

# City of Lawrence

## Traffic Safety Commission

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### August 1, 2016 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Chris Storm, Chair; Steven Koprince, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Ryan Devlin; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; and, John Ziegelmeyer Jr.

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ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, June 6, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Crossgate Drive & Kasold Drive.

Staff Report:

1. 24<sup>th</sup> Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area, paved approximately 26 feet wide, with a speed limit of 30 mph, as provided in State Law.
2. The City's *Traffic Calming Policy* permits traffic calming devices on "local" streets if the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit; if the 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000; or, if cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day.

3. Traffic data obtained on 24<sup>th</sup> Street in April, 2016, found the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 35.2 mph, and, the 24-hour two-way traffic volume to be approximately 1700.
4. Therefore, 24<sup>th</sup> Street meets the minimum criteria for consideration for traffic calming.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request for PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES at 832 Pennsylvania Street.

Staff Report:

1. There is currently recessed angle parking in front of 832 Pennsylvania Street; therefore, in order to meet Federal ADA requirements, it will require two (2) parking spaces; one (1) for a vehicle, and, one (1) for an access aisle.
2. In addition, the curb will need to be cut and the sidewalk reconstructed in order to provide an ADA ramp.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request for NO PARKING along the south side of Elm Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Staff Report:

1. Elm Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area, paved approximately 19 feet wide, without curb & gutter, with a speed limit of 30 mph, as provided in State Law.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of Elm Street; and, along the south side of Elm Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Street, east 300 feet.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 7: Staff Items.

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August 1, 2016 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Storm, Chair; Steven Koprince, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford, Ryan Devlin,; Tony Jones; and, John Ziegelmeier, Jr.  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Travis Harrod; and, Jason Hoskinson  
STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department  
  
PUBLIC PRESENT: Ted Boyle; Kelly French; Alan Johnson; Luann Leiste, Robert Leiste; Brian Ondrgran; Tanner Poe; Claven Snow; and, Jack Todd

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The meeting was called to order by Chris Storm 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, June 6, 2016.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 6, 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0-1.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Crossgate Drive & Kasold Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Brian Ondrgran, 3616 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street: I just rent on the street, but, when I'm trying to back my boat in on a daily basis, there's four or five cars that are waiting and speeding past me; speed bumps would be nice or signs that say "not a through street" or something along those lines; with the amount of kids playing in their front yard, something's going to happen at some point; we've seen people speeding through there at up to 55 miles per hour, at any point during the day.

Tanner Poe, 3520 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street: I realize that most of the people that are doing that don't live on the street, it's a cut-across; I've had to stop twice myself when a basketball came into the street with kids chasing it.

Robert Leiste, 3721 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street: The traffic has gotten worse since the apartment complexes have been added; I've lost two truck mirrors; the only way we get them to slow down is to park on both sides of the street.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Crawford asked if parking was permitted on both sides of the street; a member of the audience advised that it was.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I think 1700 cars two-way traffic is significant.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN CROSSGATE DRIVE AND KASOLD DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES at 832 Pennsylvania Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Crawford asked if there was an ADA accessible ramp anywhere; Woosley advised that there wasn't in front of the building in question.

Commissioner Koprince asked what the city's obligation was; Woosley advised that there currently is no requirement for on-street ADA parking spaces

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT 832 PENNSYLVANIA STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**ITEM NO. 4:**

Consider request for NO PARKING along the south side of Elm Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of an email on 25 July.

**Public Comments:**

Jack Todd, 724 Elm Street, presented a petition from residents in opposition: I've lived there 45 years and have never seen a traffic problem; I think it should be left alone; without the parking, guests would have to walk 1/8 mile to get to the houses; there are two streets in North Lawrence we consider the main streets, Locust and Lyon, the other streets are residential streets, for use by the people that live there; we have no problem with Elm Street.

Kelly French, 725 Elm Street: There's already No Parking on the south; I'm opposed to the request; city ordinance prohibits parking in front of a public or private driveway; my alternative is to lower the speed limit or install speed bumps because there is a lot of kids; there is also an ordinance that permits towing if vehicles can't get through the street.

Ted Boyle, 310 Elm Street: Elm Street has been a very safe street in North Lawrence; we just installed a speed hump in the 300 block, and, we are going to request funding for one in the 700 block; I've never heard of any problems from the 700 or 800 blocks, No Parking is not warranted; I don't think the parking should be removed from Elm Street; the North Lawrence Improvement Association is opposed to any changes.

Claven Snow, 847 Elm Street: I agree that this should not be approved; there is some street parking, but, it is not excessive and not problematic; I also agree that some people drive very fast on Elm.

Alan Johnson, 723 Illinois Street, and owner of 842 Elm Street: There's rarely anybody parked on the street; this whole thing seems like a solution looking for a problem.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: It seems to me this request should be denied; we would look vindictive if we establish it in front of just one property; we shouldn't get in the middle of a neighborhood dispute.

Commissioner Jones: I don't think it is necessary to cow-tow to one individual all the time and I'm concerned of what that may lead to.

Commissioner Storm: I'm going to vote to deny this request, I see no traffic safety reason to remove the parking.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ELM STREET BETWEEN 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET & 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment.

No Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items.

No Commission items.

ITEM NO. 7:

Staff Items:

Woosley advised that staff would be installing a YIELD LINE for westbound right-turning vehicles at 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Massachusetts Street, based on comments in the letter of request for Item No. 4.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, October 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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