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City of Portsmouth
Traffic Committee Meeting
December 21, 2005

To: James Kalb, Mayor

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Engineering Office.

Committee Members Present:

Captain Ware (for Chief)
Richard Grimm
John Grooms
Kerry Keating
Mike Penn

Committee Members Absent:

Bob Boldman
Tom Queen
Jim Lodwick

Guests:

Chris Murphy, Service Dept.
Crystal Davis and husband
Sharon Weghorst, Mayor's Office

Captain Ware opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- 1) Mr. David McSweeney, Speedeemarket Drive-Thru is asking for a left hand turn lane at the intersection of Mabert and Gallia. States that two Traffic signal lights already exist that could be utilized and the road would not need to be widened.

Chris Murphy stated that he could set the traffic signals to allow for better traffic flow from Mabert Rd. The installation of a turn lane appears feasible. The estimated cost of signal change is \$500. Kerry Keating made a motion to recommend the change be made, seconded by Mike Penn. The motion carried.

- 2) Councilman Mollette advised of a safety concern for traffic in the alley between Kinneys Lane and 18th Street near Wurster Drugs (1220 Kinneys Lane). Mollette is suggesting that a "No Parking in Alley" sign on the west side of the alley be erected. He stated that parking in the alley is not

acceptable because of congestion on this thoroughfare for citizens visiting local businesses, medical and fitness facilities.

Mike Penn and Chris Murphy advised that there is a public alley present. The membership felt that parking regulations currently exist prohibiting parking. Kerry Keating made a motion that no action being taken on the request for signs. Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) Mrs. Davis contacted the Mayor's office requesting a "handicapped parking" space. She plans to be at the December meeting.

Mrs. Davis and her husband appeared before the committee and explained the need for more handicapped parking in the complex and requested a handicapped parking space specifically for their use. The committee elected to defer the request to the January meeting so that committee members could look at the location. Captain Ware will photograph the area.

- 2) Request from Charles Horr, Vandervorts, to have a "Fire Department" sign in front of the business at 1532 Gallia St. There is a no parking area with the curb painted yellow but people park there anyway. Some people believe this is a loading zone for the business. This no parking area is so the fire trucks can get out of the station. I have seen the fire truck have to stop and back up to get out.

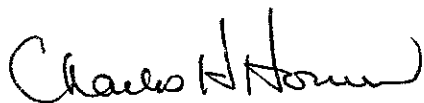
John Grooms made a motion recommending that a sign be erected which reads, "Emergency Vehicle Exit Tow away Zone." Richard Grimm seconded the motion. The motion carried. The existing sign already says Tow away Zone.

- 3) Request from Councilman Mollette for improvements to the City Loading Guidelines.

The consensus of the committee is that this issue is not under the Committee's purview. The councilman's request should follow the procedures outlined in the city charter. The committee would provide input should the Mayor request it.

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

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006
at 1:30 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.



Charles H. Horner
Chief of Police

cc: City Council
Committee Members
Chris Murphy
