

Traffic Commission Minutes

City of Rock Hill, South Carolina

July 20, 2022

A public hearing of the Traffic Commission was held Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Johnston Street, Rock Hill SC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrick Lindsay, Jimmy Bagley, Steven Varnadore, Ivan McCorkle, Terrence Nealy, Clifton Goolsby and Captain Jim Grayson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Herrmann, Leah Youngblood, Arthdale Brown, Tommy Feemster and Rob Walsh

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lindsay called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Lindsay asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Lindsay noted one correction pertaining to section 3A. A date of June 30th, 2022 will need to be adjusted to read June 30th, 2023. Mr. Nealy then made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended; this was seconded by Mr. Goolsby and was unanimously approved.

3. Business:

A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

Staff Member Leah Youngblood provided a summary of proposed changes to the City Zoning Ordinance regarding traffic related items, this includes shared use paths and trails, requirements for sidewalks, parking, street design standards, and streetscape / landscape standards.

Mr. Bagley inquired whether the proposed ordinance changes would effect only City streets or if the changes would also effect those streets owned and maintained by SCDOT? Mrs. Youngblood responded that in large part this only impacts streets that are owned and maintained by the City. Mr. Herrmann then added that the one exception would be requirements for developers to improve existing roadways which are connected into by new streets related to the development. Those roadways could vary between ownership. Mr. Feemster noted that SCDOT staff have reviewed the proposed ordinance changes and had no concerns.

Mr. Nealy then inquired about the changes related to streetscape and landscaping, asking if consideration was given to center medians that contain landscaping? Mrs. Youngblood responded that these can be specifically referenced. Mr. Walsh noted that SCDOT does have a maintenance agreement which requires HOA's to maintain landscaping within public ROW. Mr. Walsh stated that this may be something that City staff may want to consider. Mr. Bagley stated that this would be worth further evaluation.

Mr. Goolsby then inquired about the widening of alleyways. Mr. Herrmann then briefly

summarized the proposed changes relating to all alleyways to be required as one-way only. Mr. Herrmann noted that safety concerns, as well as concerns with sanitation service has driven these changes to be considered. Mr. Goolsby noted that widening the alleyways while also requiring longer driveways will create a scenario where speeding may be of concern. However, Mr. Goolsby explained that this can be mitigated by requiring lower speed limits as well as limiting the length of each block.

Mr. Bagley then made a motion to approve the proposed zoning ordinance changes; this was seconded by Mr. Goolsby and was unanimously approved.

4. Other Items

A. Status Report

Mr. Herrmann briefly summarized the Status Report which outlines follow-up action items from the previous meetings.

B. Membership Changes

Mr. Herrmann noted that Captain Grayson has been assigned to Traffic Commission as representation from the Police Department.

C. My Ride Transit

Mr. Goolsby explained that a public forum is required for any proposed changes and / or adjustments to the My Ride Transit routes and stops. Mr. Goolsby noted that these changes and / or adjustments will now be periodically brought forth for review by Traffic Commission as well as members of the public.

5. Next Meeting:

Mr. Herrmann explained that the next meeting has been scheduled for August 17th, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

6. Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mr. Lindsay made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCorkle seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.