

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on January 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Willem Mookhoek
Mark Allen, Secretary
Douglas Kincannon, Vice Chair
Andy Anderson
Barry Tidwell

William Yenne, City Manager

Giani Cantu, Asst. City Secretary
James Cromeenes, Detective Lieutenant

Will Brooks, Council Liaison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Douglas Kincannon led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not approved.

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC ON WALNUT STREET AND OLEANDER STREET BETWEEN PLANTATION DRIVE AND OAK DRIVE AND SET FIRST MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR WALNUT/OLEANDER SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Yenne asked that the commission review youtube videos regarding speed tables and speed cushions. The videos were played for the board.

The first meeting of the subcommittee was set for Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm at the Police Department Training Room.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPORT FROM TRUCK ROUTE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUCK ROUTE AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TYPE OF TRUCKS REQUIRED TO DRIVE ON THE TRUCK ROUTES

Mr. Yenne presented the current and proposed truck routes submitted by the city attorney. Mr. Yenne asked if the board want to consider keeping the truck route on Oyster Creek Drive from Hwy 288 to Oak Drive.

Mr. Mookhoek stated the committee felt like there was no reason to designate the smaller downtown area roads as truck routes. The ordinance addresses the need for truck routes to travel on those roads only to get to the destination. The subcommittee also removed the designation on Oyster Creek Drive.

Mr. Anderson asked why not designate most of truck routes on highways and frontage roads.

Mr. Mookhoek stated the subcommittee proposes to use only Oak Drive between 288 and Oyster Creek Drive, Dixie Drive from Oyster Creek Drive to Plantation Drive, FM 2004 within city limits and a portion of Old Angleton Road from 2004 to the city limit. The proposal also designates frontage roads. Mr. Mookhoek presented a large map with the proposed truck routes.

Mr. Allen stated the other purpose of the subcommittee was to define a truck for the purposes of the truck route. A truck was defined as any vehicle with more than two axles, including the front axle. The definition was simplified.

Mr. Mookhoek stated the committee also wanted to make sure they addressed all the issues. The only other issue to be addressed is the signage.

Mr. Cromeenes stated the committee will meet with Mike Maguire with the County to discuss signage.

On motion by Barry Tidwell second by Willem Mookhoek, with all present members voting “aye” the recommendation was made for council to approve the proposed truck route changes.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROHIBITING USE OF HAND HELD DEVICES

Mr. Yenne stated this was previously discussed but nothing has ever been done.

Mr. Brooks stated that the City of Angleton has adopted an ordinance and asked if the board would like for staff to pull that ordinance for review.

Mr. Yenne suggested that the truck route subcommittee could morph into a subcommittee to review this topic.

Mr. Mookhoek stated he liked the idea of looking at Angleton's ordinance and then at the next subcommittee meeting they can discuss the option.

Mr. Allen stated he wouldn't want to do this and decide on regulations and then have state law come in a change it.

Mr. Kincannon stated what would be considered hand held devices.

Mr. Yenne stated it would have to be defined.

Mr. Mookhoek stated it would be good to also review New Braunfels ordinance.

Staff will pull the City of Angleton and New Braunfels ordinances and this item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

DISCUSS BRAZOSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC ONTO DIXIE DRIVE

Mr. Yenne stated there have been no issues.

This item will be removed from any future discussion unless new issues arise.

CITIZEN'S BOND TASK FORCE UPDATE

Mr. Yenne reported on the proposed \$16 million dollar bond issue with five (5) propositions: (1) \$9.9 million for downtown renovations – That Way, Circle Way, East and North Parking Place; (2) Bridge at

Plantation Drive and Medical Drive; (3) Shadow Glen Subdivision street improvements; (4) Willow/Blossom Drainage; and (5) Circle Way and Oak Drive intersection (near City Hall) traffic signal and right turn lane. The impact on this bond issue is a half cent increase, which would put the tax rate at \$0.38.

Mr. Kincannon stated the cost for a bridge is a million dollars and with all the projects proposed on the bond issue and only increasing the tax rate a half cent, what would the impact be to add a third bridge midway of Oleander Street to Medical Drive.

Mr. Yenne stated that could be something to consider at the next bond issue which is proposed in another four to five years.

No further discussion on this item.

ACCIDENT REPORTS – DECEMBER

The reports for December were approved as submitted.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mr. Brooks reported there are many Martin Luther King Jr. Day events coming up and passed out a flyer listing all the events. There will be a community worship service on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Freeport, the commemorative banquet on Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center, and a parade downtown Freeport on Monday, January 18 at 11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Garrett Williams, Chairman

Mark Allen, Secretary