

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

April 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Council Chamber - City Hall

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Members Present

Rick Hope, Chairperson
John Reese
David Gentry

Others Present

Keven Schneider, Public Works & Transportation Department
Scott Gatewood, Public Works & Transportation Department
Brendan McGinnis, Police Department
Brady McKinley, Public Works and Transportation Department
Chris Crain, Public Works and Transportation Department

Chairperson Hope called the meeting to order. **By general consent the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting were approved.** February 14, 2018 meeting cancelled due to illness. March 5, 2018 meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Handicap Sign Requested for New Business.

Mohammed Kahn opened a grocery store at 2403 Olive Street and requested a handicap designated parking space in front of the business. There is one handicap space located in the parking lot on the side of the building with 8 additional parking spaces. Scott Gatewood, Parking Supervisor, will go inspect the site and make a recommendation at the May meeting.

Two Hour Parking Time Limit, 6th Street

The commission previously received a request to remove the 2 hour parking time limit on 6th Street, east side, from Angelique to Messanie Street. Twenty-five letters were mailed to business owners in that immediate area to notify them that this issue would be addressed at the January meeting. At that time, the Commission voted to leave the current 2 hour limit in force.

Rodney Hummer, Northwest Health Services attended this meeting to request the decision be revisited and that the parking restriction be removed for staff parking. Mr. Hummer explained that the request involves approximately 8 spaces. The Commission asked Mr. Hummer to solicit letters from the surrounding businesses that would be affected stating that they had no objections to the proposed change. Brady McKinley, Assistant Director of Public Works, asked if Northwest Health and neighboring businesses had inquired about purchasing a vacant lot nearby for parking and suggested partnering with those businesses to purchase a lot to accommodate parking needs. Mr. Hummer asked that this issue be added to the May agenda. (Staff note – the issue has already been addressed by the Commission at the January, 2018 meeting. The applicant could have appealed the decision to the City Council but did not. Mr. Hummer's request to be on the April agenda was to understand more about the denial – not to re-petition for re-consideration. Past practice has been that the Commission will not re-consider an action for at least one year if an applicant has chosen not to appeal the Commission's decision)

Speed Limit on the Belt Highway.

Joseph Turner and Adam Wood from MoDot Northwest District asked for clarification on which portion of the Belt Hwy the Commission was most interested in for a speed limit study. The Commission had previously requested MoDot to conduct a study to see if a 40MPH speed limit for the Belt Hwy within the City limit is warranted. The Commission asked to review the MoDOT study when it is completed. This study will likely be completed for the June meeting.

New Member Appointment

Madison Davis was elected to the City Council; therefore a new member needs to be appointed to the Traffic Commission. Chairman Hope will contact Councilman Roach to ask him for a new nomination.

Member Reece moved that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Member Gentry. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: May 9, 2018.