

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

January 8, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
3rd Floor Council Chambers – City Hall

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	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of Current Term of Office
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Gentry	(24-02)	05/31/2021
	John Reese	(13-00)	12/04/2022
	Randy Parlett	(06-04)	07/11/2023
	Robert Douglass	(07-00)	02/11/2024
	Keith Marriot	(05-03)	08/27/2023
STAFF PRESENT:	Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation Scott Gatewood, Traffic Supervisor Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary		

Call to Order

Chairperson David Gentry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 1 – Approve November 13, 2019 minutes. David Gentry motioned to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes, John Reese accepted, and Robert Douglass seconded. By general consent the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Item 2 – Review Final Draft of the Traffic Signal Analysis. The first draft, performed by Snyder & Associates, was reviewed at the meeting last month. Chairman David Gentry mentioned that the final draft was just for review and a decision would not be made at this time. He went on to talk about the traffic signals, stating how they have been around a long time, and replacement parts are getting harder to find, thus making the upkeep more expensive. He made aware of his concerns in the study regarding roundabouts, saying they are good for residential areas but not for heavier flows of traffic. Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation did agree with David on that, asking the Board to not even put forth the idea of roundabouts or changes to the downtown parking.

Randy Parlett asked Andy Clements how this study would phase in over the next few months. Andy answered by saying that this will be a long process, with no need to rush. Switching the lights cannot all happen at once, signals will need to be turned off and bagged a few at a time, to avoid any confusion. Andy also went into detail about the benefits of removing the lights. There is a possibility this does not work out, due to safety concerns. If it doesn't work as anticipated, then the stop signs will be taken down and signals turned back on.

Andy urged the Board to hold off until the March meeting to make a final decision on the traffic signals and to get further educated on the I-229 plans. The future of Interstate 229 could affect the amount of traffic Downtown, which is why it will benefit the Board to understand it a little more. The commission is expected to

discuss the study and possibly I-229 at its February meeting and could have a public hearing during its March meeting.

With no other items on the agenda, David Gentry motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Randy Parlett accepted the motion and John Reese seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted

/s/ Ashley Parker

Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary