



Streets & Traffic Control Committee

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

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The next item on the agenda was a request for a speed calming measure be installed on North Ingleside Street around the intersection of North Ingleside and Audubon Place/Cedar Avenue. The committee requested a traffic study to be completed for review at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a speed calming device to be installed on Nichols Avenue Extension around the entrance to Hawthorne Glenn. The committee reviewed the request. Jack Burrell made a motion to recommend temporarily installing a bolt down device just west of the Hawthorne Glenn subdivision until 2024; seconded by Mike Jeffries; none opposed.

The next item on the agenda was a request from the Mayors office to discuss making Pine Street between Bancroft Street and Section Street a one-way street. The committee discussed this street, suggesting that the one-way movement would be travelling east. There is right of way there that could be used for loading zones. Jack Burrell made a motion to recommend that Pine Street between Bancroft Street and Section Street be made a one-way travelling east; seconded by Sherry Sullivan; none opposed.

The committee also discussed pedestrian improvements on North Section Street between Pine and Equality and lack of sidewalk continuity in the area. They also discussed down-town delivery trucks parking in the roadway for deliveries. The committee would like to work with the Parking Authority and Downtown Merchants to find solutions.

The next item on the agenda was a request to remove a speed calming device on South Ingleside between Fairhope Avenue and Morphy Avenue. The committee discussed the request and the original request for placement. Mike Jeffries made a motion to recommend the speed calming device be removed; seconded by Hunter Simmons; none opposed.

The next item on the agenda the committee discussed were requests from the Fairhope Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee (FPBC). FPBC would like to see the installation of pedestrian activated flashing crosswalk signs for the cross walks on Twin Beech west of Pirate Drive, Twin Beech/Boothe Rd/Founders Dr intersection, and Twin Beech east of Summer Lake Street. Richard Johnson thought it would be a good investment. FPBC would like to see implementation of traffic calming solutions to slow traffic on Twin Beech as it has become a high-speed corridor and to designate Twin Beech Rd from South Greeno to Summerlake Street as a "School Zone". The committee discussed this section of Twin Beech Road in detail. The "School Zone" designation can only be used on the road the school faces. Richard Johnson made a motion to recommend that City Council make a recommendation to the MPO for intersection improvements at Twin Beech and Founders/Booth Roads; seconded by Hunter Simmons; none opposed.

The committee next reviewed a request to help with on-street parking along Summit Street between St. James & Fairhope Avenue. The committee discussed the request, noting that parking is an issue all over town and large vehicles make it hard to navigate.

The next item on the agenda was a request to allow scooters in the downtown area. The committee discussed safety and congestion issues. Hunter Simmons made a motion to deny this request; seconded by Mike Jeffries; none opposed.

The public was allowed to address the committee. Dave Nelson, 58 Cliff Drive, voiced his concerns about dangerous road conditions and lack of street lighting along Bayview. He also asked if St. James and Cliff Drive are on the upcoming paving list. Richard Johnson replied that they are not on the FY2023 paving list, but could possibly be on the FY2024 list. Clay Godwin, 957 Charleston Lp, questioned the committee about traffic guidelines in subdivisions. Hunter Simmons replied with the history of subdivision master plans.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting duly adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Olmstead

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