

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
February 19, 2013

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Paul Colavecchio
Ken Barnhart

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-11

Discussion

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An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Capt. Davis stated there are seven items recommended by the Traffic Committee. Most deal with parking. The first is to prohibit parking on both sides of Marcia Blvd. between State Road and 23rd Street. This is due to the loading docks for the new Acme. The second is to prohibit parking on the south side of Shaw Avenue between State Road and 23rd Street. This is because the road was narrowed also in conjunction with the new Acme. The third is to require stop signs on Graham Road Circle which is where the new McDonald's was built. The next is to prohibit parking on the north side of Quartz Avenue from Boulder Blvd. to 75 feet northwest. This was a result of many complaints of poor visibility at the curve at Boulder Estates. The next is to prohibit parking on the north side of Boulder Blvd. from Quartz Ave. to 60 feet east. Again, it is due to the visibility issue at Boulder Estates curve. The last two concern removing the stop signs at 26th St. and Sacket and at Broad Blvd. and 26th St., and installing yield signs instead. This was based on the recommendation of the traffic consultant. Mr. James asked if anyone showed up to voice an opinion on the first two items. Capt. David indicated no one came and added that on the one side there is no housing and on the other side, there are only a couple houses. Mr. Mader asked what the timeline would be for installing the new signs. Capt. Davis stated it would occur fairly quickly. As soon as the Law Dept. notifies him that this legislation passed, he will send a notice to the Street Department. Sign installation usually occurs within a week or so of approval. Mrs. Pyke asked who initiated the removal of the stop sign at Sacket and 26th. Capt. Davis stated Mr. Novak did. Mrs. Pyke was concerned there could be a situation where two cars are entering the intersection at the same time. Capt. Davis stated the traffic consultant did not feel it was a safety issue due to sight lines. It is also part of the clean-up of stop signs in the City. The Traffic Committee looked at this and recommended putting in a yield sign. Mr. Barnhart also expressed concern about removing the stop sign. Mayor Robart stated he did not see a problem with this. Drivers have a clear view of all streets, and there is not much traffic at the intersection anyway. He stated the role in government is to simply things and not make it complicated.

Mr. Barnhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-11 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.