



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: October 31, 2011

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

From: Mark F. Miller, Director of Economic & Community Development
Steven J. Vandette, City Engineer
William J. Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

Subject: Traffic Committee Recommendation and Minutes
October 19, 2011

Background & Recommendations

The Traffic Committee considered this item at the October 19, 2011 meeting and made the following recommendation (minutes attached):

- Recommend changing existing YIELD sign to STOP sign on northbound Demaret at Player.
(Item 3)

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, October 19, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski
John Diefenbaker
Gordon Schepke
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrusis

Also present: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – September 21, 2011

RESOLUTION # 2011-10-15

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Schepke

To approve the September 21, 2011 minutes as printed.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Halsey, Kilmer, Petrusis)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Change YIELD sign to STOP sign at Demaret at Player

Geoffrey Rossi of 5566 Casper requested that the existing Yield sign on Demaret at Player be changed to a Stop sign. The posted speed limit on both streets is 25 mph. Demaret is considered the local road. Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on Player is 931 vehicles per day (vpd) while Milburn has an ADT of 646 vpd. There have been no crashes recorded in the past five (5) years.

There is a large shrub in the southwest quadrant that creates a sight distance obstruction. Traffic Engineering contacted Code Compliance for a review of the landscaping to review compliance with City ordinances. The only violation was some branches overhanging the sidewalk which have been trimmed up by the homeowner. The shrub sits outside of the 25' x 25' sight distance triangle, so no further removal can be required.

The sight distance obstruction in the southwest quadrant comes into play when determining the safe approach speed for the intersection. The safe approach speed was found to be less than 10 mph on the Demaret approach northbound to Player.

There were no members of the public at the meeting to address this item.

Discussion ensued among Traffic Committee members and the Traffic Engineer.

RESOLUTION # 2011-10-16

Moved by Binkowski

Seconded by Diefenbaker

Recommend that the existing YIELD sign be changed to a STOP sign on northbound Demaret at Player.

YES: All-4

NO: None

ABSENT: 3 (Halsey, Kilmer, Petrusis)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. Other Business

The EVA between Paragon and Hedgewood will be installed by DPW this fall. Work was anticipated to start this week and will continue as time allows, but is expected to be completed prior to winter.

Discussed preliminary results of the speed study performed on Barclay. Preliminary findings do not show a speeding or cut through problem. The final report will be presented at the Traffic Committee meeting of November 16, 2011.

Discussed traffic concerns on Boyd and Torpey as it relates to the Baker Middle School and International Academy site. Traffic Engineering has requested that our traffic engineering consultant, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM), provide a proposal for a study to review the impacts of the site on the public road system. Troy PD has officers assigned to patrol the area.

Discussed Traffic Engineering website updates. Agendas and minutes are posted on the City's website. Letters to property owners will now reference a link that can be accessed to review documentation for agenda items. This saves a significant amount of resources, including staff time and materials. Accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or no access to the internet can still request a hard copy of information from the Traffic Engineer.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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