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City of Portsmouth  
Traffic Committee Meeting  
February 20, 2007

To: James D. Kalb, Mayor

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the Briefing Room of the Police Department.

Committee Members Present:  
Captain Thoroughman (for Chief)  
Richard Grimm  
John Grooms  
Mike Penn

Committee Members Absent:  
Bob Boldman  
Kerry Keating  
Jim Lodwick

Guest: Alex Watts, City Service Department

Captain Thoroughman opened the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Old Business:

- 1) Bob Gambill asked for the following issue to be put on the agenda for the January Meeting regarding the intersections at the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Gay Street. He feels these lanes should be studied to see if they should be marked differently and/or have present lines repainted to be more visible (specifically with reflective paint).

The Committee discussed this issue and Alex Watts stated that this configuration was done by ODOT. It is the recommendation of the Committee that these lanes be repainted with reflective paint.

- 2) Received a request from Jeff Brant to re-establish the traffic signal light at Pleasant Avenue and Harrisonville Avenues in North Moreland (possibly between the hours of noon until 6:00 p.m.) He feels that with the opening of the new WalMart Store and the creation of turn lanes on Route 52 there will be a major bottleneck for those leaving Portsmouth and New Boston.

it is the feeling of the Committee that it would be pre-mature to make a recommendation on this request at this time. The Committee would like to see what the completed plan of the building and traffic is and what New Boston has in mind for traffic flow. Richard Grimm made a motion to table this issue until July, 2007 and look at it at that time. John Grooms seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) Bob Mollette expressed concerns about the parking and storage of vehicles in various stages of disrepair, camper, motor home at 3224 Simpson, 1204 Buena Vista and 1206 Buena Vista. (letter and photos attached).

The Committee discussed these issues relating to parking. Officer Shipley visited this location and had a discussion with Mr. Hugh Boggs. Officer Shipley reported that he finds no current parking violations and that Mr. Boggs was granted a variance to park his motor home in the driveway located at 1206 Buena Vista Lane (his father, Joe Boggs) Richard Grimm made a motion to Take No Action on this issue, David Thoroughman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 2) Bob Mollette reported safety concerns with Coles Boulevard, Sherman Road, Forrest Avenue and traffic signal at Gilbert Avenue (letter attached).

Regarding citizens request to keep the traffic signal light at Coles Boulevard and Gilbert, Alex Watts reported that Chris Murphy and the Mayor discussed this issue at length. Chris could not find any justification to keep this traffic signal light active with the closing of the school. ODOT has standards that do not apply to this traffic signal light. One of those standards is to put the light on flashing for a period of time prior to removal. On this particular signal light, the flashing element is not working. The Service Department does not want to incur the expense to the City to make this repair in order for the light to flash for 90 days prior to being removed. David Thoroughman made a motion to Take No Action on this issue, Mike Penn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 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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Cc: ✓ City Council  
Committee Members  
Chris Murphy  
Captain Thoroughman