



## ROCK HILL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 10:30 AM  
Rock Hill City Hall, Room 373  
SUMMARY MINUTES

**Members Present:** Kathy Pender – City Council; Jimmy Bagley – City Management; Terrence Nealy – CRH Public Works; Cpt. Roderick Stinson – Police; Rusty Thomason – CRH Utilities; and Clifton Goolsby – CRH Planning and Development

**Guests/Staff Present:** Robert Walsh – Campco Engineering; Jason Weil – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Arthdale Brown – CRH Housing & Neighborhood Services; Tommy Feemster – SCDOT Traffic Engineering; and Ronnie Abernathy – Augusta Place HOA

1. **Welcome:** Ms. Pender called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M., and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes approval of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Ms. Pender asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions from the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Citizen Issues:**
  - A. None
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. Augusta Pl (Laurel Creek) – Mr. Goolsby summarized the previous discussion regarding the concerns of large vehicles off-tracking when attempting to navigate the roundabout. He reported that staff's assessment showed that WB-40 trucks would be able to navigate the roundabout if it were widened inward three to four feet. However, it was identified at the previous meeting that the presence of the trees in the center island would likely prevent large vehicles from being able to use the added space. Based on staff's investigation, most of the trees in the island would have to be removed for the effort to be successful. Additionally, it is expected that the inward widening would likely damage the root structure of the trees and that effort would likely impact the irrigation system in place. The discussion that followed identified this as a unique situation that is more aesthetic than safety related. Further discussion followed about the costs that would be associated. Mr. Abernathy stated that the neighborhood is not likely able to fund the effort and would hope for signage discouraging large vehicle traffic. Staff then deliberated on the effectiveness and the potential locations of signage, noting that vehicles with business along those roads would not be restricted. Traffic Commission provided approval for the installation of signage to restrict through truck traffic from traversing the roundabout.
  - B. Mabry Park – Mr. Brown explained the petition was sent to the neighborhood who is proceeding with the process of obtaining signatures of support. He added that the neighborhood is attempting to utilize electronic signatures for the nearly 480 property owners in the Rawlinson Road HOA.
  - C. Mt. Gallant @ Cherry Rd – Mr. Goolsby described a few technical issues experienced by staff when attempting to retrieve data from the City's traffic signal detection cameras. Adjustments are planned to occur in the next couple of weeks to obtain traffic count information at the Mt. Gallant Rd and Cherry Rd intersection.
5. **New Business:**
  - A. Steed St – Mr. Brown described a complaint that truck traffic related to the industry located along McDow Dr is utilizing Steed St to access the business. As a result, it was requested that the City install signage

restricting truck traffic on Steed St. Staff discussed the situation noting similar concerns for other streets in the area have been before the Traffic Commission in the past. As McDow Dr is a SCDOT maintained street, it was explained that the City of Rock Hill would need to establish an ordinance restricting truck traffic on the road before SCDOT would be able to install signage. Discussion followed and it was determined that staff will reach out to Greif/Caraustar Industries to discuss the concerns and to provide them with a map describing the preferred routes for their truck traffic to use when coming to and leaving the facility.

6. **Other Items:**

- A. Traffic Calming Policy – At the January meeting, Traffic Commission members were provided with information summarizing the current traffic calming policy, a list of regular issues experienced through the current process, and potential suggestions for improvement. Discussion followed about some of the details and differences described between the current practices and the potential suggestions. Staff was given the direction to evaluate the provided material and make recommendations with the intent of simplify the process.
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 373.
8. **Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.