

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
2nd Floor City Hall – 8:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS:

Alderman Bob White, Chairman	Present
Alderman Jane Pusa	Present
Alderman Scott Tyler	Present
Alderman Johnnie Anthony	Present
Alderman Phil Elmore	Present

STAFF SUPPORT:

Tim Gregowicz, City Engineer	Present
Lt. Col. Jim Spargur, Police Dept.	Present
Carol Winter - Recording Secretary	Present

GUESTS: Dean Hardt City Treasurer, Michael Hagberg, Angelina Brown, Angela Walker, Ward 4 Alderman Raffi Ovian

Alderman White called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Minutes of March 8, 2016 approved as submitted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

F1. N. 70th & West “A” Street parking: Alderman Ovian explained the resident at 100 N. 70th St. parks a trailer and does not leave enough space for a bus to make the turn. He is asking for no parking from the driveway to the stop at West “A” Street. There have been issues in the past, and now it is a safety issue. Spargur said no parking 30’ to stop is already law. Discussion ensued. Ovian stated the neighbors complain – the busses have not. Spargur recommends no parking for 30’ as ordinance states to address traffic concerns. He stated he can contact the bus company for re-routing. Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to put ‘no parking here to corner’ at 30’ on N. 70th St. Discussion ensued as to which street is the approach side. White recommended no action today, and allow Chief Spargur to speak with the bus company about re-routing. Roll call for vote: Tyler – no; Pusa – no; Anthony – no; White – no, pending investigation by Spargur. Alderman Elmore was not present at this time. Motion failed

F2. Request No Thru Trucks & weight limits on S. Pennsylvania: Alderman Elmore said this has become a cut-through for trucks and thought weight limits would help. Gregowicz said we need to be careful with weight limits or there will be no way for trucks to get through. City needs to come up with truck routes through out the entire city. Committee agreed to table until studies have been done.

F3. Request no parking – N. 18th & W. “A” St: Alderman Pusa explained West “A” St, between 17th & 18th, which runs adjacent to the railroad, the apartment residents park on the street not in the lot where there is plenty of room. Discussion ensued. Spargur felt a traffic study for accidents should be done; Gregowicz said he will set up traffic counters for 48 hours. Tyler asked to check the sign, ‘no parking here to corner’ to ensure it is indeed 30’ from the stop sign. Alderman Pusa made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tyler to move the no parking here to corner 30’ from stop & yellow curb it. All members voted aye.

F4. Request 4-way stop – East “B” & Oak: Alderman Pusa had a petition requesting a stop on East “B” St, at Oak, which is currently a 2-way stop. There are many small kids that have to cross the street to catch a bus and people do not always stop for the bus even when the ‘stop’ is out. White asked if we are setting a precedent by turning 2-ways into 4-ways whenever kids are around? Gregowicz asked if a bus stop could be added on the other side of the street. Discussion ensued. Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to create a 4-way stop at East “B” and Oak Street. Members voting aye: Pusa, Elmore, Tyler, Anthony. Chairman White opposed. Alderman Elmore was not present at this time. Motion carried and will go to City Council for approval to have an ordinance drawn.

F5. Patterson Ct parking issues: Alderman Elmore said there’s been a problem for years and now Chuck Schaeffer is complaining because the sanitation trucks not able to get through to pick up trash. The group home at 1109 Patterson Ct has 6 parking spaces in back. He believes the no parking 30’ rule would correct the problem and to yellow curb it. Alderman Elmore made the motion, Alderman Pusa seconded . Spargur requested to yellow curb the 6’ at the driveway also. All members voted aye.

F6. Stop Request on West “A” at N. 33rd St: Alderman Tyler stated this is an area where people fly; West “A” t’s into N. 33rd St. with drivers rounding the corner speeding. There are two special needs busses that stop that make stops. Spargur said the residents are the ones that will have to stop. Gregowicz believes there should be a sign. Alderman Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to create a stop on West “A” Street at N. 33rd Street. All members voted aye. Motion carried and will go to City Council for approval to have an ordinance drawn.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chairman White thinks that as a committee, we need to make a concerted effort to get a proper chain for bringing things to the committee. Some things need Police input, and Engineer for traffic - such as the truck routes. White said he will work on a few things & send them out for input & suggestions and possibly address it at the next meeting. White stressed he did not want to cut down on discussion – the point is at times we extend the discussion and say the same things in different ways. He thinks we should be more prepared and factually based. We have on-line submission forms, but would like to go further. Just because a petition comes in signed doesn’t necessarily make it the right thing to do. We need to get our facts more consolidated before we come to the meeting and take action. He does not want to hinder people from getting what is a valid issue to the committee, but we need to act on facts and start our discussion at that point.

Alderman Elmore asked Spargur for short term patrol at Oak & B during school bus hours for the speeding if possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned – 8:55am

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Winter CPS
Recording Secretary