



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, August 2, 2016
3635 4 Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Chris Mathias
Laura Klauer
Chris Pickens

OTHERS: Alderman Waldron
Alderman Parker
Mayor Scott Raes

STAFF: Rhonda Bartz
J.D. Schulte
Heather Hurley

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of July 5, 2016.** Motion to approve minutes by Pickens, seconded by Mathias. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to switch parking from the south side of 14th Avenue to the north side of 14th Avenue, east of 18th Street.** Committee discussed parking in this area is currently prohibited so that sanitation trucks and emergency vehicles can have access to the alley north of 18th Street. Sanitation and emergency vehicles cannot make the turn onto the alley when vehicles are parking in the turning radius. Klauer stated that visibility will be restricted if parking is switched to the south side of 14th Avenue, east of 18th Street. Motion to deny the request and leave parking as is by Klauer, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to install a flashing curve warning sign on the north side of River Drive across from 4400 River Drive.** Committee discussed that there have only been two traffic accidents within this area in the past 5 years to date. One accident was due to medical issues and the second was alcohol related. Committee discussed that warning would not have prevented accidents and a flashing curve warning sign does not seem warranted for this location. Motion to deny request by Mathias, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request to install no parking signs near the intersection of 25th Street and 19th Avenue.** Committee discussed that overgrown trees in the right-of-way appear to be the visibility issue. Motion to deny request by Mathias and direct staff to trim overgrown trees in right-of-way to increase visibility, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to install no parking signs in the alley between 6th and 7th Avenues at 25th Street.

Committee discussed that “no parking” signs are not typically placed in alleys. This is an enforcement issue and residents can call the Police Department to have tickets issued. Hinton stated that staff will look to see if there is a good location to place a sign and will handle administratively since this type of request usually isn’t handled at Committee level.

6. Request to install speed limit signs within the school zone of 16th Avenue.

Committee discussed needing to know if 16th Avenue is considered part of the school zone. Mathias suggested collecting information from other schools that follow the same traffic guide lines. Pickens stated that he would install a speed sign on 16th Avenue in order to track the residents speed. Hinton stated that no action is required at this time and this issue will be discussed further at next month’s Traffic Engineering Committee meeting.

7. Other:

Request for a traffic light to be put in place at the intersection of 7th Street and 35th Avenue Place. Committee discussed that there have been thirty-eight accidents within this area since 2011 to date. Five of the accidents having personal injury and none of the accidents showing any kind of similarities or patterns. Alderman Parker stated that there is a good line of sight; however traffic is extremely heavy with four lanes and an additional fifth lane for turning. There is a possibility of sidewalks being a priority at this location. The need to hire a consultant to survey feasibility of a traffic light and coordination of intersections on John Deere Road to be proposed at Council.

Motion to adjourn by Pickens, seconded by Mathias. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering