

ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

November 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. City Hall, City Council Chambers SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present: Kathy Pender – City Council; Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Captain Roderick

Stinson – CRH Police; Terrence Nealy – CRH Public Works; Ivan McCorkle – CRH General Services; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning & Development

<u>Guests/Staff Present:</u> Rob Walsh – Campco Engineering; Tommy Feemster – SCDOT; Arthdale Brown –

CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Emily Burns – City Management; Lisa Brown – City Management; Leah Youngblood – Planning & Development; and Kim Dzubay –

Walk 2 Campus (Rose St)

1. **Welcome:** Ms. Pender called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. <u>Minutes approval of October 21, 2020</u>: Ms. Pender asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the October 2020 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

3. <u>Citizen Issues</u>:

None

4. Old Business:

- A. Herlong Ave @ India Hook Rd/Hamptonwood Rd Mr. Goolsby advised the traffic commission that the additional signal head has been installed. Discussion followed pertaining to the timing of the installation. Traffic Commission requested HNS to notify the residents involved from the Hamptonwood neighborhood.
- B. Transportation Safety Ms. Brown described the effort undertaken by City Management to investigate ways to improve transportation safety. She noted our current traffic calming efforts are largely in response to concerns rather than through a more proactive approach. She also mentioned residential neighborhoods with organized HOA's have historically been more successful in obtaining the support and funding needed to implement a form of traffic calming. As a result, to further address transportation safety in the City, this effort would aim to incorporate more of a systematic and proactive approach. By doing this, it may help the City more effectively manage resources as well as improve how concerns and complaints are addressed.
- C. Alexander Rd @ Glendale Dr Mr. Feemster described that the speed limit within the Fewell Park Neighborhood is signed with 15 speed limit signs. Staff discussed whether additional signing is necessary and questioned if strategically signing all entrances to the neighborhood would better address the situation rather than continuing to add more signs. Regarding maintaining striping at Alexander Rd and Glendale Dr, SCDOT plans to refresh the faded striping when their schedule permits.

5. New Business:

A. Rose St – Mr. Brown noted the City had received a concern from a representative of Walk 2 Campus regarding pedestrian safety and speeding along Rose St. Ms. Dzubay, a representative of Walk 2 Campus,

addressed the commission and expressed concern for the students in this area when navigating between parking areas, residences, amenities, of which are all along Rose St. Staff discussed the situation and highlighted that no speed limit signs are posted along Rose St and the nearby roads of Adams St and Lee St (between White St and Rose St) and therefore the speed limits along these roads are governed by the City's ordinance, which specifies the speed limit of an unposted as 35 mph. Staff discussion followed noting that all 3 roads are maintained by the City of Rock Hill and are relatively short and narrow. Resulting from a point made by Ms. Dzubay, the commission questioned if additional pedestrian safety measures should be implemented, specifically in the vicinity of the trash dumpster. Mr. Goolsby made a motion to recommend to City Council to reduce the speed limits on Rose St, Adams St, and Lee St (between White St and Rose St) from 35 mph to 25 mph. The motion was seconded and approved. Staff was asked to further evaluate if other improvements are needed.

- B. Plantation Hills Neighborhood(s) Mr. Brown described his conversation with a representative of the HOAs within the Lakes at Stoneridge and explained their interest in traffic calming in the form of speed humps being considered along Plantation Hills Dr, Williamsburg Dr, and Rosemore Pl. As there was a neighborhood meeting scheduled on November 17, staff provided the neighborhood with estimations of the quantity of speed humps potentially needed on each of these roads as well as the associated potential costs, assuming the neighborhood and the City decides installing traffic calming along some or all of the requested roads is appropriate.
- C. Pickens Ct Mr. Goolsby explained a City Council member received a concern about safety associated with vehicles turning from Pickens Ct onto Pickens St. This concern was based on vehicles routinely being parked on the street in close proximity to the intersection and therefore creating a visibility challenge for those on Pickens Ct. As a result, the citizen was interested in the City restricting parking in the area with "No Parking" signs. Discussion followed where the Traffic Commission decided to as HNS to reach out to and educate the residents of the rules associated with on-street parking near intersections as a first approach to addressing the concern.

6. Other Items:

- A. 2021 Meeting Schedule Mr. Goolsby presented the proposed 2021 traffic commission meeting schedule which did not receive any opposition.
- 7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
- 8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 A.M.