CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

3:00 P.M.

COMMISSION MEETING – TO BE HELD AT CITY OF PEORIA DRIES LANE FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM #113, 3505 N. DRIES LANE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61604. (309) 494-8800.

CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

ISSUED BY:

JOE HUDSON, CHAIRMAN

VIA TRAFFIC ENGINEER NICK STOFFER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF PEORIA – TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
DRIES LANE, CONFERENCE ROOM
3:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

MINUTES – Regular Meeting of April 17, 2018

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM No. 1: CONSIDERATION of the Following Request(s) AMENDING the TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed:

A. A regulation amending Schedule "J" of the Traffic Code to ESTABLISH an ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Peoria Avenue. [District 3]

ITEM No. 2: DISCUSSION of the DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING STUDY

ITEM No. 3: DISCUSSION of COMPLETE STREETS ANNUAL REPORT

ITEM No. 4: DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

April 17, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the City of Peoria’s Transportation Commission convened at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Facility located at 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order showed the following Transportation Commission Members in attendance:

Commissioners Present: Commissioner/Vice-Chairman Brandon Lott, Commissioner George Ghareeb, Commissioner Patrick McNamara, Commissioner Nathaniel Herz, and Commissioner Clint Gilbert - 5.

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Joe Hudson, Commissioner Bernie Goitein, Commissioner Joe Messmore, and Commissioner David Smesrud - 4.

Others in attendance included Traffic Engineer Nicholas Stoffer, Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso, and Public Works Administrative Specialist Michelle Mahoney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Commissioner McNamara announced the following:

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study would be holding a Spring Symposium Wednesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 10th, 2018 at the Gateway Building, located at 200 Northeast Water Street, Peoria.

The Peoria Public Works Department would be holding an open house on May 24th from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.

MINUTES

Commissioner Ghareeb moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission held on January 16, 2018, as printed; seconded by Commissioner Herz.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

Commissioner McNamara moved to receive and file the Discussion Notes of the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission held on February 20, 2018, as printed; seconded by Commissioner Ghareeb.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

ITEM No. 1: CONSIDERATION of the Following Request(s) AMENDING the TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed:
A. A Regulation Amending Schedule “E” of the Traffic Code to RESCIND a TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE in the 1200 BLOCK of E. FAIROAKS AVE. [District 3]

Mr. Stoffer introduced the regulation, stating it had been in place since the 1970’s and that Traffic Engineering was asked to check and see if the regulation was still warranted.

He advised that letters were sent out to property owners adjacent to the regulation, giving them an opportunity to attend the meeting and voice their approval or disapproval.

Mr. Stoffer then asked if any members of the public present at the meeting were from the Fairoaks Neighborhood. No one came forward.

Mr. Stoffer said that he received two phone calls regarding this regulation. One was a citizen inquiring what time Traffic Engineering went out to study the area and the other was a gentleman expressing his support. He added that the study was done during the day.

A brief discussion was held amongst the Commission about how the area had changed since the 1970’s and whether or not similar parking restrictions existed in nearby areas.

Commissioner McNamara moved to approve an Amendment to Schedule “E” of the Traffic Code to RESCIND a TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE in the 1200 BLOCK of E. FAIROAKS AVENUE [District 3]; seconded by Commissioner Herz.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

ITEM No. 2: DISCUSSION of the Following Request(s) AMENDING CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, As Needed

A. An Ordinance Amending Schedule “N” of the Code of the City of Peoria to designate the following:
   - The ALLEY from W. ST. JAMES STREET to N. ORANGE STREET shall be a ONE-WAY ALLEY with traffic flowing from W. ST. JAMES STREET to N. ORANGE STREET (south and west).

Mr. Stoffer introduced the ordinance, stating the request was to convert an alley from a two-way to a one-way. He added that representatives from the neighborhood were present at the meeting. He explained that the nature of the complaint was that people were traveling through at a high rate of speed and that the alley was not wide enough for two cars to pass by one another at any given time.

He then pointed out that any time a change is requested like this, to convert a two-way street to a one-way, it must go before City Council to amend the ordinance.

He explained that letters were sent to adjacent property owners and that staff did not receive any comments in response to the letter.

Commissioner McNamara commented that he drove down the alley going south from St. James and that there was a stop sign, then another stop sign further down.

Mr. Brian Buralli, 818 W. St. James, Peoria, commented that there was a blind spot with the way the alley outlets on to St. James. He also mentioned a disregard for stop signs and a problem with speeding.

Mr. Nick Sandro, 806 N. Orange, Peoria, spoke about a "No Outlet" sign at the beginning of the block and the potential benefit of adding a second "No Outlet" sign further down. He felt that the sign currently attached
to the stop sign was often being overlooked. He then spoke about his concern with garbage trucks traveling down the alley.

Commissioner Lott questioned if PDC had any formal comment on this. Mr. Stoffer responded that they did not.

Commissioner McNamara then explained parts of the Traffic Calming Policy to members of the public present at the meeting, such as neighborhood petitions, traffic counts, and speed data.

Mr. Sandro commented that this was a unique neighborhood, with traffic coming from lots of directions.

Mr. Stoffer then asked Mr. Sandro if they had discussed this issue at their neighborhood meetings. Mr. Sandro responded that they had and that everyone who attended was in favor of this change.

Commissioner Ghareeb thanked Mr. Sandro and Mr. Buralli for attending and asked them if this problem was mainly speed or extra traffic, or if it was a combination of the two. Mr. Buralli said that it was a combination of both.

Commissioner Herz moved to approve the recommendation to City Council to approve an ordinance amending Schedule "N" of the Code of the City of Peoria to designate the ALLEY from W. ST. JAMES STREET to N. ORANGE STREET as a ONE-WAY ALLEY with traffic flowing from W. ST. JAMES STREET to N. ORANGE STREET (south and west); seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

Approved by unanimous viva voce vote.

At 3:30 P.M., Mr. Buralli left the meeting.

B. An Ordinance Amending the following Sections of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to TRAFFIC and MOTOR VEHICLES:

Mr. Stoffer introduced the item. He explained that it was already in the Illinois Vehicle Code but that staff would like to put it in the City Code to reinforce the notion that the City is bicycle friendly. He added that he had invited representatives from Bike Peoria to the meeting. He then invited members of the public to address the Commission.

Ms. Jill Wahl of Bike Peoria stated that she felt that this ordinance would help officers be more aware that Peoria is in line with state code.

Mr. Roger Sparks of Peoria then expressed his concern about witnessing bicyclists failing to stop at stop signs.

Mr. Stoffer responded to Mr. Sparks' comment, stating that this wouldn't guarantee good behavior from motorists or bicyclists, but that it would help reinforce the rules.

A discussion then took place amongst the Commission about various items in the ordinance amendment.

Commissioner Ghareeb expressed a concern for "item E" in the ordinance amendment, stating it needed more clarification because it was vague and seemed to leave a lot up to interpretation.
Commissioner Herz questioned if the legal department would look over the ordinance as well. Mr. Stoffer said that it had already been sent to the legal department and that they approved to have it brought before the Commission. He added that no comments had been provided by legal at that time.

Commissioner Herz moved to approve the recommendation to City Council to approve an ordinance amending the following Sections of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to TRAFFIC and MOTOR VEHICLES: Sec. 28-169. Vehicles Obstructing Traffic, Sec. 28-170. Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic, Sec. 28-174. Limitations on Overtaking on the Left, Sec. 28-496. Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Riding Bicycles, and Sec. 28-497. Lamps and Other Equipment on Bicycles; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert.

Commissioner Ghareeb stated that he was abstaining from voting. He added that he wasn’t against the ordinance amendment but he wanted to see more clarification.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yea: Lott, McNamara, Herz, Gilbert – 4;
Nays: None;
Abstentions: Ghareeb – 1.

ITEM No. 3: DISCUSSION of the “HELP SHAPE WEST MAIN STREET” efforts with Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso

Mr. Stoffer introduced Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso to the Commission.

Mr. Corso thanked the Commission for inviting him to the meeting to share an update on the Help Shape West Main Street public outreach efforts.

He explained that the Innovation Team had done a significant amount of research over the last year and a half to see what role the City could play to drive up vitality and economic activity and improve quality of place. He said they looked at twelve corridors, did research in four, and identified one area, West Main (North to University) to start working with the community. Mr. Corso went on to further explain how the Innovation Team worked with the community and how ideas were co-developed.

He then spoke about Tactical Urbanism and parklets in the West Main area, providing the Commission with pictures and diagrams to view as he spoke.

Mr. Stoffer commented that the Commission could be involved with developing code for things such as parklets.

A brief discussion took place amongst the Commission and Mr. Corso about funding, the implementation process, and safety standards for parklets.

Mr. Corso added that these would be public parklets, not private, and that they could expand the public realm.

Commissioner Ghareeb remarked to Mr. Corso that this was great to see.

The Commission thanked Mr. Corso for coming.

At 4:12 P.M., Mr. Corso and Mr. Sandro left the meeting.

ITEM No. 4: DISCUSSION of Complete Streets Annual Report
Mr. Stoffer introduced the item, stating that the Commission may want to add making a survey as a work item.

Commissioner McNamara requested clarification on new versus improved sidewalks and new versus improved trees. Mr. Stoffer provided an explanation in response.

A brief discussion then took place between Mr. Stoffer and Commissioner McNamara about the survival rates of trees planted by the City.

Commissioner McNamara questioned how this report would be presented to Council after finalizing a survey. Mr. Stoffer responded that it should be cleaned up and have more data added to it before considering it ready to be presented.

A brief discussion took place amongst the Commission about Mr. Stoffer coming up with a draft to bring to the next meeting to review and discuss.

**ITEM No. 5: DISCUSSION of Transportation Commission WORK ITEMS**

Mr. Stoffer commented that this was an ongoing conversation for the Commission.

A brief discussion took place amongst the Commission about what the next work item might be that the Commission wanted to focus on.

Commissioner Herz commented that he liked the idea of prioritizing work items to send to City Council because it could get them to consider things the Commission feels needs attention.

Commissioner Lott commented that he agreed with the work items list but that he struggled with a topic to consider focusing on.

A brief discussion took place amongst the Commission about presentations on the budget process as it relates to transportation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner McNamara questioned as to the status of the Traffic Calming Policy. Mr. Stoffer responded that it was still being reviewed by staff.

Commissioner McNamara then said that he wanted to move forward with getting a reference list posted to the City’s website.

Commissioner Lott then reminded the Commission about Open Meetings Act training.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Stoffer provided a brief update on current Projects within the City of Peoria:

He said that a public meeting was held recently for the Rock Island Greenway Project where 35 people attended and that almost all comments received were positive. Public comment through the website was also allowed and all comments received through the website were positive.
The Alta/Radnor Roundabout Project, he said, was going to start construction in mid-April for permanent striping, final seeding and planting, and pavement marking. He added that it would not be shut down to traffic.

The Northmoor Road Project, he said, was going to be closing the road again on April 26th, between Rosemead and University. The road will open for the HOI Fair, then close again, then open up for the winter construction shutdown. The road would then be closed again next spring. Staff hoped to have the Project finished by November 2019.

The MacArthur Bridge Project, he said, had begun and the road was now closed until November, weather permitting. Staff hoped the bridge would be done by November, with seeding and landscaping possibly carrying over to next Spring.

The Riverfront Village Demolition, he said, was moving along, with almost all demolition finished. He added that concrete work would be finished late May and final seeding would occur in June.

The Harvard Avenue Project, he said, was going to hold a pre-construction meeting on April 18th at Washington Gifted School. Construction work would begin in May.

The Allen & Willow Knolls Intersection Project, he said, was in design build status. The estimated start date would be late May but nothing was set in stone as of yet. He added that a public meeting was recently held to discuss different options for the intersection.

At 4:51 P.M., Commissioner Ghareeb left the meeting.

The University Project, he said, still had plans being developed. He added that work would likely start in June and last through November. This would be a two-year Project.

The Stormwater Utility, he said, would be holding two public meetings, one on April 19th at ICC North and one on April 27th at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Sparks of Peoria came forward to address the Commission. He spoke about a problem he was having near his home, with an unimproved alley that someone had been trying to clear out to use as a private driveway. He expressed concern over being told that he was unable to vacate the alley because of utilities located in the alley. He said that he would like to see a sign posted notifying people that the alley is not for public use.

He then spoke about a lack of wheelchair platforms at bus stops and how he would like to see the City putting more in instead of planting things and creating bicycle paths.

He added that he would like for the Commission to think about disabled persons as well.

Commissioner Lott commented that he would like to hear Mr. Sparks' take on whether standards are being followed on Projects at Project meetings and open houses.

Mr. Sparks then spoke about Planning and Zoning and how he felt they did not care about sidewalks and that they were not wanting to put in sidewalks.

Ms. Wahl then thanked the Commission for their consideration of the bike ordinance.

At 5:08 P.M., Ms. Wahl and Mr. Sparks left the meeting.
Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Herz moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

Approved by viva voce vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Chairman Joe Hudson

Nick Stoffer, Traffic Engineer

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TO: Patrick Urich, City Manager

THRU: Scott Reeise, Director of Public Works

FROM: Nicholas Stoffer, Traffic Engineer

DATE: May 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Intersection Control: N Peoria Ave & E Illinois Ave (STOP)

The purpose of this memo is to recommend the installation of an intersection control by Stop sign on a roadway within the City of Peoria. These revisions will be added, or subtracted from Schedule “J” as defined in the City Code.

➢ Multiple residents from this area have requested this change. The primary reason for this change is to better control traffic on N Peoria Ave at the intersection of E Illinois Ave.

Appropriate signs will be posted along or removed from these designated streets, as needed. Therefore, attached for your concurrence is the Traffic Regulation Order to revise Schedule “J” of the City Code by the following:

• Install “STOP” signs on N Peoria Ave at E Illinois Ave, making this an ALL-WAY STOP controlled intersection.

This intersection is in Council District 3.

If you have any questions, please call.

c City Council Members
Scott Reeise, Public Works Director
Se Maroon, Deputy Director of Public Works
Irv Dubois, Traffic Operations Supervisor
Lt. Earnest McCall, Police Department
Sgt. Mike Patterson, Police Department
A REGULATION AMENDING SCHEDULE "J" OF THE TRAFFIC CODE

Section 1. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 16,886, adopted by the City Council on November 13, 2012, and Section 28-183 of the Municipal Code of Peoria, the following intersection, at the limits indicated, are hereby designated as a "Stop Intersection":

North Peoria Avenue Stops for East Illinois Avenue, creating an All-Way Stop controlled intersection.

Section 2. All other Ordinances and Regulations in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The foregoing items are hereby added to or subtracted from Schedule "J" of the Traffic Code.

Section 4. This regulation shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval.

DATE: ______________________

APPROVED:

________________________________________
City Manager

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

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Corporation Counsel

Reviewed by the Transportation Commission:

☐ Approved
☐ Not Approved

Comments: ________________________________________

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