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City of Portsmouth
Traffic Committee Meeting
March 21, 2006

To: James Kalb, Mayor

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Prosecutor's Meeting Room.

Committee Members Present:

Captain Thoroughman (for Chief)
Richard Grimm
Mike Penn

Committee Members Absent:

John Grooms
Jim Lodwick
Bob Boldman
Kerry Keating
Tom Queen

Guests:

John Burke, Osco
Monty Smith, Osco
Clayton Conley
Alex Watts, Service Dept.
Sharon Weghorst, Mayor's Office

Captain Thoroughman opened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Old Business:

- 1) Crystal Davis had requested a handicapped parking space for her specific use. On 2/27/06 the Chief of Police received a letter from Mrs. Davis asking that we withdraw her request.
- 2) Kelvin Boyd of 1814 May Street is requesting a traffic signal light at Pleasant Avenue and Route 139. He states it is getting very hard to get onto Route 139 from Pleasant Avenue because of heavy traffic. Chris Murphy was to check with ODOT and advise at this meeting.

Chris Murphy advised that in order to install a traffic signal light the location must meet warrants. Chris feels that this light was removed in the past because it did not meet warrants. If we erect a traffic signal light without appropriate warrant, the city could be liable. Richard Grimm moved that "No Action" be taken on this request, David Thoroughman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) John Burke of Osco is asking the Committee to recommend some type of "emergency-only" signal between the city limits at the Scioto River Bridge and the Washington Street intersection on US Route 52 East. The purpose would be to alert motorists (to slow down) in the event of an emergency at the plant.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Smith were present at the meeting. They were open to any suggestions the Committee might have to make evacuating the plant safer for their employees. Stated the south side by Route 52 is the problem with employees needing to get across the street. Osco is willing to use their own facilities for any use in erecting a warning light.

Captain Thoroughman advised Mr. Burke that Chris Murphy will check this situation with ODOT and the Committee we review at the next meeting.

- 2) Murphy's Barber Shop is requesting a handicapped parking sign in front of the business (1813 Waller). There is a curb cut next to his building for a new business south of the barber shop, and there is no parking place close for his handicapped customers.

Captain Thoroughman visited this location and reported that he does not believe there is adequate room in front of this business for a parking space. This would especially be a problem for a large vehicle or van. Captain Thoroughman made a motion that "No Action" be taken on this request, Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 3) Request from the Principal of Roosevelt Elementary, Charles Kemp, for cross walks on Gilbert at Coles Boulevard. Many students are crossing at Gilbert and he feels the children and crossing guards are at risk.

Captain Ware had approached Chris Murphy with this request and Chris has this request on his schedule to paint.

- 4) Mayor Kalb has submitted a request to install two or three "limited parking 15-minute" signs in front of the Daily Times.

Captain Thoroughman made a motion to erect three "limited parking 15-minute" signs in front of the Daily Times. Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 5) Request from Ronald Hurley for a loading zone in front of his business at 646 Moulton Place. Vehicles are parking in front of his entrance gate which restricts access to his buildings with large trucks. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Hurley at 740-464-0748.

Captain Thoroughman reported that he visited this location and believes the problem will be corrected if the "No Parking Between Signs" sign is turned around for northbound traffic. Chris Murphy stated they will take care of this. Captain Thoroughman made a motion to take "No Action" on this request, Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 6) Request from Roberta Duncan who has rental property at 2118 Stockham Lane, for Stockham Lane to be made one way southbound. States there is congestion and difficulty getting onto Kinneys Lane.

Captain Thoroughman visited this location and reported only one house on this lane. Richard Grimm added that in ninety days school will be out forever which should reduce traffic congestion. Captain Thoroughman made a motion to take "No Action" on this request. Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 7) Clayton Conley is asking that the signal light on Route 23, by Dairy Queen, not change every time a motorist pulls up on that side road.

Mr. Conley was at this meeting and feels that large amounts of traffic are piling up on US. Route 23 at this traffic signal light. Chris Murphy reported that he believes the traffic signal light is appropriately timed. Although there are times that side road traffic is not heavy, there are also times when this traffic is heavy. Captain Thoroughman made a motion to take "No Action" on this request. Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Conley believes the light on Coles Boulevard does not change on right frequently. Does not believe traffic should have to wait on North Hill Road so long. Chris Murphy reported that he believes the traffic signal light is appropriately timed, and that Dorman Drive would have priority time over North Hill Road.

Mr. Conley is further concerned that motorists are speeding on North

Hill Road and the need for speed limit signs. Captain Thoroughman stated he would have our officers run speed control, and advise that officers are permitted to use Mr. Conley's driveway (3012 North Hill Road).

Mr. Conley also believes the city has too many traffic signal lights, especially in the downtown.

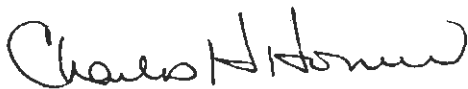
- 8) Request from Councilperson Mollette for using "Reserved for Customer" signs in our downtown area, immediately in front of our downtown stores. Mr. Mollette can be reached at 353-0099.

It was discussed that we already have 2-hour parking signs to discourage all-day parking in the downtown. It is the feeling of the Committee that additional signs would not make a positive difference. Captain Thoroughman reported that the Police Department will be adding an employee to work in the downtown area in the near future, which will improve enforcement of existing parking rules. Captain Thoroughman made a motion to take "No Action" on this request. Mike Penn seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chris advised that the sign on Hutchens, Mr. Mollette pointed out, for "Reserved for Customers" will be removed. He has no record of the approval of this sign.

It was discussed that the Traffic Committee Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m in the Engineering Office Conference Area.

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Office Conference Area.

All items before the Committee having been discussed, the meeting adjourned.



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Chief of Police

cc: City Council
Committee Members
Chris Murphy