

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

February 9, 2022- 10:00 a.m.

3rd Floor Council Chambers – City Hall

CITY CLERK

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	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of Current Term of Office
MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Reese	(25-00)	12/04/2022
	Robert Douglass	(19-00)	02/11/2024
	Mike Voltz	(03-01)	06/28/2026
	Randy Parlett	(21-09)	07/11/2023
	Keith Marriot	(19-05)	08/27/2023
STAFF PRESENT:	Andrew Clements, Director of Public Works, and Transportation Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary		

Call to Order.

John Reese called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 1-Approve December 8, 2021 minutes. Robert Douglass motioned to approve the December 8, 2021 minutes and Mike Voltz seconded. By general consent, the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Item 2- Discuss formal request received from Lanette and Thomas Mayse: Requesting a change to the posted "No Parking" along the east side of N 11th St., north of Highly St. to 200 feet to allow more parking. The change requested would decrease the posted reading by 33 feet, thus reading "No Parking" along the east side of N 11th St., from Highly St. north to 167 feet. There were no opposition to this proposal by any surrounding residents. The members agreed that removing 33 feet would cause no sight disturbances for the corner of Highly and 11th Street. It was noted by Mike Voltz that the resident's closet to Highly Street have off-street parking but the residence in question has no off-street parking or alley access.

Robert Douglass motioned to decrease the posted parking and move on to Council for final approval and Randy Parlett seconded. By general consent, the motion was unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Item 3- Discuss formal request received from Joseph Tuner with MoDOT: Requesting to install a set of "School Speed Limit Flashers" and accompanying traffic signing, to provide for a "school zone". This is being done in response to several concerns, voiced by local citizens, regarding traffic speeds and safety along US-59 around Robidoux Middle School when students are arriving to and departing from school. Andy Clements wanted to clarify to the members that US-59 is a State Hwy and MoDOT is not asking permission to install the new signage but asking the Commission to amend the Code of Ordinances, so that when MoDOT chooses to install the new signage that the regulations can be legally enforced by local law enforcement.

Joseph Turner with MoDOT then spoke and told the Commission that they have entered into an agreement with the school district to allow them to install the set of school flashers illustrated in the attachment. This request was in response to several concerns from the local public. The permit has already been issued and is in the final stages of getting installed. Once the flashers have been installed then MoDOT will then take over the

responsibility and maintenance. Just as a formality, MoDOT is asking the city to amend the Code of Ordinances so the speed limit, when flashing, can be legally enforced if that is something the city wishes to do. There is no cost to the city, the school district buys the signage, pays for the installation, and permits before MoDOT officially takes over as their property. Most of the school zones already have the speed limit flashers for the safety of the students.

Robert Douglass motioned to amend the Code of Ordinances to legally enforce the new speed limit for the new posted school zone. By general consent, the motion was unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Other Items/ Public Comment: Street lighting concerns were briefly discussed between the Commission members and Public Works. Robert Douglass asked Andy Clements about the decreased illumination on Ashland Ave, he said years ago it seemed well lit, but the last few years the illumination has seemed to decrease. Andy explained to Robert and the other members that Street light utility was sold to Evergy in 1994 and the Department has received steady complaints since – especially since the LED changes a few years ago. He encouraged any comments or concerns be directed to Evergy.

With no other items on the agenda, John Reese, Chairperson, motioned that the meeting be adjourned. **Meeting Adjourned.**

Next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: March 9, 2022

Minutes respectfully submitted

/s/ Ashley Parker

Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary