



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
3635 4th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Shawn Christ
Laura Klauer
Greg Dekeyser
Sergeant Chris Pickens

OTHERS: Alderman Waldron
Watson Hutchins
David Sprinkle

STAFF: Rhonda Bartz
J.D. Schulte
Heather Hurley
Matt Moore

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

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of November 11, 2016.** Motion to approve minutes by Dekeyser, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request for persons with disabilities parking space at 2601 15th Street.** Watson Hutchins spoke on behalf of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in regards to the request for two persons with disabilities parking spaces. Mr. Hutchins explained that the Church would greatly appreciate if these spaces could be installed on both the east and west side of the Church. Hinton explained his concern with taking two spaces away from residential parking on a public street. However, if both persons with disabilities parking spaces are to be located on the west side of the Church, the spaces would not be taking away from residential parking as the church is the only building within this parking area. Sergeant Pickens motioned to approve request for two persons with disabilities parking spaces to be installed on the west side of 15th Street in front of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to evaluate the traffic signals on Avenue of the Cities.** Resident David Sprinkle presented his concerns regarding left turn only signals located at multiple intersections on Avenue of the Cities. Mr. Sprinkle explained that the issue is the wait time associated with the traffic signals that require a turn arrow. Mr. Sprinkle feels it would be beneficial to reevaluate the signals and, if warranted, allow vehicles that are turning left to yield for oncoming traffic when the light is green. Sergeant Pickens stated that the main reason for the turn on arrow only signals is due to traffic

flow and the use of multiple lanes. Hinton explained that the traffic patterns were determined many years ago and the decisions that had been made were in order to move traffic from all directions through the intersections safely and efficiently. Hinton added that if changes were to be made, all intersections on Avenue of the Cities from Interstate 74 to the East Moline border would have to be evaluated as they all coordinate together. Hinton also explained that it would be necessary to look at the issue internally before a response can be given. Resident, David Sprinkle, thanked the Committee for their time and looks forward to hearing a response on this issue.

- 4. Revisit the request to install a four-way stop at the intersection of 18th Street A and 25th Avenue.** Committee discussed that the bushes and trees located at the intersection have been trimmed back. Christ stated that the trimming of shrubs and trees within the intersection made a huge difference and resolved any line of sight issues. Committee agreed. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Dekeyser. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Revisit the request to lower the speed limit on 9th Street between 32nd Avenue Court and 33rd Avenue.** Sergeant Pickens stated that after collecting the traffic data from November 8, 2016 to November 15, 2016 he found a total of six vehicles that were traveling over 30 miles per hour (mph) and one vehicle was traveling over 35 mph. Hinton explained that based off the traffic data, speed in this area does not seem to be an issue. Christ agreed and stated that he felt there weren't enough vehicles traveling over 30 mph to warrant a change in the speed limit. Motion to deny request by Sergeant Pickens, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Request for a flashing stop sign to be installed at the intersection of 75th Street and 34th Avenue.** Alderman Waldron questioned if the events listed at this intersection are from running the stop sign or pulling out in front of oncoming traffic? Sergeant Pickens reviewed the event list for this intersection and explained that a high speed impact event was not reported which would conclude that the vehicles would have been stopped before impact had been made. Committee discussed whether a flashing sign would change motorist behavior and that flashing signs are usually noticed the first month and then the signs are not noticed. Alderman Waldron explained from personal experience that it's more of an issue with vehicles not allowing proper timing when pulling out in front of oncoming traffic. Christ added that the portion of the resident's fence that is being damaged from these events is located on City right-of-way. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Dekeyser. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Request to move parking from the south side to the north side of 14th Avenue between 16th Street and 18th Street A.** Klauer stated that the request is logical considering the amount of alleys on the south side of 14th Avenue. Christ agreed, but stated concern with residents making u-turns in order to park on the north side of 14th Avenue. Committee discussed sending out a survey to the residents and that the opinions of the residents would be beneficial. Motion by Klauer to send a survey to the residents on 14th Avenue between 16th Street and 18th Street A, and report back next month, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Request for persons with disabilities parking space at 1316 26th Street.** Sergeant

Pickens explained that the Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church located next to 1316 26th Street put in the request for a person with disabilities parking space on behalf of the resident. The resident has multiple medical issues and this parking space would be very beneficial. Sergeant Pickens motioned to approve persons with disabilities parking space in front of the residence at 1316 26th Street, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Klauer, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering