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March 9, 2011

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Everette L. Varney

FROM: Connie Tackett, Chairman

RE: Minutes and Recommendations – Traffic Committee Meeting March 8, 2011
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Present: Eric Larson, Scott Jarvis, Jason Whitaker, Larry Prather, Brian Shorkey, Ed Saker, Dan Brown, Logan Baker, Terry Thomas, Jay Featherstone, Diana Sweeney.

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- 1) Eric Larson will serve as chair in Connie Tackett's absence at this meeting. Larson noted the confusion in the meeting time and apologized for the error made in advertising the meeting.
- 2) Approval of minutes of February 8, 2011. Motion by Prather and seconded by Shorkey. Motion passed.
- 3) Welcome guests – Larson welcomed guests. The agenda was amended to discuss the audience issued first.

New Business

- 4) Final Turn Circle – On Street Parking - Not discussed.
- 5) 144 Coachman Place / Glory Coach Place – On Street Parking - Not discussed.
- 6) Adena Ridge Subdivision – On Street Parking - Not discussed.
- 7) Paynes Depot Road – Traffic Barrier Request
Jay Featherston addressed the group. He notes increased speeding and heavy truck volume on Paynes Depot Road. He has concerns for the safety of his family and neighbors because their backyards are so close to the street. He noted a recent accident in which a driver fell asleep at the wheel and lost control and went into his back yard. Larson states Featherstone has requested a guardrail, sound wall, grade change on the road, or trees along the road to prevent vehicles from crashing into his fence and property. Larson educated the committee on the concept of the



clear zone needed on a roadway and how something like guardrail is only used to protect against an obstruction within it. In this case, Larson did a guardrail warrant analysis and found that the site conditions do not warrant such a device. Resident also asked for a sound barrier. Larson notes these are not typically done to abate errant cars, but to mitigate impact of new road construction, such as a bypass. Whitaker and Prather asked about cable barriers. Larson points out those too are obstructions and do not have a crash worthy terminus and would require guardrail in conjunction with it. Thomas suggested a long term solution might be planting trees along the fence row to create both a barrier and sound buffer, but there is currently no funding for such an item. Larson suggested focused Police enforcement, radar trailer, and volume/speed/classification counts with the traffic counters to see if the posted speed is correct, and if a heavy truck volume is present. He stated the results may change the warrant analysis. Whitaker asked for the counters to be placed before and after the enforcement to measure effectiveness. Motion by Larson, second by Whitaker. Motion passed.

- 8) Riveria Drive dead end at Shadowcreek Path - Not discussed.
- 9) Gatewood Subdivision – Dedication to the City - Not discussed.
- 10) Scroggins Park signage requests - Not discussed.
- 11) Flinn Ct. @ Military St. – on-street parking at corner and entire block - Not discussed.
- 12) La Costa Drive – On Street Parking- Not discussed.
- 13) 200 N. Hamilton St. – Speeding and lack of stopping at the corner of E. Washington and N. Hamilton. Larson reports City Hall received a request to review traffic at this location. Diana Sweeney addressed the committee via letter, which Larson summarized. In the letter, Mrs. Sweeney notes vehicles speeding and not coming to a complete stop at the four way stop at E. Washington St. and N. Hamilton St. She also notes kids on bikes and skateboards in the street that do not pay attention to traffic and go through intersection without stopping or looking. She is concerned about safety. In addition, the traffic speed gives her concern as she assists her disabled family members to/from her car. Sgt. Whitaker suggested Police could perform focused enforcement with patrol and the radar trailer, and report back to the committee next month on the results. Motion by Whitaker, Second by Larson. Motion passed.
- 14) No other New Business was discussed

Old Business

- 15) S. Broadway Southbound On-Street Parking
Larson reports that the outside lane width is approx. 18ft on the 100 block, 15 ft on the 200 block, 16 ft on the 300 block, and 14 ft on the 400 block. Larson notes that standard parallel parking spots are 8-9ft wide and desired lane width for the street is 12ft, maybe allowing as narrow as 11 ft. None of the blocks had sufficient lane width on the outside to allow on street parking, with the 100 block being borderline. The inside lane is uniformly 12ft wide through this area. Larson noted that most, if not all, of the properties have access to off street parking by driveway, side street on-street parking, or public/private parking lot (via sidewalk). Larson had the opinion that on-street parking on S. Broadway was not needed. Larson further noted that KYTC would not permit the reduction of the lane widths down to 10ft or less to allow for an 8 ft parking stall. Baker agreed that was the policy. Committee was in agreement that it was a safety

issue and needed to be removed. Whitaker suggested both sides of S. Broadway from Main St. to Jackson St. should be considered because the same situation exists on the northbound side. The committee agreed. Larson noted that this area is a downtown Central Business District, which by definition is urban. Residents have opportunities for public parking off street nearby, as well as side street on street parking. They should not expect to have a spot directly in front of their business. Larson noted this will be a controversial decision for the adjacent property owners and a media campaign to educate them and the public is needed before posting the signs. Motion to post no parking both sides of street on S. Broadway from Main St. to Jackson Ave. by Whitaker, amended by Larson to include education and media announcements. Second by Shorkey. Amendment seconded by Thomas. Motion passed.

- 16) North Court St. – Handicap Parking reserved parking spot
Larson noted that last month the Police reported Jodie Lynn Pozos, resident, has requested a reserved handicap spot on this street. The resident attended the meeting and presented. The committee tabled discussion to allow the Police to study this request. Whitaker states that the Police do not support the dedication of a handicap spot in this location due to the nature of downtown parking and the need for adequate public parking. It was noted that the building owner does have off street parking provided for the building adjacent to it in the rear. Whitaker says Police would like to see the landlord contacted and suggest he/she work with the tenant to accommodate her needs. Motion was made by Larson to ask the Mayor's office to facilitate that contact. Second by Shorkey. Motion passed.
- 17) Kroger Development Plan
Shorkey provided a revised site plan to the committee and discussed the changes to Grisham Drive connection and the park connection. The connection to Grisham has had several sharp curves added to it, which we will allow vehicle, bike, and pedestrian access but will likely discourage the use as a cut through or truck route. He noted the city does still have to approve the vacanting of the right of way from the older plan before Kroger can proceed. Larson noted the city position was based on Parks and Recreation's desire to still have a connection to the bypass and neighborhood, yet provide for safety in the parking lot in the Park and that is why they are still asking for the gate. Larson asked the committee to provide comment for the benefit of the Planning Commission and City Council as they make their decisions. Jarvis states Fire Dept. is in support of the connections but does have concern about traffic volume through the park and supports the gate. Shorkey says that the Planning Commissioners have not provided input on this specific issue, **because they have not met yet (that occurs on March 10, 2011)** but have indicated a favorable opinion of the new plan **at the Monday night workshop on March 7, 2011**. City Engineer Larson supports the plan as shown. Shorkey supports plan as shown. Whitaker states Police do have concern over the likelihood of speeding and increased traffic on Grisham and Chamberlain. Larson acknowledged that concern and stated every effort has been made to minimize that impact through site design. Motion by Prather to recommend the connections of Grisham Drive and to the Bypass and Marshall park. Second by Saker. **Shorkey abstained.** Motion passed.
- 18) Sutton Place Blvd. – On Street Parking- Not discussed.
- 19) On-Street Parking Policy change / On-Street Parking Sub-committee - Not discussed.
- 20) MUTCD upgrade deadlines – Status report - Not discussed.
- 21) Hollyhock Drive On-Street parking and One Way signs - Not discussed.

- 22) No other Old Business was discussed

Tabled Business

The following items were noted as incomplete business for the Traffic Committee and staff to consider for future meetings. No discussion was held unless otherwise noted.

- 23) Speeding on Pocahontas Trail
- 24) Speeding on Harmony Ridge Blvd.
- 25) Speeding on Colony Blvd.
- 26) Speeding near School Cross walk on West Clinton St.
- 27) Elkhorn Green – No Parking Signs throughout subdivision
- 28) Fox Run Road in Elkhorn Green – No Parking change by Ordinance / Plat revision
- 29) College St. at Student Center Speed Hump request
- 30) Avondale Speed Hump Request
- 31) Speeding near 156 Cumberland Drive
- 32) Handicap Spots in Downtown Area
- 33) On Street parking in Parkside Subdivision
- 34) On Street parking on Sturbridge
- 35) E. Main St. crosswalk (at Galvin's) modification
- 36) St. John School Flashing Beacon on Military St.
- 37) On Street parking on Beechwood
- 38) On Street parking on West Jackson
- 39) On Street parking on Cave Run Ct.
- 40) Three Way stops in Peninsula S/D at Barren River / Rough River and Rough River / Dale Hollow
- 41) Paris Road left turn conflicts at Wendys/Swifty area
- 42) Speeding on Old Oxford Road
- 43) Traffic Signal at Bypass and Hemingway
- 44) On Street parking Cherry Blossom S/D on Birkdale
- 45) Old Lemons Mill Road speed reduction
- 46) Bradford Subdivision On Street Parking signs
- 47) Speeding on Riviera Drive
- 48) On Street parking on Plymouth Ct.
- 49) Speeding on Elkhorn Green Place
- 50) Speeding on Louisa Lane
- 51) N. Water St. speed humps
- 52) Speeding in Derby Estates – War Admiral and Citation
- 53) On Street parking in CDS Bulb near 203 Harmony Ridge
- 54) School signs on East Main for St. John's School
- 55) Remove 4 way stops on Seminole Trail at Hutchins and Copperfield
- 56) US 25 / Payne Ave. traffic signal
- 57) Speeding on West Showalter Drive
- 58) Traffic Calming Program Development
- 59) No other Tabled Business was discussed
- 60) Next meeting date – April 12, 2011, **4:30** pm City Hall

- 61) Motion to Adjourn by Larson and seconded by Shorkey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

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Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

15) S. Broadway On –Street Parking from Main St. to Jackson St. – Committee recommends posting No Parking Both Sides of Street. Committee further recommends contacting the adjacent property owners by letter providing education on the decision and notice of the parking change, as well as a press release prior to the traffic control change.

16) 200 N. Court St. – Committee recommends do nothing and further recommends the Mayor contact the landlord and suggest he/she discuss parking needs with Ms. Pozos and work on a solution to accommodate her parking needs with off street parking behind the building.

END