

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
June 18, 2018

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Service Director/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Councilman Jim Slough.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Dave Honse, Street Department Supervisor; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: Matthew Frisk.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Tom DeMuth, City of Findlay Traffic Signal Supervisor, to review the crosswalk signalization across Lima Avenue at Cooper Tire & Rubber Company leading from their corporate offices to their parking lot due to ailing equipment needing repaired or replaced.

4/16/2018

DeMuth stated that the traffic signal equipment at Cooper Tire was installed in 1993. The hardware is wearing out and it is outdated equipment. In lieu of spending money to update the light, DeMuth suggested that it be converted to a regular crosswalk like West Main Cross Street. Schmelzer stated that an RFB similar to West Main Cross Street is no longer recognized under the Uniform Traffic Code. DeMuth stated that if it is not a federal or state highway, should be able to use the RFB. Not a traffic control device just an enhancement. Option A is to just stripe a sign the crosswalk. Option B is to install a HAWK device or overhead light. Option C is to replace the existing. Schmelzer stated the cost of this type of device is born by the entity that needs it. Cooper Tire needs to pay for a HAWK system or traffic signal or we will put back to a crosswalk. DeMuth stated that they will not be happy with a HAWK system. Schmelzer stated that he will talk with Cooper Tire about cost of traffic signal after DeMuth gets actual costs.

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No new information.

2. Request of Michael Chiarelli, Kan Du Group located at 17728 County Road 99, Findlay, for a traffic signal facing north at Speedway Drive to allow motorists to safely be able to turn left (east) from their facility as well as Flashover Sports.

4/16/2018

Chiarelli stated that the Kan Du Group is the former Blanchard Valley Industries and moved to a County Road 99 location. It serves adults with disabilities. There will be 45-50 adults on location at a time. There is a concern of the safety of turning left out of the drive onto CR 99. A traffic signal would allow a safer turn. The entrance to the facility will be moved to line up with the existing traffic signal.

Schmelzer stated that usually the organization requesting an additional traffic signal would be responsible for the cost to purchase and install the signal. There may be grants or government funds available to cover the cost. Having a traffic signal there may spark additional development. Cost to install a new signal would be approximately \$15,000 if have to purchase all equipment. Schmelzer stated that if the owner moves the drive the City would pay for the signal. Chiarelli stated that the owner is aware that they would have to move the entrance.

Motion to table request pending further discussion regarding combining the driveways, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

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No new information.

3. Request of Matthew Frisk, 521 Edith Avenue, to make Bolton one way northbound from Edith to Rector Avenue.

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Mr. Frisk explained his request. Discussion on if the change is made, should it start at Lester, Edith, or Prentiss? Chief Eberle thinks Prentiss would be a good starting point if the change is made. There are concerns about other property owners with drives onto this section of Bolton. Mr. Frisk indicated that he talked with his neighbors and they were not concerned about the change but are curious

about the outcome. Councilman Slough has concerns about safety. Chief Eberle is in favor but would like other input. Director Thomas asked Mr. Fisk if he would be willing to talk to the neighbors along Bolton and try to get them to sign a petition or write letters of support for the change, he indicated yes.

Motion to table so that Mr. Fisk can try to get support from the property owners along Bolton from Edith to Prentiss for the change by Director Thomas, second by Councilman Slough. Motion Passed 4-0.

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Mr. Fisk stated that the homeowners closest to the requested area are in favor of making the change to one-way. He hasn't been able to talk with everyone on the street. Discussion ensued regarding Bolton from Edith Avenue to Melrose Avenue is already one-way.

Motion to make Bolton one-way northbound from Edith Avenue to Rector Avenue, by Councilman Slough, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of McLane Company, Inc., for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of McLane Drive.

There are semi trucks parking along both sides of McLane Drive making it difficult to maneuver down the street safely. There are currently temporary no parking signs along one side of the road.

Motion to make McLane Drive "No Parking Any Time" on both sides of the road, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Beth Kretz, Rowmark, for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Hamlet Drive.

Parking on Hamlet Drive isn't as frequent. Would like at least No Parking Any Time on one side of Hamlet Drive.

Motion to make Hamlet Drive "No Parking Any Time" on one side of the street (the side with fire hydrants) immediately and monitor for truck parking on Hamlet Drive in the future to prevent situation of stacking, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas.

Amend the motion to add that Hamlet Drive through the curve be designated "No Parking Any Time," by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Slough.

Amended 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 July 16, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk