

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
October 16, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Service Director/City Engineer Brian Thomas, Police Chief John Dunbar, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Don Rasmussen, Law Director; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: Sharon Fontaine, Greg Williams, George Adams, Anthony Bloomfield, and Grant Russel.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Councilman Ron Monday to review the left turn signalization from Fostoria Avenue onto Tiffin Avenue.

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Councilman Monday stated that a constituent had expressed to him that the directional signage on Fostoria Avenue at Tiffin Avenue is confusing. Discussion ensued regarding the left turn signal activation of the traffic signal. Schmelzer inquired why the hashes on pavement along the island along the eastbound lane are in place? Can it be changed to a lane of traffic to open up the intersection to allow for a dedicated left turn lane?

Motion to table to research history of hashes on pavement, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

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Director Thomas stated that he is waiting to hear back from the Ohio Department of Transportation. No action taken. Item remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Councilman Grant Russel to change the striping of parking stalls on Main Street in Downtown Findlay.

Councilman Russel asked for discussion on eliminating the striping of individual parking stalls on Main Street in Downtown Findlay. Director Thomas stated that he has been monitoring the parking on West Main Cross Street where we have not striped the individual stalls and it appears that there are no problems with people parking appropriately without having the individual parking stall marked.

Motion to eliminate striping of individual parking spaces on Main Street from Lima Street to Center Street, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Councilman Grant Russel to change the direction of the angle parking on South West Street on the east side to reverse angle parking.

Councilman Russel stated that changing the direction of the angle parking on South West Street to reverse angle parking is a move toward safety and consistency Downtown. Director Thomas stated that the road is scheduled to be paved prior to next Traffic Commission meeting, but would like to see how many parking spots we would have with the reverse angle parking. We can stripe the area with the existing parking structure with temporary pavement marking, until we get further information. Chief Eberle thinks that we should explore.

Motion to table request until further information can be gathered, by Director Thomas, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Don Rasmussen to change parking restriction on Heatherwood Drive from County Road 236 west to driveway of Findlay Evangelical Free Church (2515 Heatherwood Drive) to No Parking Any Time or No Parking on Sundays.

Rasmussen stated that each Sunday vehicles park on Heatherwood Drive in front of the church and it backs up traffic on Heatherwood Drive at County Road 246. Councilman Monday suggests that we post

this area "No Parking Any Time." It was suggested to reach out to the pastor of the church to have him/her make an announcement to not park on the street during church services. If parking on the street continues, then bring back to Traffic Commission for action.
Motion to table until the church has made an announcement to its congregation about not parking on Heatherwood Drive during church services, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Thomas. Motion 4-0.

4. Request of Sharon Fontaine and Greg Williams for placement of a guardrail and appropriate signage at the "dead end" of Lippincott Avenue due to resident at 1123 Brookside Drive driving off the end of the pavement into the unimproved right-of-way to the rear of their property.

Ms. Fontaine stated that at the end of Lippincott Avenue at the end of the street pavement someone has extended the road with tar and chip back to the rear of 1123 Brookside. Residents of the property go in and out of that road extension at early morning hours with loud vehicles.

If a guardrail is put up at the end of the road this individual may just drive around it.

Mr. Williams stated that there are numerous motorists travelling down the roadway and then get to the end and realize it is a dead end.

Motion to install appropriate signage in appropriate locations near the "dead end" of Lippincott Avenue and review location of existing signage for visibility purposes, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Request of Hunters Ridge Homeowners Association that the area 30 feet before the stop sign be designated as "No Parking Here To Corner" with appropriate curb markings and/or signage at the corner of First Street and Fishlock Avenue.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that people are parking too close to the stop sign at the intersection of First Street at Fishlock Avenue and as a result visibility and maneuverability are impaired. Requesting that a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign be placed at this intersection.

Motion to install "No Parking Here to Corner" at an appropriate distance from the stop sign on First Street at Fishlock 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 October 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk