

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Date:10/14/2020

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
Jeffrey Mishkin	Commissioner – Excused
Cirri Moran	Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner - Present
Errol Tate	Staff Liaison - Present
Sinan Alpaslan	PWP Director - Present
Tim Cusick	Council liaison - Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda Presented

A. Balson Avenue Traffic Concerns (Speeding)

B. 6700 Bartmer – Speeding Concerns

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

4. Approval of Minutes: The unapproved minutes of 7/8/20, 8/24/20, 9/9/20.

Motion by Commissioner Hughes to approve the minutes of 7/8/20, and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the minutes of 8/24/20 and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Hughes to approve the minutes of Tiers and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner 9/9/20. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

## 5. Agenda items

### A. Balson Avenue Traffic Concerns (Speeding)

APPLICANT: Michael Costello – 8231 Balson Avenue

Request: Speed Reduction Action 8100 – 8200 Blks of Balson

(1). Staff Conclusion/Recommendation: From the attached letter of concerns staff is recommending the Police Department increase presence in the area. Additionally, the city would be open to ideas from the neighborhood on options they would be comfortable with financing for the speed reduction measures

(2). Mr Tate stated the city has no funding at the present time for projects such as this. However, this request has been reviewed previously and the city has suggested several options to the neighborhood if the neighborhood is willing to pay for these improvements. This could be handled / funded with a Neighborhood Improvement Development (NID) assessment. Such improvements could be speed bumps, choke narrowing of the street, raised cross walks etc. Mr. Tate said the police could also get the speed trailer out on location.

(3) Lieutenant Whitley indicated that he would be getting the trailer out soon, but it has been tied up in other areas of the city.

(4). Mr. Tiers Noted that these two blocks have no sidewalks, so the streets appear wider but residents have to walk on the straight. Commissioner Tiers has talked to the residents and discussed these various improvements. Commissioner Tiers also noted that no speed limit signs were posted on the streets and questioned whether such could be installed.

(4). Mr. Tate indicated the city can install speed limit signs on the streets. Mr. Tate indicated he will take ideas back to the neighborhood and cost of project will depend on what the neighborhood decides to do.

(5).Sari Botach , 8120 Balsam and Leah Red Lake , 8146 Balson were also present on the call and are requesting non-permanent resolutions as a means of holding down costs.

No further action was required By the Commission at this time.

### B. 6700 Bartmer – Speeding Concerns

APPLICANT: Shernina Nichols – 6748 Bartmer Avenue

REQUEST: Speed Reduction Action M 6700 Bartmer

Applicant Shernina Nichols was present on the Zoom Meeting

(1) Conclusion/Recommendation: Staff recommends the Police Department increase presence in the area. Additionally, staff is recommending the placement of the radar trailer in the area. This road is narrow, with one-way traffic, and parking on both sides, with some of the above measures in place we are visioning a decrease in speeding problems. If the neighborhood is willing to finance the implementation of speed tables staff will be open to that discussion as well.

(2) Mr. Tate stated this is a one-way St with parking on both sides, it is very congested and there is nowhere to park. Further, bump outs are not going to be a resolution for this street Mr Tate is suggesting a parking table be considered which could cost about \$10,000. This cost could be handled with an NID assessment to the neighborhood. Mr. Tate also suggested increasing the police presence in this neighborhood as well.

(3) The applicant, Serena Nichols, 6748 Bartmer Ave was present at the meeting and added to Mr. Tate's statement. Bartmer is one way up the Hill and with parking on both sides is concerned

about children crossing the street between cars with the danger of a speeder being unable to see the children in time. Bartner is near Pershing school and the congestion changes with school times. Mrs. Nichols has posted her own speed signs in bright colors and they have had little to no effect with drivers running over them eventually. Mrs Nichols questions University city's responsibility to the children on the block as well as the school children as it pertains to speeding on the street. She does understand that the only possible solution would be a speed bump however she does not feel this neighborhood would be able to afford this additional cost with a NID.

- (4) Commissioner Stuart suggested Mrs. Nichols should also talk to her Ward Councilman and provided their names.
- (5) Commissioner Stewart indicated Mr. Tate would be discussing these options with the neighbors . No further action was needed at this time.

#### 6. Council Liaison Report:

- A. Has regular conversations with the city manager and the police chief regarding speeding on our streets.
- B. City Council voted two weeks ago to not increase property taxes this coming year.
- C. The economic development task force has provided the console with a preliminary report and additional information will be forthcoming within the month.
- D. Two weeks ago the City Council approved the EDRS forgivable loans for businesses.
- E. He has received a number of phone calls regarding gun fire or gunshots. He wanted to remind the Commission that the city manager and police chief have just recorded a short video discussing this topic and it's available on the city website for viewing is about a 12-minute discussion.
- F. The Deutsch project public hearing is still open the city has received approximately 50 comments and if you anyone wants to make comment regarding this the public meeting is virtually still open.
- G. The I-170 and olive project is moving along with the developer currently acquiring land. All land and development should be acquired by the end of the first quarter of 2021.
- H. The city has just issued a new liquor license at the corner of Gannon and North and South. The restaurant is Diego's so you can now get margaritas with your Mexican food. The city has approved an expanded Dinning in the Loop. Gives restaurants more space.
- I. The city has a street and park, renaming task force
- J. Council is always looking for citizens to serve on committees.

#### 7. Miscellaneous Business:

A. Midland Vernon to Ahern Action on Walking and Biking October 16th-Oct. 21. This will be a mock walking-Biking set up. It could become permanent in the future.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing,  
Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hughes.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted