

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 12, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Ken Elwin, Interim City Engineer
Committee Members: Shawn Henry, Fire Chief
Julie Nelson, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Director of Public Works Designee

Absent: Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of May 10, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Juan Olmos Moved, Ken Elwin Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Julie Nelson

Absent: Jacob Struble

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #16-017 – Request for Alteration of Crosswalk on 16th Street at N Street (John Cardoza)

(Citizen is requesting a crosswalk lighting system on 16th Street at N Street due to their concern for pedestrian safety.)

Citizen JOHN CARDOZA was present and detailed his concerns over pedestrian safety at the crosswalk

Chairperson ELWIN stated the crosswalk was at an uncontrolled intersection, and he would be in favor of eliminating the crosswalk.

Public Works Manager MIKE MILLER suggested removing the east side of the crosswalk and adding flashing lights in the future when funding is available. Mr. MILLER stated flashing lights would cost approximately \$12,000.

The Committee discussed other locations along 16th Street, noting the various uncontrolled intersections with crosswalks should be addressed at the same time.

MOTION (amended): To remove the eastern crosswalk on 16th Street at N Street and add additional signage to the western crosswalk. The motion also includes adding 16th Street Crosswalk Improvements as a future CIP project. **

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Juan Olmos Moved, Julie Nelson Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Julie Nelson

Absent: Jacob Struble

***Clerk's Note:* The Committee amended the motion to include adding the flashing lights as a future CIP project and the various existing uncontrolled crosswalk locations along 16th Street as part of the CIP project.

2. Request #16-018 – Request for Installation of a Traffic Signal or Four-Way Stop at R Street and Childs Avenue (Ronnie A. DeAnda)
(Citizen is requesting the installation of a traffic signal or four-way stop at R Street and Childs Avenue due to their concern of vehicle collisions and pedestrian safety.)

Citizen RONNIE DEANDA was present and explained his concerns for pedestrian safety, driver visibility, and excessive speeding at the intersection of R Street and Childs Avenue.

Citizen ISABELLE SANCHEZ also commented that she has been a long-time resident of Childs Avenue and believes the intersection is dangerous. She noted that Childs Avenue is a designated truck route, making it a high traffick area. Ms. SANCHEZ invited the Traffic Committee to walk the area to see their perspective of the issue.

Citizen ABIGAIL RAMIREZ also noted the curvature of the intersection makes visibility a major issue.

Chairperson ELWIN explained the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requires specific warrants must be met in order to add a new four-way stop. Mr. ELWIN reviewed the traffic accident counts provided by the Police Department and stated he would need additional information in order to determine if traffic accident history alone would be sufficient to meet warrants. Mr. ELWIN also explained that Childs Avenue is an arterial street, and that traffic would be higher on an arterial street versus a residential road.

Mr. ELWIN agreed the intersection issues would need to be addressed, but due to the alignment of the streets the City would need to acquire Right-of-Way in order to install a traffic signal at the intersection. He also explained that signals cost upwards of \$400,000 and that the Streets budget does not have sufficient funding for a project of that size.

Ms. RAMIREZ asked if the City was looking into grant funding for the intersection already and if there was any other solution to solve their concerns for safety. Chairperson ELWIN stated the City's Engineering Department actively pursues grants for various CIP projects, but that a grant had not been sought specifically for the R Street and Childs Avenue Intersection.

The Committee discussed various alternatives to address the citizen concerns at the intersection and agreed the intersection would need to be evaluated by Engineering Staff prior to their decision.

MOTION: To continue the item, pending the City's Engineering Department review of additional information regarding warrants, the evaluation of the intersection and their formal recommendation regarding the necessity of a crosswalk and four-way stop at the intersection.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Shawn Henry Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Julie Nelson

Absent: Jacob Struble

3. Request #16-019 – Request for No Parking Zone on Childs Avenue at R Street (Maria Navarrete)
(Citizen is requesting the addition of a No Parking Zone on the northeast corner of Childs Avenue at R Street due to their concern of trucks blocking driver visibility at the intersection.)

Citizen RONNIE DEANDA commented that semi-trucks making deliveries to the corner store often park on the street, blocking visibility

at the intersection. He also mentioned the shrubbery on the corner forces drivers to pull out too far onto Childs in order to see, creating a dangerous situation.

Chairperson ELWIN questioned whether the neighborhood had approached the store owners with their concerns about the delivery trucks. Ms. ABIGAIL RAMIREZ stated they had not, but would request an appointment with the store owner. Mr. ELWIN stated the Engineering Department would contact the City's Code Enforcement Department about the overgrown shrubbery.

Committee Member NELSON stated the proposed four-way stop would alleviate the visibility issue, and suggested continuing the item until the Committee votes on the request for the four-way stop.

MOTION: To continue the item until Request #16-018 is re-addressed by the Committee.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Julie Nelson Moved, Ken Elwin Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Julie Nelson

Absent: Jacob Struble

4. Request #16-020 – Request for No Parking Zone on West 22nd Street Near M Street (Robert Gilbert)
(Merced Court Employee is requesting the addition of a No Parking Zone on the south side of West 22nd Street near M Street due to their concern of line-of-sight issues for vehicles exiting the County parking lot.)

Citizen ROBERT GILBERT clarified he was requesting the red curb on behalf of the judges who use the parking lot and explained the visibility issues of drivers making a left-hand turn due to vehicles parking so close to the edge of the driveway.

Committee Member NELSON questioned if fifteen (15) feet of no

parking was the standard and if it would be sufficient. Committee Member OLMOS suggested removing the first stall of parking as it would be more efficient due to the current parking striping.

Chairperson ELWIN was in favor of the 15 feet, and stated it would provide sufficient line-of-sight for drivers. Mr. ELWIN added the current no parking zone to the east of the driveway would need to be included in the code update.

MOTION: To approve a 15 foot no parking zone directly adjacent to the west side of the driveway entrance along the south side of West 22nd Street and approve adding the existing no parking zone on the east side of the driveway.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the No Parking Zone along West 22nd Street.

Juan Olmos Moved, Shawn Henry Seconded

Vote: 4-0

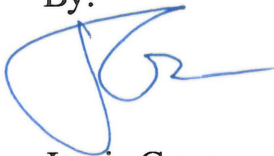
Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Julie Nelson

Absent: Jacob Struble

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

By:



Jamie Cruz
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Ken Elwin
Interim City Engineer/Chairperson