

## Traffic Commission

Minutes of April 8, 2019

### Members Present:

Kirk Niemeyer – Temporary Chairman

Eric Bontrager

Bruce Plumb

Anthony DiPietro

Mary Jo Ferda

Major James Baker

Kirk Niemeyer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

### ITEM#1 – Approval of February 4, 2019

Members reviewed the Minutes of February 4, 2019. ***Motion was made by Mary Jo Ferda to accept the Minutes of February 4, 2019 as printed. Motion was seconded by Anthony DiPietro. Motion passed.***

Kirk Niemeyer gave those present an update on the 4-way stop at Murphy and McDonel that was discussed at the February 4, 2019 meeting. Mr. Niemeyer stated the Public Works Committee called a meeting and decided to move forward with installing a 4-way stop at Murphy and McDonel. This issue will be voted on at Council on April 8, 2019.

### ITEM#2 – Request from Councilor Neeper for a multi-way stop at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Brice Avenue.

Mr. Niemeyer stated Brice is the stop street and Kenilworth is the through street. Mr. Niemeyer stated the intersection does not meet the requirements to warrant a multiway stop. That criteria is:

- 300 vehicles per hour on the major street and 200 vehicles per hour on the minor
- 5 or more crashes within a 12 months period
- If 85th percentile speed is over 40 mph, 70% values on volumes are used. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 30 MPH.

Mr. Niemeyer stated there was one right angled crash in 2018. Mr. Niemeyer stated a speed study was conducted on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Niemeyer stated the average speed was 23.7 MPH – 26.6 MPH. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 29.5 MPH.

Mr. Niemeyer stated it is the Engineer’s Recommendation to leave the intersection as is and look at the current on street parking on Kenilworth.

Mary Jo Ferda asked why the request was made. Mr. Niemeyer stated most of the time requests are made for multiway stops to control speed, however, the MUTCD advises that they should not be.

***Bruce Plumb made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Recommendation and leave the intersection at Brice Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue as is. Motion was seconded by Major James Baker. Motion passed.***

ITEM#3 – Request from Councilor Neeper for a traffic signal and intersection realignment at the intersection of Latham Avenue and Cole Street.

Mr. Niemeyer stated the intersection of Latham and Cole does meet warrants 1, 2, and 3 for a signalized intersection. Mr. Niemeyer stated there are 9 warrants and this intersection meets 3 of them. Mr. Niemeyer stated the following crashes were recorded for this intersection:

- 2015 – 2
- 2016 – 1
- 2017 – 0
- 2018 – 5

Bruce Plumb asked what the cost would be to add a signal and realign the intersection. Mr. Niemeyer stated the realignment is estimated at \$128,000 and the traffic signal is estimated at \$120,000. The Engineer’s Recommendation recognizes the warrants for a signalized intersection and recommends tabling construction until such time funding becomes available for the project.

***James Baker made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Recommendation and table the construction until funding is secured. Motion was seconded by Mary Jo Ferda. Motion passed.***

ITEM#4 – Request from Engineering to remove “Through Trucks Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM” on Robb Avenue between Main Street and West Street.

Mr. Niemeyer stated a transportation study was concluded in 2011. It was found there were some state routes on streets that are not journalized. For ODOT funding purposes, state routes need to be journalized and signed correctly. Part of the transportation study recommended to route truck traffic around the City using the improved I75 corridor. State Route 65 truck traffic would be routed around I75 if they did not have deliveries inside the City. ODOT would like to move forward with the signing, but the "Through Trucks Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM" would need to be removed. Truck traffic would still be able to use the State Route 65 inside the City, but those that may want to bypass Lima, would be able to use the alternate truck route via Robb Avenue and its connections to State Route 309 and State Route 65.

It is the Engineer's Recommendation to remove "Through Trucks Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM" on Robb Avenue between Main Street and West Street.

***Anthony DiPietro made a motion to accept the Engineer's Recommendation and remove the "Through Trucks Prohibited 10 PM to 6 AM" on Robb Avenue between Main Street and West Street. Motion was seconded by Bruce Plumb. Motion passed.***

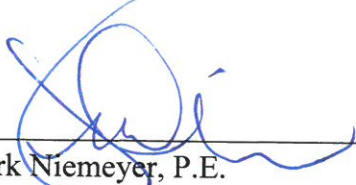
ITEM#4 – Request from Councilor Dixon to remove parking at the intersection of St. Johns and Holmes.

Mr. Niemeyer stated Councilor Dixon asked for 130 feet of parking be removed on St. Johns at Holmes because it was causing a line of sight issue. Mr. Niemeyer stated the code only allows for 50 feet of parking to be removed without Traffic Commission's authority.

Mr. Niemeyer stated it is the Engineer's Recommendation to remove 130 parking on the south side of St. Johns for better intersection sight distance.

***Anthony DiPietro made a motion to accept the Engineer's Recommendation to remove 130 feet of parking on the south side of St. Johns. Motion was seconded by Mary Jo Ferda. Motion passed.***

***Anthony DiPietro made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.***

  
Kirk Niemeyer, P.E.  
City Engineer