A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, October 16, 2013 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
Tim Brandstetter
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrulis
Stevan Popovic
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: None

Also present: John Ballantine, 1468 Brentwood
Jason Dalbec, 546 Trombley
Jim Stachura, 1547 Brentwood
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – September 18, 2013

RESOLUTION # 2013-10-20

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Petrulis

To approve the September 18, 2013 minutes as printed.

YES: All-7
NO: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Traffic Control – Ellenboro at Trombley

Jason Dalbec of 546 Trombley requests that the existing traffic control at the intersection of Ellenboro and Trombley be changed to a 4-Way Stop. Mr. Dalbec states that lack of Stop signs in all directions creates a hazardous situation.
Mr. Dalbec was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the Traffic Committee. He

provided a petition signed by 16 residents in favor of an All-Way Stop at the intersection. He discussed that the intersection is close to Wattles Elementary and is also a bus stop for Baker Middle school students. Children walk in the roads as there are no sidewalks in the area. There is a lot of traffic mixing with children in this area during school arrival dismissal times.

Mr. Kilmer observed the intersection from 7:30 am to 8:45 am and counted 10 buses, 235 cars, 8 children walking to school and 20 children waiting for the bus. Mr. Kilmer stated that he supports the All-Way Stop and believes that we should do what the residents have requested.

Ms. Binkowski discussed what Stop signs can and cannot do (i.e. control speeds effectively).

Mr. Petrulis questioned locations of other traffic control as well as speed control in the area.

Mr. Brandstetter asked about the possibility of locating a school crossing guard at this location. There is already a school crossing guard at the next intersection to the north (at Ellenboro/Colebrook).

Traffic Engineering did receive a copy of the referenced petition as well as two (2) emails in support and one (1) email opposed to modifying the intersection control.

RESOLUTION # 2013-10-21

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Popovic

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Ellenboro and Trombley be modified to All-Way Stop control.

YES: All-7
NO: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for No Parking Zone – Brentwood at Northfield Parkway

The Northfield Hills Condominium Association (NHCA) requests that the south side of Brentwood, from 15' west of the existing fire hydrant to the intersection at Northfield Parkway, be posted as a No Parking zone.

John Ballantine attended the meeting as a board member of NHCA. Mr. Ballantine stated that vehicles park east of the fire hydrant up to the intersection of Brentwood and

Northfield Parkway. There are mailboxes and newspaper boxes at the opposite corner and parked vehicles at the intersection make turning movements difficult and dangerous.

Jim Stichera, 1547 Brentwood, spoke in favor of the No Parking zone. Mr. Stichera reports that several vehicles that park in this area are actually Flagstar Bank employees so vehicles are parked all day during the week. He agrees that parked vehicles make turning movements at the intersection more difficult. He supports the creation of a No Parking zone.

Mr. Petrulis questioned why Flagstar Bank employees would park here rather than in the parking lot next to the building on the east side of Northfield Parkway. Mr. Stichera stated that it is much easier to exit Brentwood to Long Lake rather than from the Flagstar Bank parking lot.

Mr. Kilmer asked if we could restrict parking to residents only. Brentwood and Northfield Parkway are both public roads, so they are open to use by the public. Creation of a No Parking zone would restrict locations where the public at large may park.

RESOLUTION # 2013-10-22

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Halsey

RESOLVED, that a No Parking zone be established on the south side of Brentwood, from 15' west of the existing fire hydrant to the intersection at Northfield Parkway.

YES: All-7
NO: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

There were no members of the public at the meeting with additional comments.

6. Other Business

Mr. Petrulis asked about the developments on Big Beaver and their impact on traffic volume/flows. The sites do go through site plan review and a part of that review involves traffic impacts. In the case of the site on the north side of Big Beaver, just west of I75, the impact is not anticipated to be significant as the entrance to the site is from Wilshire rather than a new curb cut on Big Beaver. Additionally, the site is mixed use with restaurants/retail with a new hotel proposed at the rear of the site. These uses are typically off-peak so while they will generate additional traffic, the impact on peak hour volumes is not anticipated to be significant.

Mr. Kilmer requested that Troy Police visit the area around Morse Elementary during the PM dismissal time to address parking on the street in areas that are currently posted as No Parking or No Stopping, Standing, Parking zones. Troy Police will review as their staffing levels allow.

Traffic Engineering discussed the I-75 Open House to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Community Center (Room #305). Further information will be provided once it is received from MDOT.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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