TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2012 **FINAL**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 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
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Al Petrulis

Also present: Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Jim Myers, 320 Hickory
Sergeant Michael Szuminski, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – March 21, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-04-10

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the March 21, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Petrulis)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request to Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton

Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory. The north side is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants. The south side of Hickory is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The current No Parking zone on the south side was approved by Traffic Control Order #79-2-P and has been in place since April 16, 1979.

Mr. Popovic was present at the meeting and submitted a petition signed by residents in favor of removing the No Parking signs on the south side of Hickory. This petition was signed by nine

(9) of the seventeen (17) properties with homes. Of these nine, five (5) are on the north side of Hickory while four (4) of ten (10) properties with homes on the south side signed the petition. Mr. Popovic discussed his concerns regarding the lack of on street parking on either side of Hickory and the hardship that it presents to residents.

Jim Myers of 320 Hickory supported leaving the No Parking zone in place. Mr. Myers discussed his concerns that involved Hickory being a narrow road with ditches and the fact that if a car parks fully on the road it is impossible for two vehicles to pass in opposite directions. Mr. Myers also discussed people parking on the south side of Hickory, blocking the mailboxes, and causing mail to not be delivered. He also discussed parked vehicles hindering his ability to use his driveway.

Mr. Kilmer noted that there are cars parking on the south side of Hickory in violation of the posted signs.

Ms. Binkowski asked about removing the No Parking zone on the north side and just limiting the No Parking areas near the fire hydrants.

Lt. Caloia expressed concerns about emergency vehicle access and response times due to the narrow road should parking be allowed on Hickory.

Mr. Ogg requested that Traffic Engineering explore the possibility of moving the mailboxes to the north side of the street.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) emails opposing the removal of the No Parking zone prior to the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, Traffic Engineering received two (2) phone calls opposing the removal of the No Parking zone.

A resolution to make No Changes was moved by Kilmer and seconded by Halsey, but the motion failed. A second resolution to allow parking on the south side was moved by Binkowski, but no second was received so the motion was withdrawn.

The item was tabled by the Traffic Committee for reconsideration at the May meeting. Additional information requested by the Traffic Committee was:

1. Width of the street at various locations
2. Possibility of moving the mailboxes to the north side of the street that is already posted No Parking due to fire hydrants.

RESOLUTION # 2012-04-11

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the request to remove the No Parking restrictions on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton be tabled to the May 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Ogg, Ziegenfelder)
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Petrulis)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

5. Other Business

Mr. Halsey reports that a manhole in the northwest corner of Maple and Livernois is sinking. Traffic Engineering will refer this issue to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Halsey reports that the left turn phase for eastbound Maple to Northbound Livernois does not seem to be operating correctly as he has experienced times when there has been no green phase for left turn motorists at the light. Traffic Engineering will forward the concern to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for investigation.

Mr. Ogg asked why there is no longer a left turn light from northbound Dequindre to the Beaumont Hospital driveway. Traffic Engineering will discuss with the RCOC.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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