



FROM Chief Ed. Menefee
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: July 2, 2021 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: July 2, 2021

The July 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Grissom Police Department
John Nilges Engineering
Mark Wessels City Council
Greg Skornia City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Piontek City Attorney
Ed. Menefee Police Department

VISITORS: Tony Bonastia Street Department
Andrea Lueken Engineering
Allison Forms Lime Scooters
Sal Maniaci Economic Development
Chris Clifton Washington Ambulance
Tyler King Downtown Washington
Darryl Balleydier Police Department

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 21-03-0003 Lime Scooter Status update: The committee discussed the ongoing trial period for Lime Scooters. Since the last meeting, the police department has fielded an additional four complaints in regards to Lime Scooters. Mike Grissom mentioned that one of the complaints was in regards to noise from scooter operators late at night. Mike Grissom also noted that the police department has been seeing a significant amount of operation late at night that is often careless in nature, and by riders who are likely impaired since the only businesses open late at night are bars. Mike Grissom formally recommended that the city request a curfew for Lime Scooter operation that prohibits operation after 9:00 p.m. It was noted that other cities have adopted similar restrictions. Allison Forms from Lime was present and agreed that Lime could implement the curfew as part of their programming if necessary. The committee agreed to formally recommend the curfew. Since the committee felt that this item was unique, the

recommendation will be sent to City Council during the next workshop for feedback. If there is no objection, the curfew will be adopted. (OPEN)

4B 21-05-0007 Request for a four way stop at West Main and Tiemann: This request came from a resident in the area, who cited speed as a concern. As a result of the speed complaint, a speed study was completed and reviewed by the committee. The committee noted that the study results indicated that there was no unique speed issue on this specific roadway segment when compared to other areas throughout town. The committee agreed that a stop sign should not be used for this purpose. Engineering did take a closer look at the roadway segment from a width standpoint, and noted that the street width is unusually narrow along that block. Engineering recommended a speed limit reduction to 20mph because of the limited width. The committee agreed to recommend the speed limit change to City Council for approval. (CLOSED)

4C 21-05-0014 Review of city codes on alternative types of vehicles: Currently our city code allows vehicles such as UTV's to operate on city streets, but only if the driver obtains a permit from the city first. The city has never had a process for issuing such permits. Mike Grissom obtained a sample application and permit from another city and suggested that The City of Washington adopt a similar process. The committee reviewed the proposal and agreed. Mike Grissom will work on updating the application and permit to work for The City of Washington and will bring the final product back to the committee for approval and implementation. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 21-07-0021 Request for "Children Playing" signage in the area of 909 West Fifth Street: The committee discussed the request and it was denied. It was noted that as a matter of policy, the committee never approves requests for such signage. Engineering will follow up with the resident who made the request. (CLOSED)

5B 21-07-0022 Request for fire lane signage on the west side of the access road to the new pool entrance: Engineering received this request from Parks Department in reference to ongoing parking issues. The committee discussed, and agreed that the area in question should actually be a fire lane for emergency access. Street Department will sign it as such. (CLOSED)

5C 21-07-0023 Request to add a parklet to the city right of way: Downtown Washington has requested permission to place a parklet inside of parking stalls in the downtown area. The parklet will be a temporary structure which will be moved throughout the downtown area and will be placed in front of businesses that are interested in hosting it. The committee agreed to approve the request after making several recommendations to Downtown Washington from a safety and storm water stand point. Sal Maniaci will inform Mark Piontek of the committee's approval so that he could weigh in at his discretion if he feels that anything further is needed for approval from the city's standpoint. (CLOSED)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 6, 2021 at 08:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers. ***Please note that historically the August meeting is cancelled due to the

Washington Town and Country Fair. An update will be provided if and when the August meeting is formally cancelled***

Respectfully,

Chief Ed. Menefee
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp