



City of Denton
MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
Denton, Texas
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Monday, November 4, 2019

5:30 p.m.

City Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum of the Traffic Safety Commission of the City of Denton, Texas is present, the Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission will thereafter convene into an open meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas

Commissioners: Chair Daniel Krutka, Clay Thurmond, Connie Baker, Kevin Sample and Jim Owen

Staff Members: Brian Jahn, City Traffic Engineer; Chandra Muruganandham, Senior Traffic Engineer; Pam Alummoottil, Traffic Engineer; Stephanie Barry, Assistant City Attorney; and Becky Owens, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

- E. TSC19-054** Kevin Sample made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2019 and Clay Thurman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by vote (5-0).
- D. TSC19-053** Chandra Muruganandham made a presentation for discussion for staff direction regarding the installation of a loading zone at 1120 W. Hickory Street. Three options were presented. The current City practice of requesting loading zone paid permits was shared. Staff is proposing a dual function shared curb space for a commercial loading zone and parking spaces.

Long term commissioners shared a brief history of events and changes that have evolved in this area for both parking, bike lanes and loading areas prior to the current City Staff coming on board. Enforcement continues to be a significant problem in this area as well as the recent Fry Street/Avenue A changes with the Hickory Street bike lane.

Tonight's case is to determine if there is validity in granting the requested zone, how big does it need to be and where is it going to be designated.

Phillip Slyby a representative of Zalut Pizza spoke in support of their request and staff's initial proposal. He noted are noticing this as a growing problem in other cities for all types of delivery and courier service vehicles. A lot of their business is at night and they are primarily a delivery business done mostly off of apps. There problem is similar to other food service organizations observed in this particular area. He was appreciative of the discussion and look forward to a potential solution.

Kevin Moore the Operator of Zalut Pizza spoke to confirm the request for 10 minute parking for 2-4 spots between 1120 W Hickory and Welch near the restaurant. He has visited with his associated neighbors for support and the safety concern in the area. His recent experience and also during construction when workers were delivering equipment and supplies, there has been no enforcement and no citations issued that he is aware of.

A motion was made to put this individual request on hold with a recommendation for Council to consider a commercial loading zone for public use on Avenue A, Mulberry and Hickory business areas and approved by vote (5-0).

- A. **TSC19-050** Pam Alummoottil presented staff recommendations for Wilson Elementary School during construction. A community meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 6:00 pm at the school.
- B. **TSC19-051** Pam Alummoottil gave a report on a citywide regulation restricting on-street parking where dedicated bike lanes are located. A current ordinance was shared and has been confirmed by the Legal Department can be applied. Staff suggests more defined language specific to restricting parking in designated bike lanes with a new ordinance.

A separate standalone ordinance would be required to address obstructions other than vehicles in the bike lane.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by vote (5-0) to approve the Staff recommendation.

- C. **TSC19-052** Brian Jahn presented information for discussion to receive staff direction regarding installation of STOP signs at several intersections along Photinia Avenue. Staff recommends the installation of stop signs as originally proposed and planned on Heron Pond and other intersecting streets to Photinia as a collector street.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by vote (5-0) to accept and implement the Staff recommendation.

F. **TSC19-055** **Staff Reports**

1. The New Business Matrix listing was reviewed and additional items added.

Information was provided as general information on the pilot program for an exclusive pedestrian phase for all of the signals around the square that is going to City Council on Tuesday, November 12th.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Utilities Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED



Daniel Krutka
Chair



Becky Owens
Administrative Assistant