

# City of Lawrence

## Traffic Safety Commission

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### March 9, 2015 Agenda

### 7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Steven Koprince; Edwin Rothrock; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

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**Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.**

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, February 2, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish RESIDENT PARKING ONLY in front of 1109 Ohio Street.

Staff Report:

1. Ohio Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area, paved approximately 30 feet wide with parking permitted along both sides of the street, and designated as a one-way street southbound.
2. The homes along the west side of the street do not have driveways and do not have alley access.
3. RESIDENT PARKING ONLY was initially installed on a temporary basis on Edgehill Road in May 2013.
4. In September 2014, the restriction was made permanent and an ordinance was approved by the City Commission.

5. City staff is currently working on criteria for consideration of RESIDENT PARKING ONLY; the criteria will be presented to the City Commission for approval; however, it is anticipated that it will be several months before criteria is completed and approved.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to construct a BULB-OUT on the southwest corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Street & Rhode Island Street and/or establish NO PARKING on 11<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Rhode Island Street.

Staff Report:

1. 11<sup>th</sup> Street is classified as a "minor arterial" in a commercial/residential area and is paved approximately 40 feet wide west of Rhode Island Street and approximately 30 feet wide east of Rhode Island Street.
2. During the past three (3) years, there have been five (5) reported crashes at this intersection involving northbound vehicles; three (3) of them involved eastbound vehicles, and two (2) of them involved westbound vehicles.
3. Due to the different widths of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, construction of a bulb-out on the southwest corner would clearly define the limits of the intersection; this would provide better guidance for northbound motorists when stopping to look for on-coming traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition, a bulb-out would provide approximately the same crossing distance for pedestrians crossing the west leg of the intersection as pedestrians currently have crossing the east leg of the intersection.
4. However, even if a bulb-out is constructed on the southwest corner of the intersection, parking would need to be restricted along the south side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Rhode Island, to provide sight distance to the east.

ITEM NO. 4: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 5: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 6: Staff Items.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ziegelmeier, Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Steven Koprince; Edwin Rothrock; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stuart Boley

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Brewer, Mike Myers, and Craig Patterson

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The meeting was called to order by John Ziegelmeier, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, February 2, 2015.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0-2.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish RESIDENT PARKING ONLY in front of 1109 Ohio Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

John Brewer, 1109 Ohio Street: We've been hoping for several years to get permit parking; we often have to park all the way down at the end of the block, and sometimes the following block; my wife's business requires that she load and unload materials into her car; we need to be as close as possible to our steps.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked what time the parking fills-up; Brewer indicated that it is often full all the time due to boarding houses in the area.

Commissioner Storm asked if there would be a problem with other residents parking in the zone if the signs said "Resident Parking Only;" Woosley advised that permits are required to park in the zones.

Commissioner Koprince asked if it was likely that a city-wide policy would be in effect by this fall; Woosley indicated that it was possible, but, unlikely.

Commissioner Hoskinson asked how well the restriction was working on Edgehill Road; Woosley advised that there was a learning curve at the beginning with numerous calls to the city and tickets issued; but, it seems to be working well, now; Commissioner Russell confirmed that very few calls are received, now.

Commissioner Rothrock noted that he was concerned as to whether approving this would conflict with a future city ordinance.

Commissioner Koprince: I don't know of another house in the neighborhood that is an island like this with no off-street parking, no driveway and no chance for either.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING RESIDENT PARKING ONLY IN FRONT OF 1109 OHIO STREET, SUBJECT TO ANY FUTURE CITY POLICY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to construct a BULB-OUT on the southwest corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Street & Rhode Island Street and/or establish NO PARKING on 11<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Rhode Island Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted correspondence from a number of individuals supporting the request.

Public Comments:

Mike Myers, 1312 New Hampshire Street: I have recently become a property owner at this intersection; I've noticed this intersection for about 15 years as I flattened a tire on the storm inlet while making a turn; since then, I have witnessed others doing the same, and I've had a police officer tell me that they have lost several tires on patrol cars; not only is there a problem with the storm inlet, but, there is a problem with visibility heading north at the intersection; the

difference in street widths forces a driver to inch-out into the intersection to get a view of what is going-on; I would suggest that a bulb-out should be constructed to better define the intersection and to make for a better pedestrian crossing; I have been in contact with others that are familiar with the intersection and they support my request; since the storm inlet is going to be repaired, I think now is the time to include a bulb-out.

Craig Patterson, 1142 Rhode Island Street: I approach this intersection on a daily basis, I'm quite aware of the issues and the increases in parking at the intersection; the asymmetry of the intersection is what the problem is; you have to get well out into the intersection to be able to have a good point of view; I have seen at least three (3) of the accidents that have occurred there, it's not a myth, it's real; the pedestrian crossing is inadequate and is a legend in the neighborhood; I would categorize the intersection as a threat to me on a daily basis; I would seriously like to see this happen; it is a particularly busy intersection.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Storm asked is this would be placed on the list of traffic calming projects; Woosley advised that this isn't really traffic calming, it's more of a design consideration as the storm inlet is reconstructed.

Commissioner Devlin: I can see the concerns from the photos.

Commissioner Russell asked if No Parking could be added on the approach to the Stop sign; Woosley advised that 30 feet could be included without action by the Commission since that is covered by state law.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND CONSTRUCTING A BULB-OUT ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET & RHODE ISLAND STREET AND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR 60 FEET EAST OF RHODE ISLAND STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 7:

Commission Items.

None.

ITEM NO. 8:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, April 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

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