

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING 6/27/2024**

**Date and Time:** 6/27/2024 05:15 pm

**Time:**

**Present:** Jay Hickman, Bill Nigus, Valerie Sebacher, Assistant Police Chief Dall Hedges, Fire Chief Russell Sing, Mayor Steve Myers, Councilmember Bill Hinchie, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff, and Deputy City Clerk Marissa Peneston

**Absent:** Assistant Fire Chief Todd Gray, Director of Administration Courtney L. Doyle, City Engineer Kyle Bruemmer, Chief of Police Bill Ladwig, Councilmember Mary Rehklau

**Location:** Fulton City Hall

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Safety Commission meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

There were four members present, and one member (Todd Gray) absent. Quorum met.

**Decision** Motion was made by Valerie Sebacher and Seconded by Dall Hedges to amend the agenda and add the election of officers. Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent.

Nominations for commission chair were accepted, Mayor Myers nominated Valerie Sebacher. No other nominations were made. Nominations for co-chair were accepted, Dall Hedges nominated Todd Gray.

**Decision** With no other nominations, Bill Nigus motioned and Dall Hedges seconded to make Valerie Sebacher the commission chair and Todd Gray the co-chair. Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent.

#### **3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

There were no comments.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Decision** Motion was made by Dall Hedges and Seconded by Bill Nigus to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes. Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent.

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Splash pad fence review**

The Public Safety Commission would recommend the Park Board not put up a fence. The added liability of a fence along with the additional cost of maintaining a fence do not seem beneficial. When coming out of the roundabout going west on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, there is not a speed limit sign before the splash pad. The commission would like to get City Engineer Kyle Bruemmer's

opinion on how to reduce individuals' speed and ask if a temporary speed bump would be an option.

**Decision** Motion was made by Bill Nigus and Seconded by Dall Hedges not to move forward with a fence. Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent.

**Angled parking in the 500 block of Court Street (one side of the roadway).**

Kyle Bruemmer provided handouts for members to look at the proposed angled parking, but without him being present to explain the plans in detail it will be moved to the next meeting. Mayor Myers noted that he had talked to a few business owners on Court Street and they were in favor of the parking change.

**Ditch maintenance and ownership.**

Ditch maintenance was briefly discussed.

**Councilmember concerns.**

Handout of councilmember concerns will be redistributed, if members have a specific concern after reading over, individual issues can be added to the next meeting agenda.

**On-street parking (green space and double-sided parking)**

This was moved to the next meeting.

**Other**

There was no other old business.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**Parking issues near school intersections**

The main street recommendations near school intersections to look at are East 10<sup>th</sup> and Grand Street near Fulton Middle School and Hickman Avenue and West 7<sup>th</sup> Street near McIntire Elementary School. No decisions were made at this time.

**Speeding on Pioneer Drive**

Pioneer Drive is a dead-end street that experiences a lot of speeding. The speed limit on this street is 20 miles per hour. In the past, a temporary speed bump was used but caused issues and a permanent speed bump would hinder snow removal in the winter. A suggestion was made to grind the road and add rumble stripes across the road in a few places to slow traffic down. This suggestion will be brought to the engineering department to see if it is a feasible option.

**Claymine Drive – Citizen request of a reduced speed limit**

The speed limit on this street is currently 30 miles per hour. With construction happening around the area Claymine Drive is seeing more traffic as people try and avoid the construction. There are no sidewalks on the street.

**5<sup>th</sup> & Grand – request change of southbound yield sign to a stop sign**

Citizen complaints have been received about vehicles not yielding and blowing through this sign.

### **5<sup>th</sup> & State – request additional stop sign be placed at this three-way stop**

Currently, this is a three-way stop by the State Hospital, with traffic from hospital employees parking and pulling onto the street the commission would like to see this become a four-way stop from all directions.

**Decision** A motion was made by Dall Hedges and seconded by Jay Hickman to recommend the following to the City Council:

- The speed limit for the entirety of Claymine Drive be reduced to 20 miles per hour.
- The yield sign at 5<sup>th</sup> and Grand be changed to a stop sign.
- The three-way stop at 5<sup>th</sup> and State be made into a four-way stop.

Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent

### **Other**

An overgrowth from the creek near State and 10<sup>th</sup> Street was briefly mentioned and city crews will look into what can be done to address this concern.

A parking ordinance for recreational vehicles on city streets was discussed, and the question of whether there is an ordinance in place was asked and will be researched and brought back at the next meeting.

### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The Public Safety Commission is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

### **8. ADJOURN**

**Decision** Motion was made by Bill Nigus and Seconded by Dall Hedges to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Gray) absent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marissa Peneston  
Deputy Clerk