

MINUTES
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
October 25, 2016 MEETING
COMMISSION CHAMBERS ROOM AT CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald Taffe - Chairman
Wayne Ardrey- Vice Chairman
Peggy Rider
Paul Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rebecca Dolin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Michael Ludi, Assistant City Engineer
Danielle Turner, Traffic Commission Secretary
Keith Mangus, Traffic Supervisor

CITIZENS PRESENT

None

III. APPROVAL OF October 27, 2015 MINUTES

Motion was made by Rider seconded by Ardrey to **approve** the October 27, 2015 minutes.
Motion **carried**

Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts
Nay: none

IV. APPROVAL OF 2017 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Rider to approve the 2017 Calendar of Meetings. Motion **carried**

Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts
Nay: none

V. Discussion, consideration and possible action to accept the resignation of Traffic Commissioner Ronald Gillham.

Motion was made by Rider seconded by Ardrey to accept the resignation of Traffic Commissioner Ronald Gillham. Motion **carried**

Roll Call: Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts
Nay: none

VI. Discussion, consideration and possible action to accept the resignation of Traffic Commissioner Darren Rutherford.

Motion was made by Rider seconded by Ardrey to accept the resignation of Traffic Commissioner Darren Rutherford.
Motion **carried**

Roll Call: Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts
Nay: none

VII. SWEAR IN OF REUBEN PELTIER

VIII. SWEAR IN OF JACK BARRETT

IX. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST RECEIVED

A. Consideration of request by Staff, to Remove the No Parking restriction on S. Beard St. from 7th St. to Main St. on the East side.

Discussion: Michael Ludi presented a power point presentation showing the location on Beard south of Main Street that before the Main St. Streetscape was used as a dual lane. A No Parking restriction was in place for this reason. Since a bump out has been placed in this location during the Streetscape Project

the street is a single lane and residents are able to park safely. Therefore, the No Parking restriction does not apply any longer and the location can have up to three additional parking spots placed if the restriction is removed.

Motion was made by Peltier seconded by Roberts to **approve** the removal of the No Parking restriction on S. Beard St. from 7th St. to Main St. on the East side. Motion **carried**

Roll Call: Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts Peltier, Barrett
Nay: none

X. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Main St. Streetscape is continuing with the project finish date expected to be January 2017. The streets may open before this time.

Bike routes signage is being placed. Two routes are left to place for completion of the signage

The City is working on the installation of the Centrac System. This system will give remote access to the signals from a computer that has access to the connection. This will allow monitoring of the signals, pull counts and change settings remotely. This system will also give the Traffic Department notice via cell phone of an issue with the signals automatically which will allow better response time since we would no longer have to depend on residents to call in issues. This should also cut down on 911 calls to dispatch regarding signal issues. Any issues that residents do call in for example: timing for signals could be checked and changed remotely instead of needing to send a technician out to check the issue which a high percentage of calls are false calls. Each signal will have its own modem. Firewalls and security will be addressed by the City's IT Department. The total number of signals with the Hawk systems (crosswalks) included would be fifty at this time. The fee for the software is a yearly fee. The timeline for completion is approximately four years. Most of the larger Cities have this system already deployed. This will help Shawnee get up to speed for a city our size.

XI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

XII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Peggy Rider stated she received a letter from the City with regards to closing University Street. She does not know if it is coming for discussion or if a decision will be made the date is has been set for City Commission Agenda (November 21). She believes this should have been discussed on the Traffic Commission agenda before going to the City Commission with it being a traffic item. She requested for the Traffic Commission to be able to look at, discuss and give a recommendation to the City Commission before the City Commission makes a decision on closing the street.

Paul Roberts discussed what he knew of the possible closing of the street. He stated that OBU is looking to vacate the street and close the streets coming into University for safety reasons. This would limit access points to campus. OBU is considered to be a "walking campus" and there are three accessory buildings and an apartment complex that cause students to cross the street when walking on campus.

Rider stated for the residents that live in the area it would cause a lot of additional time driving around the smaller streets to get to the main streets. She also stated the students that live in the apartments if they drive to campus would have to drive out of the neighborhood to Airport drive and then down to University Street to get to campus.

Michael Ludi will speak with the City Manager about the request but cannot guarantee that the Traffic Commission will be able to place this item on the Traffic Commission Agenda.

XIII. There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, a motion was made by Barrett seconded by Rider recommending the meeting be adjourned. Motion **carried**.

Roll Call: Aye: Taffe, Ardrey, Rider, Roberts Peltier, Barrett
Nay: none

Respectfully submitted,



Dani Turner, Secretary



Ronald Taffe, Chairman