

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 14, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Steven Son, City Engineer

Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Director of Public Works Designee
Michael Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Absent: Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of September 12, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Wilkinson Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

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 #17-021 – Citizen Traffic Concerns at the intersection of V Street/West Avenue and Wardrobe Avenue (Enrique Altamariano)
(Citizen is requesting a three-way stop at the intersection of V Street and Wardrobe Avenue, painted no parking red curb on corner of V Street and Wardrobe Avenue, and reduced speed limit sign along V Street.)

Citizens SUSAN HUTCHINS, CHRISTIE HENDRICKS, and ARACELI MARTINEZ all spoke and detailed their concerns of traffic safety at the intersection of V Street and Wardrobe Avenue. Ms. HUTCHINS specifically requested a three-way stop at V Street and Wardrobe Avenue, as well as red curb at the northwest portion of the intersection.

Chairperson SON stated that he would be in support of adding no parking along the frontage of the first 2 houses at the intersection to allow sight visibility, however, Mr. Son could not support the addition of a three-way stop. Chairperson SON explained that the intersection lacked traffic warrants and further that the addition of stop signs at that location would be dangerous due to the curvature of the roadway.

MOTION: To approve the addition of a no parking zone along a portion of V Street at Wardrobe Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approve amending the current ordinance to add a no parking zone along V Street at Wardrobe Avenue.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Jacob Struble

2. Request #17-022 – Citizen Traffic Concerns at South T Street and Home Avenue (Juan M. Haro)

(Citizen is requesting a speed limit sign or speed bump installed on the T Street side by Home Avenue to ensure safety of the community.)

Chairperson SON explained the request as detailed in the citizen form. The Committee discussed the intersection and agreed that they would not be in favor of speed bumps in this area. Fire Chief WILKINSON further stated that speed bumps slow emergency response times and damage emergency vehicles.

MOTION: To deny the request for speed bumps in the area of T Street and Home Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Jacob Struble

3. Request #17-023 – Request for On-Street Disabled Persons Parking at 235 South Canal Street, B (Kathleen A. Stolle)

(Citizen is requesting the addition of on-street disabled persons parking at 235 S. Canal Street, B.)

Chairperson SON indicated that the applicant's request for on-street disabled persons parking did not meet construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible space. The Committee agreed that the location was not appropriate for on-street disabled persons parking.

MOTION: To deny the request for an on-street disabled person parking space.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Michael Wilkinson Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Jacob Struble

4. Request #17-024 – Citizen Traffic Concerns at Canal Street, between 5th Street and W. Childs Avenue (Marielena Padilla)
(Citizen is requesting installation of speed bumps near 451 Canal Street for safety of churchgoers and residents.)

Chairperson SON and Fire Chief WILKINSON reiterated to the Committee the damage speed bumps cause for emergency vehicles, as well as the delay in response times. The Committee was in agreement that the request should be denied.

MOTION: To deny the request for speed bumps along Canal Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Jacob Struble

5. Request #17-003 – Re-address Safety Concerns in the Area of San Jose Avenue, Lehigh Drive, Notre Dame Avenue, University Drive, and Rensselaer Drive (Seth Medefind/Charles Pereira)

(Citizens are requesting traffic calming measures in the “College Streets” neighborhood due to their concern of public safety in the neighborhood caused by excessive speeding. Re-address the potential solutions listed within the original report. This item was previously heard at the January 10, 2017, Traffic Committee Meeting.)

Citizens Speaking in Favor of Traffic Calming:

Charles Pereira
Janice Phenis
Pat Lewis
Emilia Torres

The neighborhood representatives detailed their concerns of traffic safety throughout the “College Streets” neighborhood.

Committee members discussed the previous recommendations, including potential stop signs. Chairperson SON explained that stop signs are not meant as traffic calming measures and that the intersections did not meet traffic warrants to allow for their installation. Other ideas were discussed, including the possibility of closing access to M Street at University Drive.

Chairperson SON stated the City’s consultant is preparing a traffic speed study for the entire City and Mr. SON would like to wait for the data from this area prior to proceeding with any recommendation. The Committee also stated it would be beneficial to request additional Police enforcement in the area.

MOTION: To continue the request to a future meeting to allow time for the traffic data to be completed by the City’s consultant and request additional Police enforcement in the neighborhood.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Jacob Struble

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

By:



Jamie Cruz
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Steven Son
City Engineer/Chairperson