



COMMISSIONERS

Acting Chair Dustin Sailor
Dennis Richmond, Brett Weddell, David Gibbs, Ryan Adams, Anthony Powell, Nick Kieffer, Alan Metcalfe, Evan Bontrager

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES March 21, 2024 – 4:30 PM

The March 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Dustin Sailor at 4:30 pm in the City Annex Conference room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Acting Chair Dustin Sailor, Dennis Richmond, Brett Weddell, David Gibbs, Ryan Adams, Nick Kieffer, Alan Metcalfe, Evan Bontrager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Powell

STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Gina Leichty
Tara Hetler, Engineering Department
Amanda Guzman, Communications Manager
Hannah Scott-Carter, Community Relations Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT

Reni Lehman, Goshen Resident
Jon Lehman, Goshen Resident
Neil Detweiler, Goshen Resident

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Streetlight at Wilden Avenue and SR 15

A resident of Goshen asked about the possibility of a streetlight at the intersection of Wilden Avenue and SR 15 now that the road reconstruction is complete. Dustin Sailor stated the issue is that INDOT did not install the streetlight nor was it designed into the plans. Therefore, the difficulty is the lack of electricity for a streetlight.

b) Roundabouts in Goshen

A resident of Goshen, who supports and appreciates the roundabouts that other cities have utilized, asked about Goshen's plan to utilize roundabouts in future projects. Dustin Sailor agreed that roundabouts are ideal for traffic flow, but it does require the city to own more right-of-way which in some areas is not possible. Even though there was quite a bit of public pushback against the roundabout at Dierdorff Road and Keystone Drive,

the City of Goshen is constructing a new roundabout this year at the intersection of Peddlers Village Road and Reliance Road.

c) Truck Routes – 9th Street Corridor

A resident of Goshen wanted to follow up on the discussion from last month's meeting regarding the truck routes in the 9th Street corridor. Dustin Sailor stated that the engineering department has run the truck movements through the nearby intersections to see which intersections were feasible for semi-trucks and has also gone through Board of Works minutes back to 2007 looking for the history of any action items. Goshen Engineering will continue to work on this item.

III OLD BUSINESS

a) Stop Sign Removal Request – Hay Parkway

Acting Chair, Dustin Sailor provided the update that the Traffic Commission's recommendation was presented to the Board of Public Works, and the motion to remove the two stop signs on Hay Parkway at Northstone Road was denied. The stop signs will stay as is at that intersection.

b) Stop Signs Request – Northstone Road & Harvest Drive

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Metcalfe, to deny the installation of additional stop signs as the traffic counts that engineering collected do not warrant a 4-way stop and the speed of vehicles was in the ideal 85th percentile.

IV NEW BUSINESS

a) Oaths of Office

Seven (7) Commissioners were sworn into office with a 1-year term by Mayor Gina Leichty. Congratulations to Commissioner Dennis Richmond, Commissioner Brett Weddell, Commissioner David Gibbs, Commissioner Ryan Adams, Commissioner Nick Keiffer, Commissioner Alan Metcalfe, and Commissioner Evan Bontrager.

b) Crosswalk with Signs – Old Bag Factory on Chicago Avenue

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer to approve the recommendation from Director of Public Works, Dustin Sailor, to install a continental crosswalk from the west side of the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Indiana Avenue with an ADA ramp on the south side of Chicago Avenue connecting to the existing sidewalk. Motion approved 7-0.

c) Wilson Avenue Requests

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Kieffer, seconded by Commissioner Weddell to approve repainting the crosswalk at Wilson Avenue and Burdick Street but denying the other three requests. Motion approved 7-0.

d) Do Not Enter Sign – Alley 123

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Bontrager, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to table the installation of an additional Do Not Enter sign at W Pike Street with the request that the Engineering Department checks into the possibility of vacating the alley by polling the neighbors to the north to see how they use the

alley and to ask Dairy Queen about the route for their trash pickup. Motion approved 7-0.

e) Speed Limit Reduction at corners of Brinkley Way West & East

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer to approve the additional agenda item and to also approve the reduction of the speed limit to 25mph around the corners of the newly constructed Brinkley Way West and Brinkley Way East. Motion approved 7-0.

V OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Speed Limit Signs Found – Park Meadows

There was a discussion regarding the two speed limit signs found in the Villas of Park Meadows that were not installed nor approved by the City of Goshen. With the signs not being the correct speed limit and not meeting the MUTCD standards, the city will remove the signs and send a letter to the HOA.

VI ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motioned by Commissioner Weddell, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.