

City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission  
6 June 2005 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caroljean Brune, Chair, John Ziegelmeyer, Jr. Vice-Chair, Danny Drungilas, Paul Graves, David Hamby and Richard Heckler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Bowen, Robert Hagen, Caleb Morse.

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department and Officer Jim Miller, Police Department

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**Note: Recording of meeting did not operate properly until Item No. 7, therefore individual comments are not available.**

Chair Caroljean Brune called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room in City Hall.

**ITEM NO. 1:**

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 2, 2005.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMBY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2005 TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 (Heckler).**

**ITEM NO. 2:**

Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on Riverview Road between Rock Fence Place and Kasold Drive.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and distributed copies of an e-mail from Carol and George Worth, 3208 Riverview Road.

Paul Mallamo, 3108 Riverview Road, spoke in favor of the request.

Tammy Sabol, 3221 Riverview Road, spoke about the request.

John Durniak, 300 Rock Fence Place, spoke about the request.

Commissioner Heckler indicated that he supported the request.

Commissioner Hamby indicated that he supported one SPEED HUMP near the point of highest speed at the bottom of the hill.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAVES, TO RECOMMEND CONSTRUCTION OF ONE SPEED HUMP AT APPROXIMATELY 3112 RIVERVIEW ROAD NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

#### **ITEM NO. 3:**

Consider installation of a STOP sign on Field Stone Drive at Grand Vista Drive.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, TO RECOMMEND INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON FIELD STONE DRIVE AT GRAND VISTA DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

#### **ITEM NO. 4:**

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Eldridge Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Trail Road.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Donna Lang, 412 Eldridge Street, spoke in favor of the request.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAMBY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF ELDRIDGE STREET BETWEEN SEELE WAY AND TRAIL ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**ITEM NO. 5:**

Consider request to establish an ALL-WAY STOP at 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Alabama Street.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR AN ALL-WAY STOP AT 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET & ALABAMA STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**ITEM NO. 7:**

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Lawrence Avenue from 150 ft. north of Bob Billings Parkway to Applegate Court.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Angie Stoller, 1451 Lawrence Avenue: I would request that this change not be made; my driveway is a shared driveway and this would leave me with very little parking for my unit; with the existing parking restriction, there is no problem turning onto or off of Bob Billings Parkway; I have never seen an accident in front of my house.

Mary Elizabeth Debicki, 1445 Applegate Court: I instigated the petition with a lot of support from the neighborhood; the problem is the curve, drivers don't realize how much the street curves; the police tell me they have all kinds of reports of accidents and cars being scraped on the side; those of us that have lived in the neighborhood have talked to each other and realize that we're "cutting off our noses to spite our face," we know we will have to ask our visitors to park a distance from our homes, but we feel the danger that's involved there is worth it; when the existing parking restriction was implemented, we were encouraged to return if that didn't solve the problem; the restriction needs to be extended at least to the last driveway before Applegate Court, but we are requesting all the way.

Mickey Moss, 1428 Lawrence Avenue: We do have a lot of cars park there along the curve and the curve is dangerous; with cars parked there two cars cannot pass each other, one has to stop; since it is a curve, people don't always park close to the curb, and that makes it even worse; all the mailboxes along the east side of the street have been hit and knocked-down numerous times, one neighbor keeps a spare mailbox in the garage.

Commissioner Heckler: It is more a problem of congestion.

Commissioner Drungilas: I'm always concerned about where the cars will go if no parking is installed.

Commissioner Heckler: I see the situation so often I can support the request all the way to Applegate.

Commissioner Hamby: My concern is that the speed may increase if the parking is eliminated making the situation worse.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I agree, I drive this street every day.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LAWRENCE AVENUE FROM 150 FT. NORTH OF BOB BILLINGS PARKWAY TO APPLGATE COURT; THE MOTION CARRIED 4-1-1** (Heckler: The street is too narrow for a collector street and creates congestion; Brune: I can't decide.)

#### **ITEM NO. 6:**

Consider an Ordinance concerning TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCLES and ROUNDABOUTS.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and distributed copies of a draft ordinance prepared by the city's staff attorney.

Commissioner Brune: Did the legal department ever decide whether or not it is legal to turn left in front of a traffic calming circle? Woosley advised that it appears that it is, but this ordinance clarifies it so there is no question.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE CONCERNING TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCLES AND ROUNDABOUTS; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**ITEM NO. 8:**

Election of CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR for 2005-2006.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAVES, TO ELECT JOHN ZIEGELMEYER CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2006; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO ELECT DAVID HAMBY VICE-CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2006; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1.**

**ITEM NO. 9:**

Public Comment.

None.

**ITEM NO. 10:**

Commission Items:

The Commission decided to reschedule the July meeting from the 4th to the 11th.

Commissioner Drungilas updated the Commission on the activities of the Pedestrian Advisory Sub-Committee.

**ITEM NO. 11:**

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, July 11, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
David E. Woosley, P.E.  
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

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**Brune, Caroljean S**

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**From:** GJWorth@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2005 11:24 AM  
**To:** Brune, Caroljean S  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety Commissio agenda

Dear Caroljean,

We're writing in reference to Item No. 2 on the Traffic Safety Commission agenda for next week's meeting: to "Consider request to construct SPEED HUMPS on Riverview Road between Rock Fence Place and Kasold Drive."

As residents of the affected portion of Riverview Road, we don't see the necessity of speed humps here. This is not a heavily traveled street, and there is very little speeding that we're aware of. It's true that in the 18 years we've lived in this house there have been two instances when cars have driven on to our front lawn, causing damage to our landscaping, but both of these occurred some time ago, at night, and we don't know, though we suspect, that these vehicles were speeding.

Still, we believe that there must be more urgent needs for street improvements in Lawrence and in particular in this neighborhood, where we're "blessed" with lots of potholes and rough pavement. Speed humps don't seem to us to be high-priority items.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate being notified of this agenda item.

Carol and George Worth

5/31/2005

# Draft

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
AMENDING THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR  
KANSAS CITIES, 2004 EDITION, ENACTING SECTIONS 17-  
103.1 AND 17-107.2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS, 2003 EDITION AND AMENDMENTS  
THERE TO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE,  
KANSAS:

**Section 1.** Section 17-103.1 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2003 Edition, and amendments thereto is hereby enacted to read as follows:

17-103.1 AMENDMENTS TO STO. DEFINITIONS. Section 1 is amended to include the following words and phrases:

**Circular Intersection.** An intersection that has an island or other area not designed for the operation of vehicular traffic, generally circular in design, located in the center of the intersection.

**Roundabout.** A circular intersection characterized by channelized approaches and yield control of entering traffic. A roundabout encompasses the area bounded by the outermost curb line or, if there is no curb, the edge of the pavement, and includes crosswalks on any entering or exiting roadway.

**Traffic Calming Circle.** An uncontrolled circular intersection without channelized approaches or splitter islands.

**Section 2.** Section 17-107.2 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2003 Edition, and amendments thereto is hereby enacted to read as follows:

17-107.2 AMENDMENTS TO STO; ONE-WAY ROADWAYS, ROUNDABOUTS AND TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCLES. Section 45 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 45. **One-Way Roadways, and Rotary Traffic Islands, Roundabouts, and Traffic Calming Circles.**

- a) When official traffic control devices indicate that vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction upon any highway, roadway, part of a roadway or specific lanes a vehicle shall be driven only in the

direction designated at all or such time as shall be indicated by such device.

- b) A vehicle passing ~~around a rotary traffic island~~ through a roundabout shall be driven only to the right of ~~such~~ the center of the island circular intersection.
- c) Whenever practicable a vehicle intending to turn left at a traffic calming circle shall drive to the right of the center of the circular intersection until reaching the desired street, however, a vehicle may make a left-turn in front of the center of the intersection after yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians and all traffic lawfully using the intersection, or to traffic so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

**Section 3.** Sections 17-103.1 and 17-107.2 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2003 Edition and amendments thereto are hereby enacted.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be effective and be in force upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Dennis Highberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Frank S. Reeb, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

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David L. Corliss, Assistant City Manager  
and Director of Legal Services