

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN        )

The Street & Traffic Control Committee met at 4:00 p.m.,  
City Hall, Council Chambers, 161 North Section Street,  
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Thursday, 10 October 2013.

**Present were:**

Council President Jack Burrell, James Gillespie, Chief Joe Petties, Jennifer Fidler,  
Jonathan Smith and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

Mayor Timothy M. Kant was absent.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

The following requests are on the agenda: Perdido Avenue for speed bumps,  
Normandy Street in Arlington Farms for speed bumps, Liberty Street and Orange  
intersection for a 4-way stop; and Fairhope Avenue and South Mobile Street intersection  
traffic issues.

Perdido Avenue - Chief Petties explained that no speed calming device was ever  
installed due to uproar between neighbors. Some want speed bumps and others do not.  
Chief Petties also explained the traffic study and the results. John Nordmann along with  
other residents on Perdido spoke against the speed bumps and he presented a handout to  
the Committee.

Mr. Nordmann stated property values will decrease and first responders will have issues.  
Joe Birindelli, 351 Grand Avenue, spoke against the speed bumps because these would  
divert traffic onto Grand and Seminole. You should look at the whole neighborhood.  
One citizen stated he had lived there 40 years without a peep and now there is a feud.  
Gail Tait, 659 N. Mobile Street, said she was an outside neighbor. Ms. Tait said we  
should work together before costing taxpayers' money.

Jack Burrell stated we needed to look at how we want these petitions in the future. Do  
we want one hundred percent for speed calming devices or seventy to seventy-five  
percent of the majority being affected in the neighborhood? Mr. Burrell mentioned  
having 4 speed bumps on his street with only 23 homes. Chief Petties said that  
neighborhoods need to work together and make a decision. Mr. Burrell said it is hard to  
make a recommendation when neighbors are 50/50 for and against.

Normandy Street - April McNair, 123 Normandy Street, addressed the Committee and requested speed bumps. She commented that the speed limit is 25 mph and there are 28 children on her street. Ms. McNair said there are 38 total homes in the neighborhood. Chief Petties explained the results from the traffic study. A State Trooper and a Deputy from the Sheriff's office who live on Normandy; and both state there is a speeding problem on the street.

James Gillespie said we should put up speed calming device signs because the speed limits clocked are dangerous. Mr. Gillespie then moved to recommend to the City Council for signage to be put up for proposed speed bumps. No one seconded the motion.

Chief Petties moved to recommend to the City Council for speed calming devices on Normandy Street. Seconded by Jennifer Fidler, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

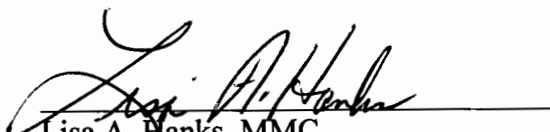
Ms. McNair asked about aesthetics; and Ms. Fidler replied that it would cost about \$1,500.00 for each speed bump which would be the cost of the homeowners.

Liberty Street and Orange intersection - Jack Burrell stated that no one was present regarding the request for a 4-way at this intersection, so this one will not be addressed.

Fairhope Avenue and South Mobile Street intersection - Chuck Osborne, 107 Fig, brought pictures and explained a possible tragedy at this dangerous intersection. Chief Petties said he would pull up traffic reports at the intersection and find out how many may have happened. Mr. Osborne suggested lowering the speed limit to 8 mph. Mr. Gillespie replied he did not have a problem lowering the speed limit to 10 mph or 15 mph. Mr. Osborne suggested at least putting up signage or some type of caution. Mr. Burrell commented he did not have a problem with signage.

There being no further business to come before the Street & Traffic Control Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

  
Jack Burrell, Council President

  
Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk