

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Municipal Government Complex – Administration Conference Room  
Thursday, January 23, 2014 – 10:00A.M.

### MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** Chris Schmiesing, Israel Carnes, Bruce Jamison, Roger Wehrman, Mike Allen, Bob Graeser, and Janelle Collier

**Absent:** Doug Harter, Jon Litchfield, Mike Rindler, Nick Berger, Tom Steiner, Amy Havenar, and Marty Grove.

**Guest:** Cindy Pearson and Ron Pearson

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#### 1. Meeting Minutes

The October 24, 2013 meeting minutes were presented via email for review and approval.

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#### 2. Old Business

No Old Business was included on the agenda.

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#### 3. New Business

##### Vehicle Speeds on Wood Street from Covington to College:

Mrs. Pearson commented that Wood Street one way modification has not addressed the original concern of the excessive speed of vehicles, nor the truck traffic cutting through the residential neighborhood. Mrs. Pearson noted that residents were of the understanding that Wood Street would be closed at Covington Avenue and were surprised to see just the one way modification.

After open discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pearson, the Transportation Committee members acknowledged the legitimacy of the concern. The committee suggested that in light of the City Commissions' prior involvement in the response provided to the concern, there needed to be additional follow up with the City Commission concerning this item.

Chief Jamison made a motion to support the neighborhood residents' interest in closing Wood Street to thru traffic noting that proposed traffic change would eliminate thru traffic and is consistent with the recommendation previously advanced by the Transportation Committee concerning this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and supported unanimously by all present.

Mr. Schmiesing will advise City Manager, Gary Huff of the Transportation Committee discussion concerning this matter.

Additional site distance concerns due to the overgrowth of landscaping will be addressed by the Engineering Department.

##### Trucks on Miami Street to Covington Ave:

Mr. Pearson presented pictures to the committee which indicates trucks using Miami and Gordon to access Covington Ave. There was some

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discussion of how best to proceed.

It was determined by the committee that the concern would be addressed as part of the broader discussion concerning a Designated Truck Route Plan.

#### Ped Signal Installation at Park and Broadway:

Mr. Wehrman reported that an update and rebuild of the intersections with new equipment is necessary for the ped system to fit the needs of the new school building. Piqua Power would not be able to provide the amount of labor required to complete the work in-house.

Mr. Wehrman and Mr. Allen will discuss the plan/program with Ms. Havenar to determine if the scope of work can be part of the programming resources set for the completion in the summer of 2015.

#### Clark and Roosevelt:

Chief Jamison stated he had received prior citizen concerns about Clark Avenue west bound traffic turning right onto South Roosevelt. Mr. Schmiesing will complete Traffic Control Change Request Evaluation form.

Additional concerns relating to truck traffic at the Clark and Roosevelt intersection will be addressed in the Designated Truck Route Plan.

#### Designated Truck Route Plan and Ordinance Amendment:

Mr. Schmiesing distributed copies of the Plan It Piqua – Comprehensive Plan, Section 5: Transportation and the ODOT – Piqua Rural and Urban Functional Class Codes Map for the committee's review relating to a Designated Truck Route Plan.

The highlighted sections of the Comprehensive Plan were discussed in detail. The committee identified the preferred and non-preferred truck routes to be included in the plan.

The committee will continue evaluating the Designated Truck Route Plan with a recommendation to City Commission to follow at a later date.

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#### **4. Updates/Reports**

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##### South and Sunset:

Mr. Carnes will remove the flags which will complete the Intersection Action Plan.

##### Park and Lambert:

The item will be presented to City Commission in spring 2014.

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#### USR 36 E. Ash Street Beautification Project:

Mr. Graeser stated the punch list items will be completed in spring 2014.

#### Commercial Street Bike Path Connection Project:

The City is working with ODOT to secure the right-of-way.

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### **5. Other Business**

#### Spring and Greene Street:

Mr. Wehrman made a motion to implement a four-way stop. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnes and supported unanimously by all present.

Mr. Schmiesing will complete the Traffic Control Change Request Evaluation form.

#### E. Ash at Scott Drive:

Chief Jamison noted vehicles are still turning right into Speedway by using the shoulder as a lane. Mr. Schmiesing will complete the Traffic Control Change Request Evaluation form.

#### Covington Avenue Pedestrian crossing at Kroger's:

Chief Jamison expressed a citizens concern with the safety of the pedestrian crossing at Covington Avenue. Senior citizens and handicapped residents do not have enough time to cross the road without conflicting with vehicle traffic exiting the parking lot when turning eastbound.

Mike Allen will check the clearance time for safe pedestrian crossing and report back to Chief Jamison to respond to the citizen request.

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### **6. Adjournment**

Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

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