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City of Portsmouth
Traffic Committee Meeting
May 9, 2006

To: James Kalb, Mayor

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Office Conference Area.

Committee Members Present:

Captain Thoroughman (for Chief)
Bob Gambill
Richard Grimm
Kerry Keating
Mike Penn

Committee Members Absent:

Bob Boldman
John Grooms
Jim Lodwick

Guests:

Alex Watts (Service Department)

Captain Thoroughman opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Old 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. The purpose would be to alert motorists to slow down in the event of an emergency at the plant.

Chris Murphy has not received a response from ODOT. Motion was made by Richard Grimm to discuss this at the next meeting, Kerry Keating seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 2) Councilperson, Jerry Albrecht, brought a traffic issue to the attention of the Committee (April Meeting). He is speaking for residents of Linden Avenue complaining that Wayne Hills residents park on Linden due to their lack of available parking. All this extra parking leaves Linden residents nowhere to park on their street. Mr. Albrecht suggested that the city make parking on 17th Street on the Wayne Hills side from the bottom of the hill, at Thomas, to the hilltop fire station.

This issue was discussed and no solution could be reached due to this location. Sidewalks would need to be removed and would not provide many spaces. Captain Thoroughman made a motion to take "No Action" on this request. Richard Grimm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

- 1) Request from Pastor again requesting that yellow be painted on the curbs on Valley Street. She is advising that some of the driveway areas of the curb are painted yellow on this street. She is most concerned that people cannot always get out of their driveways because of parking on the street. Pastor Style's request was heard at the April meeting and "No Action" was the recommendation of the Committee.

Motion was made by Richard Grimm to re-affirm the April decision of "No Action" on this request. Kerry Keating seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 2) Chief Horner is recommending that the City have lane markings with "Stop" on the pavement, and the present sign relocated to be more visible at the intersection of 8th and Young.

Motion was made by Richard Grimm to request Service Department to paint lane markings with "Stop" on the pavement and the present sign relocated to be more visible at the intersection of 8th and Young. Bob Gambill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 3) Councilperson Mollette has provided a copy of a petition from residents who are requesting a four-way stop at the intersection of 19th Street and Franklin Boulevard. They state that vehicles are exceeding the speed limit through this area, and they have concerns for child safety.

It was agreed to discuss this issue in ninety days to see if the problem goes away with the school closing. Captain Thoroughman will alert patrol to pay particular attention to speed in this area.

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