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WHEELING TRAFFIC COMMISSION July 13th, 2023

The Wheeling Traffic Commission met on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. the following were present: **Commission Members:** Lloyd Adams (absent), Pat Duffy (absent), Andrew Hollis, Ron King (phone call), and Jeff Knierim. **City Staff:** Bill Lanham, Luke Spradling, Jessica Zalenski, Sanitation Director Chris Helminski, WPD Josh Sanders members of the press and public.

Mr. Knierim, seconded by Mr. Hollis to table the minutes from May 16th, 2023. Motion carried. All in favor.

New Business:

2. Request for loading zone for school bus at 129 18th Street was presented from members of the Laughlin Memorial Chapel. Space is needed in front of chapel to allow school buses to drop off and pick up students. Mr. Lanham explained that if allowed the curb would need to be painted red to designate a loading/unloading zone which would mean no parking by the bus, only drop offs and pickups. Mr. Hollis motioned seconded by Mr. King to forward request to operations department to paint red line for designated loading zone. All in favor. Motion Carried.

3. Nelson family Dentistry Request for Handicap Meters to replace 2-hour meter in front of office. Mr. Nelson spoke on behalf of the practice, stating many elderlies and others with disabilities frequent the dentist office and they have limited off street parking making it difficult for their office to be accessed. Mr. Knierim motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollis to approve recommendation to be sent to City Management. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. IC cares, 1113 Main Street request for meter removal and loading, unloading zone to be installed. Mr. Tate Blanchard representing IC Cares requested for at least one meter to be removed in front of the business due to numerous patients doing quick drop offs and pick ups along with IC Cab Service needing quick and easy access. Lt. Sanders remarked there are certain rules regulating loading and unloading zones in commercial areas. Lt. Sanders requested to table the request to review rules. Mr. Lanham asked Mr. Blanchard to come back to commission to request a loading, unloading zone. Mr. Knierim motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollis to table the request for city staff to review.

5. Owl Court Mr. Eric Connor spoke, requesting help to get traffic slowed down in his neighborhood. Mr. Connor asked for signs, patrolling and a speed study to be done. Lt. Sanders asked Mr. Connor to keep contacting the WPD over concerns and agreed to run a speed study. Motion to table by Mr. Knierim seconded by Mr. Hollis to table for City Staff to research and review, All in favor. Motion Carried

6. Mt. DeChantal/ El Zocalo Intersection, Lt. Sanders presented the request to the commission, noting the intersection is owned by DOH, being a very complex intersections, WPD has responded to multiple accidents due to customers exiting the restaurant believing lights are for them to follow. Lt. Sanders asked for a sign to be placed on the existing pole indicating traffic leaving restaurant must yield. DOH representative Brady Vannest, traffic engineer was there to represent the district 6 DOH office and provide insight into intersection traffic. Discussion ensued, traffic lights, signs and strategy of how to move forward with a safer intersection plan. Mr. Knierim motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollis to send request to DOH District 6 office to review. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

7. Rush Avenue and Pleasant Ave, request for no parking signs from 8am-10am at intersection of Rush and Pleasant Avenue, Sanitation Director Chris Helminski presented the request. Garbage trucks do not have enough room to maneuver the truck when cars are parked on the street due to the small turning radius coming out of the alley. Mr. Knierim motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollis to table request to get measurements for staff review, City Clerk Zalenski was asked to notice one neighbor on the corner of Pleasant and Rush, once staff reviews. All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Jefferson Avenue, request for No parking on the west side/alley side of Jefferson Avenue was presented by Sanitation Director Chris Helminski. Mr. Helminski explained that with such a narrow road like Jefferson it is extremely difficult to pick up trash from residents. Lt. Sanders stated he was very concerned for public safety on Jefferson Avenue, due to the narrow roads and parking on both sides of street. Engineer Luke Spradling presented pictures of measurements showing a small 11ft between cars on either side of the street. All agreed, difficulty for sanitation, police and fire vehicles need to be addressed. Mr. Knierim motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollis to table for City Management and staff to review. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Knierim, seconded by Mr. Hollis, moved to adjourn.
Time: 3:30pm