City of Findlay. The petition is for the restriction of on-street parking on either one side of the road or possibly both sides of the road on Bluestone Dr. (between CR 236 & the curve west of Heatherstone Dr.). Currently, there is on-street parking available on both sides of the roadway at this location. One reason why I moved to this neighborhood was the fact that on-street parking was available. On-street parking provides those visiting, doing work, etc... to have an option to park on the roadway. The restriction of on-street parking will only congest other areas for parking, make it more difficult for those to find suitable on-street parking elsewhere, potentially allow for increased speed of vehicles, and create a safety risk for those who need to cross the roadway to reach their destination. Please note that this neighborhood is within a homeowners association (Covington Place), where this topic has not been discussed with all of the members of the association. As a member of the association, I have requested an association meeting among those in the neighborhood to discuss this topic further so all members can have an opportunity to hear all of the facts and voice their concerns. I respectfully request that the traffic commission not make any decisions on this topic as to allow time for the members of the association to discuss this matter further.

Thank you, Kevin Russell

2300 Bluestone Dr. Findlay, Ohio 45840 419-306-9383