



Agenda

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 The hardware is wearing out and it is outdated equipment.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.

08/20/2018

Schmelzer forwarded to Cooper and has not heard back.

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.

8/20/2018

Schmelzer met with property owner. Doubt we will do anything there very soon. Keep on the agenda.

3. Request of Councilman John Harrington to review the traffic pattern around Jefferson School.

5/15/2017

Acting Chief Dunbar stated that he has assigned the Special Assignment Unit to review the traffic pattern around Jefferson School. They are to have their report completed by May 24, 2017, to bring back to Traffic Commission. It is suggested to reach out to Dennis McPheron to attend the next meeting when it is discussed.

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

06/19/2017

Chief Dunbar stated that Sgt. Brian Dill with the Special Assignment Unit reviewed the area for best options for traffic pattern around Jefferson School. He spoke with school personnel as well as the residents in the area. The following are several proposals for consideration:

- A. Remove the No Parking restriction on Seventh Street between S. Main St. and Maple Ave. to allow for additional stacking.
- B. Make Washington Ave. between Sixth St. and Seventh St. No Parking during school hours.
- C. Make Maple Avenue between Seventh Street and Fairlawn Place one-way going southbound allowing two lanes of stacking.
- D. Make Fairlawn Place from Maple Ave. to Washington Ave. No Parking during school hours.
- E. Maple Avenue between Fairlawn Place and Pearl Street has already been made No Parking Any Time on both sides of the street.

Schmelzer requested that Chief Dunbar develop a map with the recommendations and forward to the Superintendent of Findlay City Schools for review. The net benefit of these recommendations is to get cars off of Sixth Street and increase bus maneuverability on Fairlawn Avenue.

Motion to have the Engineering Department create an exhibit to reflect proposals A, B, C, and D from Special Assignment Unit, and forward to Ed Kurt, Superintendent of Findlay City Schools, and Jefferson School Principal for review, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

08/28/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer reported that Findlay City Schools Superintendent Ed Kurt stated that it is very difficult to make any changes to traffic patterns around schools during the school year. Superintendent Kurt stated that they would continue to monitor the traffic around the school throughout the year and, if necessary, make a change at the beginning of the summer to get resident acclimated and then parents. The Principal of Jefferson School stated that the double stacking on the one way of Maple Avenue is not a safe idea. Will look at periodically throughout school year with school staff and take notes.

Motion to table item and evaluate traffic patterns throughout the school year, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

8/20/2018

Schmelzer stated that a map was put together based on Police Department recommendation to the school. Have not heard back from Superintendent Ed Kurt or Dennis McPherson.

Motion to lift off table, by Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussed plan.

A. Remove parking restriction on school days south side of Seventh Street east of the first north/south alley

B. Make a no parking zone on Washington Ave. between Sixth St. and Seventh St.

C. Change Maple Ave. from Seventh to Fairlawn to a one way in southbound direction to create a row of parking on the west side and bypass lane on the east side

D. No parking on Fairlawn

Modify map per discussions for next meeting. Will then give to Findlay City Schools to have them review recommendations.

Motion to table, by Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Request of Jeremy Kalb, Engineering Department, to change the first alley east of Main Street from E. Main Cross St. to E. Crawford St. to one way southbound.

8/20/2018

The request to change the direction of the alley to one way south is so that access to the parking garage can be maintained when East Crawford Street is closed for events. This request was made by a business owner. Chief Eberle suggested that we contact the other business owners in the area to get their opinion.

Motion to table, by Chief Eberle, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to consider removing traffic signal at Lake Cascades and Western Avenue
2. Request of Chanda West, 2211 Washington Avenue, to make the intersection of Washington Avenue and East Edgar Street a four way stop.
3. Request of Councilwoman Holly Frische to look at the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Deer Ridge Drive and East Melrose Avenue.
4. Request of Councilwoman Holly Frische to look at the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Fishlock Avenue and East Sandusky Street (due to traffic going to/from downtown for work, school and the fair).
5. Request of Councilwoman Holly Frische to look at the need for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of 6th Street and Washington Avenue (due to the amount of joggers and kids walking to Donnell, Jefferson and Chamberlin).

Kathy Launder

From: Chandalar West <chandalor_west@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Mayor (website)
Subject: Stop Sign

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Mayor Mihalik,

I am forwarding this letter on to you per the request of Mr. Harrington. Thank you for your time and concern on this matter.

Chanda West

Mr. Harrington,

I am writing you about a concern on the southern end of Findlay. I live at 2211 Washington Ave with my husband and two elementary school aged children. We live at the corner of Washington Ave and East Edgar. At this intersection there is only a 2 way stop sign on Washington Ave and the motorists traveling east and west on Edgar Ave do not have to stop. The majority of east/west streets that cross Washington Ave have a stop sign. The one on Edgar does not. I see cars speeding down Edgar all the time and many motorists traveling on Washington Ave do not realize the cars on Edgar do not have to stop because the previous cross streets to the North and South do have stop signs.

This is of great concern since I have two young children outside playing. Granted, I have made it very clear to them they do not cross those streets with out us. However, just this past Sunday there was an accident at this intersection sending one person to the hospital. I would like to propose a 4 way stop at this intersection and I am curious as to why it is not a 4 way stop in the first place.

Thank you for your time in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you or whomever this needs to be passed on to.

Thank you,
Chanda West
419-306-5881

Kathy Launder

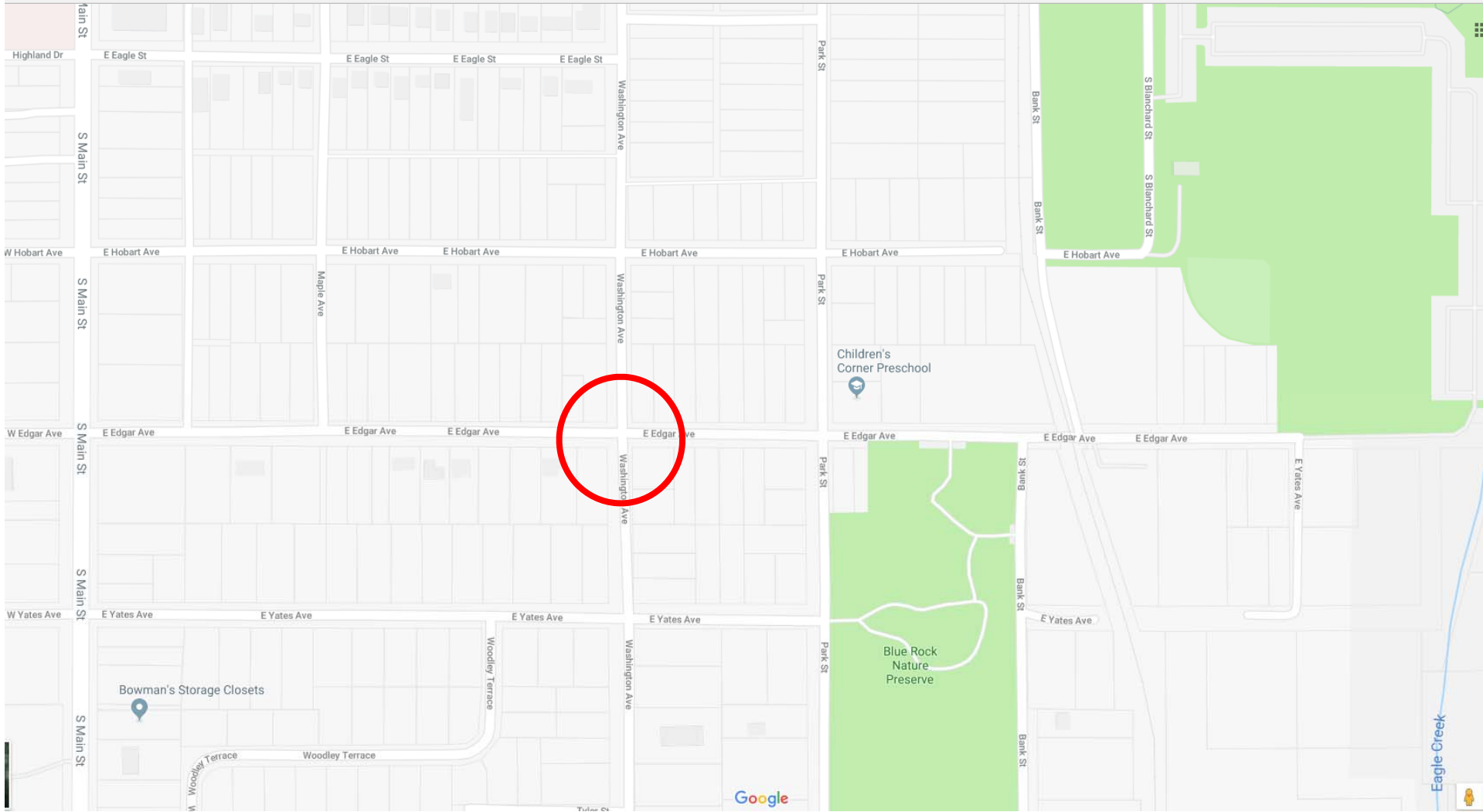
From: Tom Alborn <tom.alborn@hancockfcu.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Public Service (website)
Cc: Public Safety (website)
Subject: Intersection danger

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I would like to turn your attention to the accident this weekend at Washington Ave and East Edgar. This intersection is a one way stop only. The folks coming down off of Main Street build a pretty good head of steam as they approach Washington Ave. The people going North or South on Washington Ave. are supposed to yield to these people. Now common sense says in a heavy residential neighborhood all stops should be 4 way, this one is not. There was a bad accident there this weekend, as my Grandkids were playing two houses away. We forbid them to approach or cross this street due to the danger. I urge you immediately to make this a four way stop out of common sense. We do not want any further accidents and there are so many children in the area, again including my two grandchildren. This is only common sense. If you are not the proper party, please forward this to the proper party.

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Kathy Launder

From: Brian Thomas
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Kathy Launder
Subject: Traffic Commission

Kathy:

I have had three (3) requests from councilwoman Frische for Traffic Commission to consider:

- 1) Look at the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Deer Ridge Drive and East Melrose Avenue
- 2) Look at the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Fishlock Avenue and East Sandusky Street (due to traffic going to/from downtown for work, school and the fair).
- 3) Look at the need for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of 6th Street and Washington Avenue (due to the amount of joggers and kids walking to Donnell, Jefferson and Chamberlin).

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.

