



**Meeting Minutes of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

July 6, 2023

6:30 pm

A Hybrid meeting Via Zoom and at City Hall Council Chambers

16860 Main Street

APPROVED

Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Jeffrey Bader
Board Member Christopher Preston (late)
Board Member Kevin Gleason
Board Member Vince Loyal
Council Member Liaison Ed Marshall

Also Present:

Police Liaison Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police
Rick Brown, Director of Public Works
Thomas Lee, Interim City Administrator

Absent:

None

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 6:30 pm, with the above noted as present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 6, 2023. Marshal Jeffrey Bader seconded the motion. Council Member Liaison Ed Marshall abstained. All others voted aye. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted.

Board Member Vince Loyal took a moment to welcome Council Member Liaison Ed Marshall to the board.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. Proposed Policy on Use of Rapid Flashing Beacons at Crosswalks

Director of Public Works, Rick Brown, described the devices, the associated expense, and why the City is seeking a policy that determines where they should be installed. The group discussed pricing, safety aspects, operations, and criteria for using Rapid Flashing Beacons.

B. Lafayette High School- Student Pickup on Westglen Farms Drive

Rick Brown explained of concerns about Lafayette High School student pick up occurring on Westglen Farms Drive. Students walk to Westglen Farms Drive from the High School to get picked up rather than getting picked up onsite. The city previously posted No Standing or Stopping signage on Dartmouth Crossing Drive, across Clayton Road in the Dartmouth Subdivision to deter pick up and drop off in that area. On Westglen Farms south of Clayton Road, No Standing or Stopping signage has not been placed. The request is to provide the same signage. Analysis of the situation, safety, and solutions for signage were discussed. It was noted that the police would speak with the residents in the area and observe the current conditions once school begins, and report back to the Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No items

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Route 109

Rick Brown explained that MODOT requested to reduce the speed limit on certain sections of Highway 109, North of Babler View to north of the south junction of Route BA. School zone traffic speeds in the area will also be reduced. The department is seeking a recommendation to support the speed reduction plan.

MOTION: Board Member Vince Loyal made a motion to support and approve the recommended speed reduction plan. Council Member Liaison Ed Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and none opposed. Therefore, the motion carried. After two readings to the Council, the bill would pass.

B. Proposed Parking Restriction on Manchester Road

Rick Brown explained that a business on Manchester Road uses the bike lane as overflow parking, whether it be for customers or for the used cars that business sells. The city has received complaints and has considered No Parking Signs in the area. The length, type, and extent of No Parking Signage was discussed, as well as Code Enforcement, and the consideration of an ordinance requiring restricting parking in the bike lane.

MOTION: Board Member Vince Loyal made a motion to postpone the discussion until there is more information from the business owner and police. Board Member Kevin Gleason asked if there could be a law prohibiting parking in a bike lane. Rick Brown suggested that it would be easier to respond to certain situations. Christopher Preston seconded the motion, and all voted Aye and none opposed. The motion passed. The Marshal reiterated that Captain Mundel would reach out to the business owner, and that Rick Brown would research the possibility of a no parking rule in the bike lane.

VIII. NOT READY FOR ACTION

Marshal Bader requested that the department consider Special Events providing traffic plans to improve safety and traffic flow. Rick Brown responded that the City has a process for processing Special Event Permit requests, but for some events, more information and traffic planning may be required. He is intending to seek advisement with the City Attorney regarding Special Event Permits.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, at 6:30 pm

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Liaison Ed Marshall motioned to adjourn. Board Member Vince Loyal seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and none opposed. Therefore, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant for Public Works