

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, 9/14/2022
6:30PM

IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION: Traffic Commission Meet Electronically on JUNE 8, 2022.

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the 9/14/2022 meeting was conducted via videoconference.

Date: 9/14/2022

1. Call to Order At 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Stewart

2. Roll Call

Bart Stewart	Commissioner & Chair - Present
Dennis Fuller	Commissioner - Present
Craig Hughes	Commissioner - Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Present
Eugene Kuelker	PWP Staff - Present
Tim Cusick	Council liaison - Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the agenda and motion 2nd by Commissioner Tiers. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of: A. April 13, 2022. B. June 8, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022, & June 8, 2022.
Motion 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items:

A. Speed bumps be installed in the 7500 block of Wayne Street.

(1) Requester; resident through city staff (Mr. Kuelker).

(2) Request: Speed bumps be installed in the 7500 block of Wayne Street to deter speeding in this area. If speed bumps are not an option, make Wayne Street One Way heading west toward North and South Rd.

(3) Discussion:

- a. Councilman Cusick stated there might be a policy regarding speed bumps on the city streets.
- b. City attorney Mulligan stated the following needs to be considered; Cost, what policy exists that applies to the city as well as subdivisions, if this is the city what speed limits currently exist, could residents petition the city, how far would speed bumps be placed apart.
- c. Commissioner Tiers stated two things need to be addressed; 1 a city staff proposal for speed bumps on Wayne; 2. Moving existing stop sign. It appears we have 2 problems; Speeding and the amount of traffic considered.
- d. Commissioner Moran suggested we need to talk about other traffic calming solutions.
- e. Lieutenant Whitley: We have looked at recessed bumps as well as recessed crosswalks.
- f. Commissioner Hughes proposes installation of speed bumps.
- g. Mr. Kuelker, in response to Councilman Cusick and city attorney Mulligan, stated that no guidelines exist, and we perhaps need to develop.
- h. Commissioner Zelenovich: Could we use the traffic trailer 2 study speeds and traffic count? Lieutenant Whitley responded trailer could be set up.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Tiers to submit this request to city staff to study and provide recommendations. The motion was seconded by commissioner Schaefer and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

B. Amend traffic ordinance to permit the installation of permanent stop signs on the Southeast corner at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Melrose streets.

(1) Requester; through city staff (Mr. Kuelker).

(2) Request: Permit the installation of permanent stop signs on the Southeast corner at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Melrose streets. This Item has been carried forth from previous meetings in March and July 2022.

(3) **Motion** by Commissioner Moran to make the stop sign at Mount Vernon and Melrose and Mount Vernon and Wellington permanent. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tiers and passed by unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

C. Speed bumps be installed in the 6800 block of Plymouth Ave. to deter speeding in this area.

(1) Requester; through city staff (Mr. Kuelker).

(2) After presentation by Commission chair Stewart and a brief discussion by the commission, this agenda item was directed to be covered under agenda item 5A and the two areas will be studied by the city staff and recommendations will be brought before traffic Commission at a later date.

D. Install flashing school zone lights with reduced speed limit on Pershing Ave. between 8- 9am and 3-4pm. Cars are excessively speeding in this zone creating a safety hazard for the children.

(1) Requester; Dave Baldwin, 7224A Pershing Ave. with letters or e-mail letters from residents; Patricia Sanchez de Andrei, 7435 Wellington Ave., Jeff Stein, 7434 Wellington Ave., Cynthia Egyed, 7437 Melrose Ave., and Maomi Silver, 7434 Wellington Ave.

(2) Request: Install flashing school zone lights with reduced speed limit on Pershing Ave. between 8- 9am and 3-4pm.

(3) Discussion: A general discussion was initiated regarding placement of a flashing light by the existing school zone sign that currently exists at the split of Pershing Ave. The split refers to Pershing Ave accessing Forest Park Ave versus the extension of Pershing Ave to Big Bend Ave.

- a. Commissioner Tiers suggested placing the flashing lights on the existing school caution sign but questioned on which portion of Pershing it should be placed; on the portion that exits off Forest Park Ave going West or the portion that goes by the base of the school.
- b. Commissioner Moran requested the designation between St Louis County and University city on the portion of Pershing Ave that exits Forest Park.
- c. Commissioner Zelenovich whether the flashing lights would be place both east and westbound.
- d. Commissioner Moran questioned if this had been discussed at any length with the school district and where is the school district with this request.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Tiers for city staff to study this request with the school district and provide recommendations. The motion was seconded by commissioner Moran and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

6. Council Liaison Report: Councilman Cusick reminded the Commission of the following items:

- A. The city has designated \$1.5 million to flood repair and clean up. FEMA is to reimburse full amount to the city.
- B. FEMA and Small Business Administration have set up in Centennial Commons and any resident or business owner is able to speak with FEMA.
- C. October 7th is the deadline for all applications.
- D. Large item pickup will begin next week. Flood damaged areas of the city will have priority.
- E. City Council has approved procurement of a new trash truck. This was budgeted for the 20 23 year.
- F. The Quick Trip on olive has broken ground and construction to begin shortly.
- E The Marketplace on the South side of Olive is now a level plain. The Costco is slated to open October 25th.

7. Miscellaneous Business: Nothing presented.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Zelenovich Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner