

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

November 14, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.  
Council Chamber - City Hall

CITY CLERK

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	David Gentry	(17-02)	05/31/21
	John Reece	(06-00)	12/04/22
	Ray Schildknecht	(23-09)	08/19/18
	Keith Marriott	(01-00)	08/27/23
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Randy Parlett	(01-02)	07/11/23
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation Scott Gatewood, Traffic and Parking Supervisor Chris McBane, Sergeant, Traffic Unit Chris Crain, Recording Secretary		

### **Item 1 Call to order and approve minutes.**

Chairperson Gentry called the meeting to order. A welcome was extended to Keith Marriott who was appointed August 27, 2018. Member Gentry motioned to approve the August minutes and Member Reece seconded the motion. **By general consent the minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.**

**Item 2** YWCA request to remove 2-hour time limit for a handicap accessible parking space on Jules Street near the entrance to the building to accommodate an employee. Scott Gatewood, Traffic and Parking Supervisor advised that this would be a first come, first serve situation and that the parking place would not be reserved for an individual tag holder. Jean Brown from the YWCA clarified that they would like to request a tag allowing the employee to park longer than 2 hours. Scott advised that the City does issue tags for extended parking time only on a temporary basis, and does not issue permanent passes because that is not provided for in city code as an option. There is an expiration date for these tags and they must be renewed at City Hall. Andy Clements expressed his concern that this would set a precedent for others to ask for similar accommodations, essentially meaning that certain ADA residents will have the ability to circumvent the time restrictions that all other drivers have to adhere to. ADA law does not require public governments to provide ADA accessible parking on the public right of way, as it is a responsibility of the private property to provide ADA parking. ADA parking is available at the public parking garage a half block away. A motion was made by Member Gentry to issue a temporary handicap parking permit for more than the 2-hour limit for a period of 30 days. If there is a problem, the permit will not be renewed. Member Reece seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 3** CliftonLarsonAllen LLP request removing the no parking restriction and allowing 2 hour parking on the West side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Francis and Felix Street in front of the Mosaic Garage. Scott Gatewood reported that there is ample room for parking in this location. Matt Robertson, with the CliftonLarsonAllen St. Joseph office originally requested customer service spaces but altered the request to 2 hour parking on this block. This would also help Mosaic attract additional retail tenants with free

street parking. Katie Richmond with Mosaic added that there would be some designated spaces for retail customers in the garage, but that additional spaces on the street would be beneficial. A motion to approve 2 hour parking on the West side on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Francis and Felix Street and forward this item to the City Council for consideration was made by Member Reece and was seconded by Member Schildknecht. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 4** Citizen request to increase the speed limit to 35MPH on Cook Road West of Woodbine to Rochester Road (N. 169 Hwy.). The speed limit on this section of Cook Road is currently 25MPH while the rest of Cook Road is 35MPH. Member Schildknecht asked Andy Clements to recap the development in this corridor. Andy explained that any further development and changes would be tied to Tuscan II plans. He told the Commission that the real problem is the hills in this section of the road that limit sight distance (the ability for cars pulling out to see and be seen by oncoming traffic) Bob Riddle and Joanne Anderson, area residents were present to ask the Commissioners to deny the request. Several letters were also received by the Public Works and Transportation Department from area residents requesting no change in speed limit. A motion to leave the speed limit at 25MPH on this portion of Cook Road was made by member Reece. Member Marriott seconded and it was unanimously approved.

John Reece moved that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Keith Marriott. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Crain

Chris Crain, Recording Secretary

**The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: December 12, 2018.**