

# Traffic Calming Committee (TCC)

## Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

Chairman Danielle S. Paul, Presiding

### Committee Members Present

Pastor Marsha Buford, District 1 Appointee

Virginia L. Mobley, District 5 Appointee

Danielle S. Paul, District 3 Appointee and Committee Chair

David L. Tanner, District 4 Appointee and Committee Vice-Chair

Susan Atkinson, District 3 Appointee

### City Staff Present

Michele Strickland, Traffic Engineering Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM

### Approval of Minutes

Danielle S. Paul moved to approve the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Susan Atkinson. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

### Council Update

Ms. Paul opened the meeting with an overview of the May 24 Traffic Calming update to the Mayor and Aldermen. Ms. Paul and Heath Lloyd, Chief Infrastructure and Development Officer, presented an overview of the City's current Traffic Calming Policy; they explained the role of the committee is to review citizen requests, evaluate traffic engineering reports, and to recommend streets for plan development. Traffic Engineering's roles are to collect and analyze traffic data, submit reports for committee review, develop traffic calming master plans, and to provide engineering design and construction management. The presentation detailed the number of applications reviewed since the adoption of the 2016 policy, broken down by aldermanic district, including an overview of the number of applications closed, in plan development, in the 90-day trial period, under construction, and completed. Mr. Lloyd reviewed the number of vacancies on the committee, including current committee members awaiting reappointment.

### Needs Assessment Reports

Ms. Paul opened the discussion of needs assessment reports with Wilshire Boulevard, noting that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is below the minimum required for advancing to plan development but that the traffic volumes exceed 750 vehicles per day. Rev. Buford pointed out that the request was based on traffic speeds and that residents in the neighborhood north of Wilshire do not have another outlet to Abercorn Street; traffic calming would not reduce the volume. Ms. Paul moved to deny moving Wilshire Boulevard forward to plan development. Seconded by Susan Atkinson. Vote: five in favor, zero opposed.

Ms. Paul asked for additional information about the Tibet Avenue request. Michele Strickland, Traffic Engineering Coordinator, explained that Tibet west of Largo Drive is entirely residential but has four travel lanes; the width is 42', slightly wider than the maximum 40' acceptable width for plan

development. The needs assessment request was submitted after a driver collided with a resident's mailbox. Ms. Strickland noted that the GDOT historical counts reflect that east of Largo Drive the counts are substantially higher and that traffic for the drop-off/pick-up for Largo-Tibet Elementary School necessitates four travel lanes; west of Tibet, the volumes have decreased over the past several years and four lanes are not necessary to meet the traffic demand. Ms. Mobley asked if Traffic Engineering could review Tibet Avenue west of Largo for low-cost engineering improvements. Ms. Strickland said that TE could evaluate the western end of Tibet for a road diet, reducing four through lanes to two with a center turn lane and bicycle lanes to determine if there is sufficient and if the configuration would meet the volume demand. David Tanner moved to refer Tibet Avenue between Largo Drive and Middleground Road to Traffic Engineering for a road diet evaluation. Motion seconded by Virginia Mobley. Vote: five in favor, zero opposed.

### New Applications

Ms. Paul called for the review of new Traffic Calming Needs Assessment requests.

Ms. Mobley motioned to move Jan Street forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Rev. Buford. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Mr. Tanner motioned to move Damascus Road forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Ms. Mobley. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Mr. Tanner motioned to move East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street forward for needs assessment. Motion seconded by Ms. Mobley. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.

Ms. Paul noted that the needs assessment request from Dr. Felix Maher was for the entirety of Victory Heights, including East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, previously approved for needs assessment. She continued that historically, individuals have had difficulty securing the required support required to implement traffic calming when an entire neighborhood is master planned. One of the purposes in updating the 2010 Traffic Calming Policy was to allow residents to request traffic calming on individual streets or street segments which are more manageable for one person. Ms. Mobley motioned to invite Dr. Maher to the June meeting to discuss the traffic calming process and the higher likelihood of overall success if residents can be identified to take the lead for each street. Motion seconded by Susan Atkinson. Vote: five in favor, zero opposed.

### Old Business

Michele Strickland provided updates on the following:

100-300 Blocks East 54<sup>th</sup> Street – Construction of the permanent measures is expected in June.

Meding Street – Ninety-day trial is complete and the temporary tables will be removed in the next few weeks. Traffic Engineering will provide signature sheets for the approval of permanent measures to Willie Mae Knight, the Citizen Liaison for the Feiler Park and Tatemville neighborhoods.

East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street – Waters Avenue to Bee Road – The temporary speed tables will be relocated to East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street after they are removed from Meding Street. Traffic Engineering will hand-deliver resident notifications the week prior.

Motion to adjourn by Virginia Mobley. Second by David Tanner. Vote: Five in favor, zero opposed.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.