Traffic Committee Minutes – November 18, 2015 **FINAL**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 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:	Tim Brandstetter Mitch Huber Al Petrulis Cynthia Wilsher Pete Ziegenfelder
Absent:	David Easterbrook Richard Kilmer Katie Regan (Student Representative)
Also present:	Pat Bismack, 4041 Virgilia Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – October 21, 2015

Resolution # 2015-11-47
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Brandstetter

To approve the October 21, 2015 minutes as printed.

Yes:	Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No:	None
Absent:	Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 4041 Virgilia (Sidwell #88-20-16-452-033)

Pat Bismack requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 4041 Virgilia (Sidwell #88-20-16-452-033). Mr. Bismack states that "*with the new 60' right-of-way, the neighbor would walk out his front door and his first step would hit the sidewalk and my sidewalk would be the only one on the north side of Wattles, plus one would like to save my trees that are in the right-of-way*".

Mr. Bismack was present at the meeting and stated that if a sidewalk were required it would be the only sidewalk on the north side of Wattles Road. The 60' right-of-way line, continued to the west, would cause the proposed sidewalk to go right up to the neighbors door. He continued that he would also like to save the trees that would need to be removed should a sidewalk be required.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the trees would be removed if the sidewalk were not required. Mr. Bismack replied that the trees would stay on the site if no sidewalk is required.

Mr. Petrulis asked for clarification on the 27' right-of-way. Wattle Road has an ultimate right-of-way width of 120' or 60' half-width. The existing right-of-way is 33' and the additional 27' of right-of-way provides the master planned 60' right-of-way width.

Mr. Brandstetter asked about the location of the proposed sidewalk in the right-of-way and if there were the option to move it closer to the road. This is possible on a road like Wattles where there is room in the right-of-way due to Wattles being a 2-lane road. Items like drainage ditches, utility poles, etc. would need to be considered. Sidewalk is typically placed one (1) foot inside the right-of-way or property line.

Mr. Brandstetter also discussed the lack of connectivity should a sidewalk be required at this location.

Resolution # 2015-11-48
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Pat Bismack has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on no other sidewalks on Wattles or Virgilia to connect to; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and

b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and

c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver for the sidewalk requirement at 4041 Virgilia (Sidwell #88-20-16-452-033).

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Comment

There was no additonal public comment.

5. Other Business

Mr. Brandstetter made a motion that the December 2015 Traffic Committee meeting be cancelled.

Resolution # 2015-11-49
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the December 2015 Traffic Committee meeting be cancelled.

Yes:	Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No:	None
Absent:	Easterbrook, Kilmer

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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