

**PARKING AND SAFETY
MOTION SUMMARY
June 21, 2021**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Shafer called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 5:59 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Drew Farrell, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller and Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: John Donahue, Fire Chief, Jessica Ormeroid, Project Engineer, Bill Ferrigno, City Engineer and Public Works Director, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief

ITEM 3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 15, 2021, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Councilman Farrell motioned to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 15, 2021, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public participation for items not on the agenda.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION on Handicap Parking Space Request at 154-158 North Sandusky Street

Motion: Councilman Farrell motioned to approve the handicap parking space request, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION on Downtown Carryout Parking

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Smiles
Greater Gouda
12 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Smiles discussed the importance of the continued use of the carryout parking spaces in the downtown and the continued use of take out and curbside delivery by patrons. He recommended that there be a space on every corner of the block and one on the center.

Todd Daughenbaugh
Fresh Start Bakery
24 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Daughenbaugh also discussed that the carryout only parking spaces are critical to the success of the businesses and does not feel that it is time to reduce the number of spots. He encouraged staff to look at the placement of the spots to be more strategic and placed closer to businesses with carryout services, and not just at the end of each block.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed that the spots were placed at the end of the block to allow for easier and quicker access. The Committee recommended to have staff determine best locations for the carryout spaces and report back to Council.

ITEM 6. UPDATE on Residential Speed Program

Ms. Ormeroid provided a presentation and update on the speed program and pilot programs. She discussed the traffic calming evaluation process and when it is recommended to have an application of traffic calming measures for both local and collector streets. Public Works has been working closely with the police department to address all speeding complaints. When a complaint is received, Public Works collects all relevant data including speed, ADT, and accident history. She discussed traffic calming initiatives that have been implemented including community and neighborhood education, enforcement, the use of the speed trailer and temporary speed feedback signs. If the 85th percentile speeds are less than 5 mph over the posted speed limit, staff will provide a letter to residents and recommend they initiate their own speed awareness program. For speeds greater than 5 mph staff provides handouts and doorhangers to the residents for education purposes and to bring awareness to the issue. They may deploy the speed trailer or temporary speed feedback signs. It was reviewed where locations for traffic calming initiatives have been implemented such as bump outs and islands in the City and upcoming planned projects.

These projects include speed humps on Hawthorn Blvd. These devices provide a wheel path opening for Fire/EMS vehicles so that their response time is not impacted by having to slow down to maneuver over them. Vice-Chairwoman Keller voiced a concern over the speed humps slowing down the response time for police vehicles. She discussed the need to balance speed concerns with safety response times. Chief Donahue discussed that staff would have a better idea of

the impact with the pilot program on Hawthorn.

Ms. Ormeroid also provided an update to the impact to the current locations of the permanent feedback signs along Cobblestone Drive, Carson Farms Blvd, Executive Blvd, and West Hull Drive.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of Low Speed and Under Speed Vehicles

Chief Pijanowski reviewed his concern on the significant safety hazards to the operators of low speed, under speed vehicles and the use of electric devices, such as scooters and Onewheel, while on public streets. He recommended that the current restrictions should not be modified.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

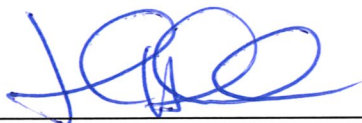
ITEM 9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Councilman Farrell informed staff that complaints have shifted from speed to noise complaints of vehicles.

Chairman Shafer stated that he has observed vehicles taking off at fast speeds and creating loud speed down Sandusky Street later at night.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to adjourn the meeting. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Kent Shafer, Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk