

DRAFT OF MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT

CITY OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Alderman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Voting Members Present: Brian Butler, Mike Brownfield, Tyler Gee

Other City officials present: Ed Andrews, Ed Papis, Jeff Stevens, Jim Culotta (6:07)

Residents: Steve Hullcraz, Paul Speizio

1. ALDERMEN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM: NONE
2. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

DALLAS ROAD: Paul Speizio said that speeding on Dallas Road is still an issue, and the crosshatched crosswalk markings and portable crosswalk signs have not been placed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2016 MEETING: MOTION BY Mr. Brownfield second by Mr. T. Gee. Minutes unanimously approved as drafted.
4. BUSINESS ITEMS:
  - a. MONTHLY REPORT: Chief Papis presented the monthly activity report for the police department. Papis noted the data collection method changed last year and we are nearing the point where year-to-year comparisons will be more informative as we reach the anniversary of that data collection change (November data). Mr. Butler asked if we can expect to see zero shifts without a supervisor present and Chief Papis confirmed that. Mr. Gee asked how the two newest officers are progressing. Papis reported that they have cleared field training, are working shifts on their own and doing well.
  - b. Dallas Road Speed Study Review: Mr. Andrews provided a synopsis of his November 17, 2016 memo, "Dallas Road Follow up Questions, Traffic Study Summary" distributed with Committee packets and on the City website. Mr. Andrews characterized the memo as summarizing previously-raised issues and offering information regarding some measures suggested as traffic calming steps for Dallas Road. Andrews said Public Works has been cooperating with the Police Department regarding the portable crosswalk signs and as part of that has deferred to PD regarding placement. Regarding electronic speed display signs, Andrews said the City of Peoria placed some of the signs but does not have the data collection modules to demonstrate their level of effectiveness in place. If the City of Washington should place the signs, Andrews wants to include that data collection measure to quantify sign effectiveness. Regarding purchasing additional portable crosswalk signs specifically for placement on Dallas at Westminster and Bishops Court and altering the crosswalk marking style at those intersections, Butler, Gee and Brownfield engaged in a discussion regarding whether the Committee reached a conclusion at the last meeting. Brownfield and Gee having been present at the October

meeting agreed that the Committee recommended the measures and the expense will fall under discretionary spending authority of a department head. Andrews stated that logistical issues such as the current use of marking templates and the amount of time traffic flow is directly impacted contribute to his recommendation to retain standard crosswalk markings at those intersections. Butler asked if placement of the portable signs is affected by the crosswalk marking style and Andrews noted placement is more likely to be affected by vehicle turning radii. Butler asked if the signs are problematic for police and Papis answered the PD experience with the signs is positive.

Regarding a speed limit reduction on Dallas Road, Brownfield said he does not have a current interest in recommending a decreased limit but he wants to see more speed enforcement. Gee said he feels the same and would like to see data collected regarding the effects of the signs and markings. Gee noted that data provided by the police department showed a recent enforcement detail in the mornings showed several stops for more than 10 MPH over the posted limit but all of those stops resulted in written warnings. Gee said that each of those stops should have resulted in a citation (with a fine). Gee said it is hard to demonstrate that we want to control speed when we do not write citations. Papis said he would cover the issue with the Third Shift Sergeant who ran the morning detail and noted the written warning is a ticket documenting the offense and providing notice on any subsequent stop regarding the offense. Papis noted that a stop after a warning would normally result in a citation with a fine attached. Gee said the police need to issue more fine-associated citations and enforce speed limits more. Butler noted the Committee would not make a recommendation regarding reducing the speed limit on Dallas and that Mr. Speizio would be welcome to address the full City Council on the issue. Brownfield moved that the Committee recommend that Public Works purchase portable crosswalk signs for the two noted crosswalks and that the City study the effects of the signs related to traffic speed. Gee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: Boyd / Nofsinger Intersection Signage Update: Andrews noted the intersection identification signs have been purchased and needed IDOT approval obtained. If the signs are not physically on hand, they will be soon. Andrews noted that the City also has signs purchased for honorary street naming of Summit.
6. Mr. Gee motioned for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Brownfield. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.