



Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Grant Russel to review possibility of eliminating one traffic lane and adding parking on Beech Street between East Main Cross Street and East Sandusky Street.

02/21/2017

Director Schmelzer stated that almost every time he turns onto Beech Street there is a delivery truck parked in one of the lanes. Councilman Monday asked how many parking spaces we would gain by eliminating a lane of traffic on Beech Street. Director Schmelzer stated approximately 15 parking spaces could potentially be created. Chief Eberle suggested a loading zone in each block if we move forward with the request to accommodate the delivery trucks.

Motion to table request until Engineering Department can develop a parking plan for Beech Street from East Main Cross Street to East Sandusky Street including one loading zone on the north side of the intersection of Beech Street and East Crawford Street, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

03/20/2017

Motion to lift from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

Talked about putting parking on Beech. Thomas put together exhibit for additional parking on Beech. Can add a total of 15 parking spaces from Main Cross to Sandusky Street on Beech Street. Discussion ensued regarding flow of traffic on Beech Street. Schmelzer asked Thomas to take map and take same parking configuration but move it over to east and west and show the alleys up to Main Street and create pdf and put arrows on it as to which way motorists have to travel as posted now, then email out to commission members for review at next meeting.

Motion to table so that Thomas has a chance to put exhibit together so that if we are going to add parking to beech that we do so after looking at the full traffic pattern in the area, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

Give copy of revised exhibit to larger property owners that abut Beech Street and have them attend the next Traffic Commission meeting.

04/17/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Thomas, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 4-0.

Need to wait to make a decision until large property owners have been notified and invited to the meeting.

Motion to table request, by Councilman Monday, second by Lt. Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

05/15/2017

No action taken.

2. Request of Tom DeMuth to review crosswalk placement at the intersection of Tiffin Avenue and Croy Avenue due to visibility issue on the northwest corner.

03/20/2017

Discussion ensued regarding options to alleviate issue. Demuth suggested to delay the green light to allow pedestrian traffic to start across prior to vehicle traffic. Maybe place a No Right Turn on Red sign to help alleviate. Mitigate risk and worth looking at. Last resort is to redo curb and ramp on the other side of the box.

Motion to review the timing of the traffic signal to see if a delay in the green signal for southbound thru traffic can be facilitated in order to create additional visibility for a pedestrian in the crosswalk, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

Review results and bring back to Traffic Commission next month.

04/17/2017

Demuth stated that he changed the timing of the traffic signal, but has not been able to monitor. Will be doing maintenance next month in the area and will be able to monitor to determine if it is helping. Demuth stated they did test the light and they were able to walk to the second lane of traffic before the green light signaled for motorists.

05/15/2017

No action taken.

3. Request of Aaron Baxter to make Sherry Street from Pearl Street to Sixth Street one way northbound.

04/17/2017

Mr. Baxter stated that Sherry Street is narrow, two cars cannot pass at the same time. It is causing erosion on both sides of the street. Mr. Baxter inquired if the postal route needs to be considered when determining the direction of a one way. Councilman Monday stated that we need to be assured that the residents on the street are in favor of changing Sherry Street to one way. Mr. Baxter is responsible to obtain signatures of residents in favor of the one way.

Motion to table request until Mr. Baxter obtains signatures of residents in favor of changing Sherry Street to one way, and invite a representative of the US Post Office to address issue of postal route to the next meeting, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

5/15/2017

No action taken.

4. Request of Brian Thomas, City Engineer, to review crosswalks at Trenton Avenue and Bolton Street and West Main Cross Street and Liberty Street.

04/17/2017

Thomas stated that the crosswalk at W. Main Cross St. and Liberty St. crosses four lanes of traffic. May have increased use due to the new Kan Du Art Studio. Lt. Dunbar stated that the Police Department encourages people to cross at crosswalks. Chief Eberle stated that we should have flashing beacons added to this crosswalk. Demuth stated that he can lay the foundation, and then we can decide later if we want to install the flashing beacons.

Thomas stated that we have the same issue at Trenton Avenue and Bolton Street. The crosswalk crosses five lanes of traffic. There is a significant distance to the next signalized intersection. Lt. Dunbar stated that he has less objections about removing this crosswalk than the Main Cross/Liberty crosswalk. Thomas stated that he can plan on putting the ramps in and then we can decide if we want to replace the crosswalks at the next meeting.

Motion to prepare curb ramps at the intersections of West Main Cross Street and Liberty Street and Trenton Avenue and Bolton Street, and table the request to review crosswalks and decide if crosswalks should remain and if any signalization is needed, by Chief Eberle, second by Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

05/15/2017

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Tom Brown to add a stop sign on westbound W. Bigelow Avenue at Broad Avenue.

Kathy Launder

From: bthomas <bthomas@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Kathy Launder
Subject: Traffic Commission

Kathy:

I have received a phone call from a citizen (Tom Brown) who is concerned about the intersection of Broad Avenue and Bigelow Avenue. His concern is with vehicles turning from north bound Broad turning left onto Bigelow (to go over the bridge) having problems seeing vehicles that are westbound on Bigelow due to the angle of the roads. He would like a stop sign installed so that the vehicles traveling west on Bigelow would also have to stop. Please add this to the agenda for traffic commission.

Thank you,

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*Nothing in these comments is to be construed as authorizing extra work for which additional compensation may be claimed without prior approval.

Hancock County GIS



Notes

Request for a stop sign on West Bigelow Ave. at Broad Ave.