



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

Date: October 21, 2016

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

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

Subject: Traffic Committee Recommendations and Minutes – October 19, 2016

At the Traffic Committee meeting of October 19, 2016, the following recommendations were made for City Council approval:

3. Request for Traffic Control – Welling at Calvert

RESOLVED, that **NO CHANGE** be made at the intersection of Welling at Calvert.

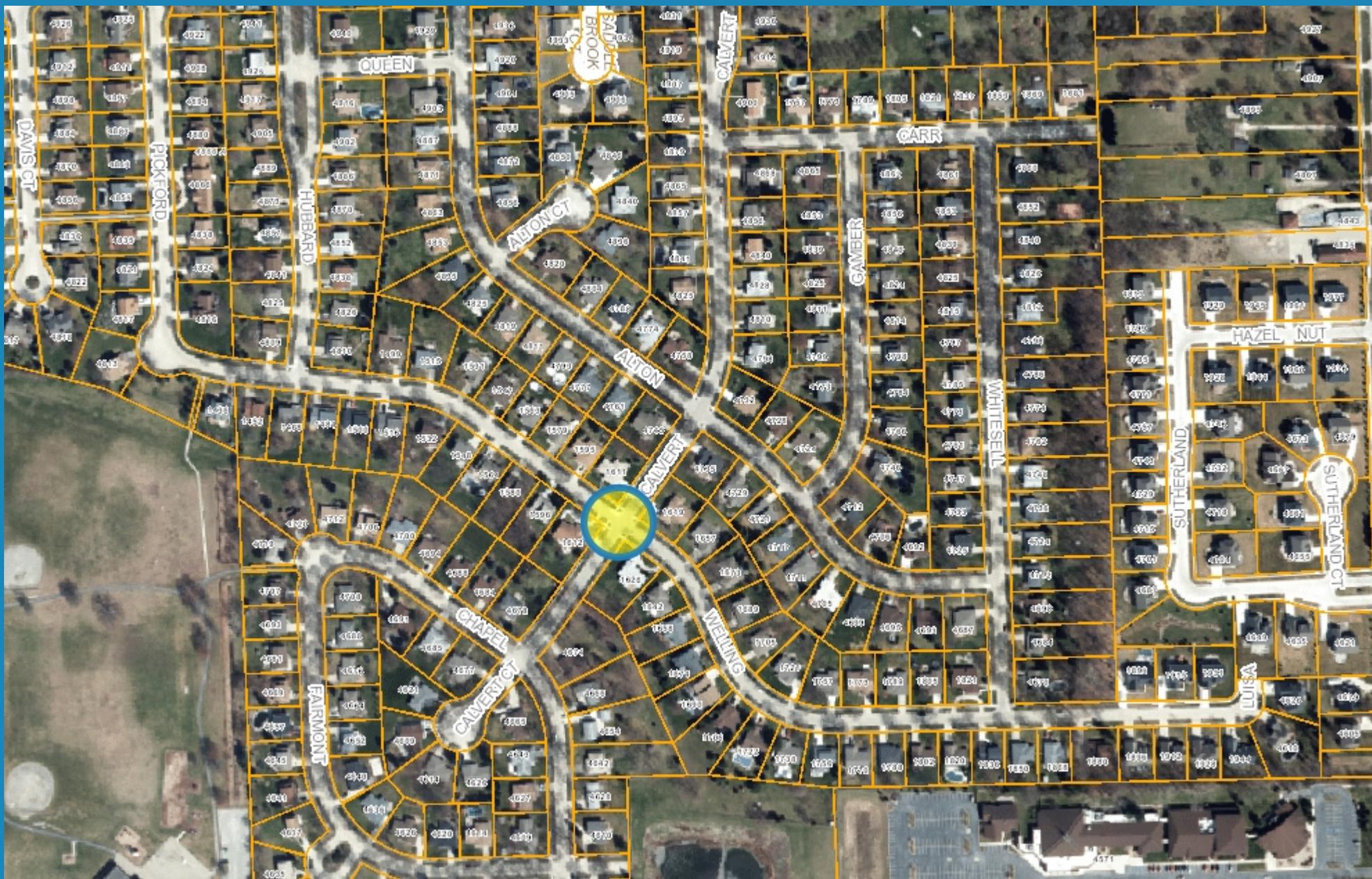
4. Request for Traffic Control – Tutbury at Bretby

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Tutbury at Bretby be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to YIELD control on the Tutbury Lane approaches to the intersection.

5. Request for Traffic Control – Haldane at Niles

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Haldane at Niles be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Haldane and Niles.

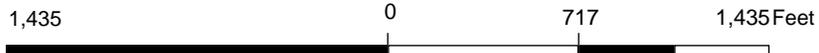
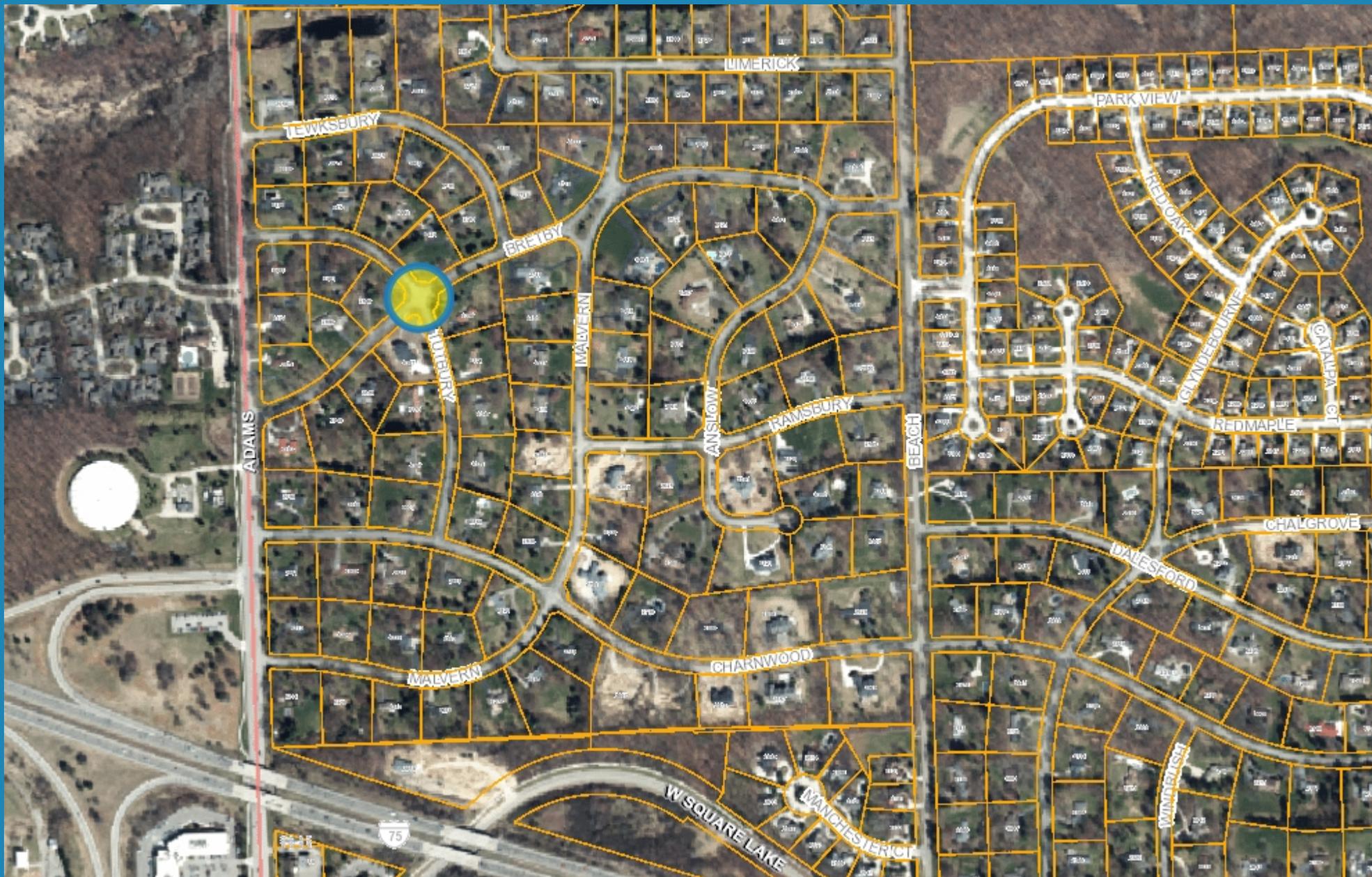
Minutes of the meeting are attached.



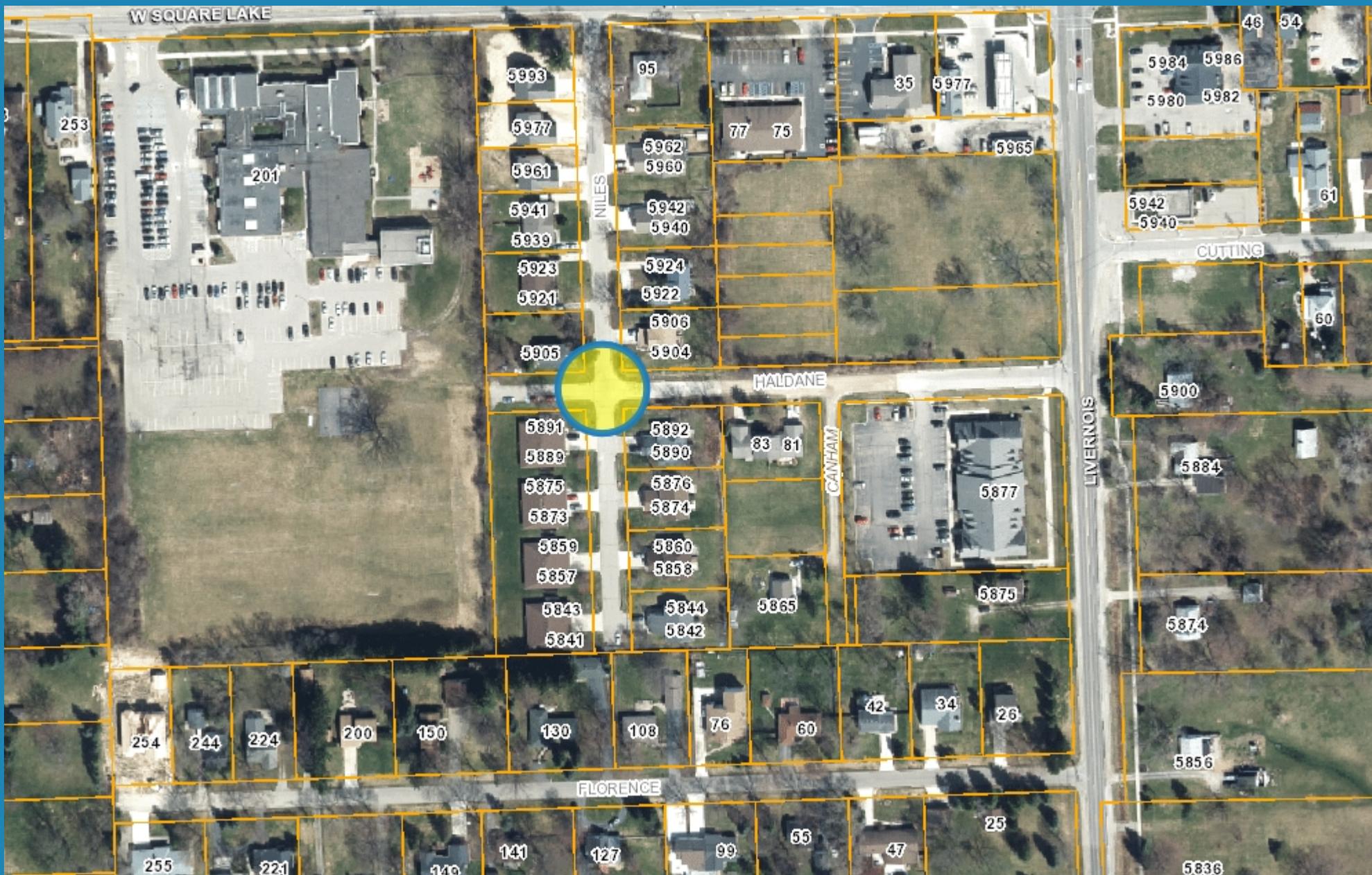
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A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Tim Brandstetter
Mitch Huber
Al Petrusis
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder

Absent: Richard Kilmer

Also present: Terry Stuart, 6303 Tutbury
Justin Brox, 5844 Niles
Gordon Armstrong, 95 W. Square Lake
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – October 19, 2016

Resolution # 2016-10-31
Moved by Petrusis
Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the September 21, 2016 minutes as printed.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Traffic Control – Welling at Calvert

At the September 21, 2016 Traffic Committee meeting, Mr. Bob Brokenshire of 1596 Welling requested that the intersection of Welling at Calvert be reviewed. There are existing Yield signs on the Welling Drive approaches to Calvert. He felt that the existing Yield signs did not provide the proper traffic control at the intersection. Mr. Brokenshire stated that traffic does not yield the right-of-way, travels through the intersection at a high rate of speed, is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians and creates a hazardous condition.

No residents were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the request.

Traffic Engineering did receive one (1) phone call in opposition to any changes at the intersection.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed the need for any changes at the intersection. The Yield signs appear to be appropriate for the intersection based on the study by OHM.

Mr. Petrusis discussed the only resident input received was in opposition to the request.

Resolution # 2016-10-32
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that NO CHANGE be made at the intersection of Welling at Calvert.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Traffic Control – Tutbury at Bretby

Mr. Terry Stuart of 6303 Tutbury states that the lack of existing traffic control at the intersection of Tutbury at Bretby creates a hazardous condition. Traffic does not yield the right-of-way and travels through the intersection at a high rate of speed and is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians. Increased traffic due to the I-75 construction has further exacerbated the issue with higher volumes of traffic during the peak hours

Terry Stuart of 6303 Tutubury was in attendance at the meeting to support the request for traffic control at the intersection. Mr. Stuart discussed that the intersection is just east of Adams and driver confusion when they get to the intersection. Trees at the intersection obstruct a driver’s view and lead to situations where drivers may not be able to see oncoming traffic. The I75 construction has led to an increase in traffic and frustration by drivers. Mr. Stuart supports Yield signs at the intersection.

Mr. Petrulis stated that this is an odd intersection when you approach it and believes it requires some type of traffic control. A Yield sign may be sufficient.

Ms. Wilsher would rather see a Stop sign. When you can’t see traffic at an intersection you should approach the intersection with caution.

Mr. Brandstetter asked the residents if Tutbury was the appropriate street for Yield signs [they responded in the affirmative].

Mr. Petrulis recommended that the trees in the right-of-way be trimmed.

Mr. Brandstetter added that even if the trees were trimmed there would still be the need for Yield signs at the intersection.

Resolution # 2016-10-33
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Huber

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Tutbury at Bretby be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to YIELD control on the Tutbury Lane approaches to the intersection.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Traffic Control – Haldane at Niles

Mr. Gordon Armstrong of 95 W. Square Lake Road contacted the City’s Building Official regarding the lack of traffic control signs at the intersection of Haldane and Niles. The resident stated that traffic does not yield the right-of-way and creates a hazardous condition at the intersection.

Mr. Armstrong was in attendance at the meeting to discuss this request. He reports that there are 16 buildings on Niles and 30 houses, with 54 vehicles that he counted. He has never seen a problem with residents on Niles or Haldane, but attributes the issue to cut through traffic from Livernois to Square Lake or vice versa. Drivers take the intersection at high rates of speed and create an unsafe situation as they travel into the opposing lane of traffic during their turn. Mr. Armstrong reports that there are many children in this area and in the interest of safety he believes Stop signs are appropriate at the intersection.

Mr. Justin Brox of 5844 Niles was in attendance and supported what Mr. Armstrong stated. Mr. Brox added that Livernois at Square Lake gets very congested and drivers cut through on Haldane and Niles to avoid the backup at the traffic signal. He stated that this will always be a “high child neighborhood” due to the school near Niles and Square Lake.

Ms. Wilsher added that there is a lot of vegetation at the intersection that obstructs a driver’s vision. She added that you must stop before proceeding.

Mr. Petrulis discussed that the primary cut through was from northbound Livernois to westbound Square Lake to avoid the left turn backup at the Square Lake and Livernois intersection.

Resolution # 2016-10-34
Moved by Huber
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Haldane at Niles be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to STOP control on the Haldane Drive approaches to the intersection.

This motion was amended by Mr. Huber and supported by Mr. Petrulis.

Resolution # 2016-10-35
Moved by Huber
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the motion be **AMENDED** from STOP control on Haldane Drive approaches to the intersection to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Haldane and Niles.

Yes: Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: Brandstetter
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Brandstetter explained his no vote was based on unwarranted Stop signs at an intersection creating confusion for a driver than may not feel they need to stop. This may create a false sense of security for drivers or pedestrians when they expect a driver to stop. He also discussed that Stop signs may not eliminate cut through traffic.

There was general discussion of cut through traffic as well as options other than signage that might be

appropriate.

Resolution # 2016-10-36
Moved by Huber
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Haldane at Niles be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Haldane and Niles.

Yes: Huber, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: Brandstetter, Petrulis
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

6. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment made.

7. Other Business

There was no other business to address.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer