

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
October 1, 2012-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier Jr.

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, August 6, 2012.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on 25th Terrace between Hampton Street & Harper Street.

Facts:

1. 25th Terrace is classified as a "collector" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. The City's *Traffic Calming Policy* permits traffic calming devices on "collector" streets (except speed humps) if the 24-hour volume of traffic is greater than 3000 or if the 85th percentile speed of traffic exceeds the speed limit by 5 mph or more.
3. The speed limit on 25th Terrace is 30 mph.
4. Traffic data collected September 5-6, 2012 found a volume of approximately 1615 in a 24-hour period at an 85th percentile speed of approximately 34.2 mph.
5. Therefore, it appears that this location does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming devices.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on North Street east of 7th Street.

Facts:

1. North Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area and is paved 26-34 feet wide.
2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices on "local" streets if the 24-hour volume of traffic is greater than 1000 or if the 85th percentile speed of traffic exceeds the speed limit by 5 mph or more.
3. The speed limit on North Street is 30 mph.
4. Traffic data collected September 5-6, 2012 found a volume of approximately 190 in a 24-hour period at an 85th percentile speed of approximately 29.6 mph.
5. Therefore, it appears that this location does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming devices.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on New Hampshire Street between 7th Street & 8th Street.

Facts:

1. MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS have been established on New Hampshire Street in the 600, 800 and 900 blocks; in each case, the curb-line was extended in order to shorten the amount of time a pedestrian is in the street and to increase visibility for both the pedestrian and vehicles.
2. Preliminary data shows that a similar crossing can be provided in the 700 block; however, it will require the removal of approximately nine (9) on-street parking spaces.
3. A similar request was heard by the Traffic Safety Commission in May 2008; a motion to approve the request resulted in a 4-4 vote.
4. At the July 1, 2008 City Commission Meeting, the Commission heard the request and voted unanimously to deny the request.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Dakota Street between Louisiana Street & Ohio Street.

Facts:

1. Dakota Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area paved approximately 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Dakota Street.

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Delaware Street from a point 460 feet north of 22nd Terrace, north 280 feet.

Facts:

1. Delaware Street is classified as a "local" street in an industrial area and is paved approximately 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the east side of Delaware between 19th Street & 22nd Terrace.
3. A survey of conditions during the past month found vehicles consistently parking along the west side of the street in this area.

ITEM NO. 7: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of New Hampshire Street between 17th Terrace & 19th Street.

Facts:

1. New Hampshire Street is classified as a "local" street in a commercial/residential area and is paved approximately 30 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of New Hampshire Street between 17th Terrace & 19th Street.
3. Temporary No Parking was recently installed along the west side of the street at the request of the Barker Neighborhood Association.

ITEM NO. 8: Consider establishing a YIELD sign on eastbound 9th Street at Delaware Street.

Facts:

1. Delaware Street and 9th Street are both classified as "local" streets in a commercial/residential area.
2. Delaware Street was recently constructed between 8th Street & 9th Street creating a "T" intersection with 9th Street.
3. Sight distance is good in all directions.
4. Traffic counts obtained September 10-11, 2012, found the 24-hour volume of traffic on Delaware Street to be approximately 1040 and on 9th Street to be approximately 615.
5. Therefore, it appear appropriate to establish a YIELD sign on eastbound 9th Street at Delaware Street.

ITEM NO. 9: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 10: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 11: Miscellaneous.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
David Cronin, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ron Smith; Lisa Harris

Chair Dan Harden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, August 6, 2012.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 6, 2012; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-2.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on 25th Terrace between Hampton Street & Harper Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Novotny asked if the 5th was Labor Day; it was not, Labor Day was the 3rd.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT SPEED HUMPS ON 25TH TERRACE BETWEEN HAMPTON STREET & HARPER STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on North Street east of 7th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT SPEED HUMPS ON NORTH STREET EAST OF 7TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to establish a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on New Hampshire Street between 7th Street & 8th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Howard asked why the City Commission unanimously denied the request previously; Woosley advised he thought it was because of the need to remove nine (9) on-street parking spaces and the construction costs.

Commissioner Boley asked if the other mid-block crossings on New Hampshire Street were in place at the time of the previous request; Woosley advised that they were.

Commissioner Devlin asked what the cost of construction would be; Woosley advised that a detailed estimate had not been prepared, however, it would cost several thousand dollars to move the curb-line out and get the street to drain.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NOVOTNY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET BETWEEN 7TH STREET & 8TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Dakota Street between Louisiana Street & Ohio Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that an e-mail (copy attached) had been received concerning this item.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if speeding had been a problem; Woosley advised that that was not indicated in the request and speed data had not been collected.

Commissioner Rothrock asked if it were an "all or nothing" proposition; Woosley advised that the request could be reduced, but it could not be expanded.

Commissioner Rothrock stated that he had driven the area with vehicles parked on both sides and it is very tight and that his thought would be to open-up the area a little.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF DAKOTA STREET FROM LOUISIANA STREET, EAST TO THE SIDEWALK (APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET); THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Delaware Street from a point 460 feet north of 22nd Terrace, north 280 feet.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Ron Smith, Property Manager, CLO, 2113-2125 Delaware Street: This area is in front of two (2) of our buildings on Delaware; we agree that parking should not be permitted between the curves, even though we are short of parking.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NOVOTNY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF DELAWARE STREET THROUGHOUT THE REVERSE CURVE IN THE 2100 BLOCK; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 7:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of New Hampshire Street between 17th Terrace & 19th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Lisa Harris, Acting President, Barker Neighborhood Association, 1540 New Hampshire Street: I sent you the letter from the neighborhood association requesting this restriction and am here to answer any questions; we do have a concern for safety with vehicles parked on both sides of the street; from what I hear from the neighbors, they are very pleased with the result of the temporary restriction.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET FROM 17TH TERRACE TO 19TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 8:

Consider establishing a YIELD sign on eastbound 9th Street at Delaware Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harden asked if it was public road right-of-way on the east side of the intersection; Woosley advised that it was private property.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A "YIELD" SIGN ON EASTBOUND 9TH STREET AT DELAWARE STREET AND REMOVE THE "STOP" SIGN ON SOUTHBOUND DELAWARE AT 9TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 9:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 10:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 11:

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, November 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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