



Item for City Commission Action

Section VII Item 4

Meeting Date
6/20/2017

Department/Division
City Manager /
Public Works

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Title:

Consider a Resolution creating the Traffic Safety Committee, authorizing it to evaluate citizen and staff suggestions for traffic safety improvements or modifications, and empowering it to make recommendations regarding those improvements and recommend authorizing traffic engineering studies or analyses needed to address problem areas. (Voice Vote)

Description:

Staff have discussed for some time now the need to form a Traffic Study Committee to take a more in-depth view of traffic issues and problem areas than a City Commission meeting typically can afford.

This was especially evident during the yearlong discussion of traffic concerns on North First Street.

The proposed committee would bring together City professionals in the areas of Fire-EMS, Planning, Police and Public Works, as well as representatives of Cowley College, the chamber of commerce, the school district and the Planning Commission, to discuss and analyze these problems in more detail.

The committee then would vote on formal recommendations to be forwarded to the City Commission.

These could include recommendations to place or remove stop signs, speed limit signs, safety devices, traffic signals or road modifications, as well as to commission traffic studies or analyses of specific areas.

The committee would meet quarterly — in July, October, January and April — and other times as needed.

Membership would comprise the following:

1. City Commissioner
2. City Manager (or designee)
3. Fire Chief (or designee)
4. Police Chief (or designee)
5. Public Works Director/City Engineer (or designee)
6. Principal Planner (or designee)
7. Planning Commission representative
8. Cowley College representative
9. USD 470 representative
10. Chamber of Commerce representative

CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Traffic Safety Committee shall be to provide community input by advising the City Commission on traffic issues, access management, pedestrian safety and signage as assigned by the City Commission.

The Committee will review and advise on neighborhood traffic calming guidelines and proposed projects, and work collaboratively with staff to address residents' requests for improving the livability and drivability of neighborhood streets in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS

1. City Manager
2. City Commissioner Representative
3. Police Department Representative
4. Fire-EMS Department Representative
5. Public Services Department Representative
6. Principal Planner
7. Planning Commission Representative
8. Cowley College Representative
9. USD 470 Representative
10. Business Owner/Chamber Representative (x2)
11. Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Board Representative

OVERVIEW

The 12-member Traffic Safety Committee serves as a public forum for traffic-related issues, including:

- Placement of stop signs
- Posted speed limits
- Road modifications
- Safety devices
- Traffic signals
- Traffic studies

The Traffic Safety Committee will meet at **10 a.m. on the third Friday of every quarter** (January, April, July and October) in the Conference Room at the Water Treatment Facility or at USD 470's Avery Family Learning Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06-3114

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE ARKANSAS CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZING SAID COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE CITIZEN AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF SUGGESTIONS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS, AND EMPOWERING SAID COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS, REGARDING SAID IMPROVEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS AND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZE SUCH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDIES OR ANALYSES AS ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS PROBLEM AREAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, desires to gather citizen and professional staff input on possible traffic safety improvements or modifications and form a long-term committee to process evaluate those suggestions; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee will help professional staff analyze any problem area within the City limits and determine whether a more in-depth traffic engineering study or analysis is needed; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Traffic Safety Committee is to make official recommendations to the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, regarding traffic improvements or modifications and whether traffic engineering studies or analyses are needed to address identified problem areas; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Traffic Safety Committee also shall be to provide community input by advising the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, on traffic issues, access management, pedestrian safety and signage as assigned by the Governing Body; to review and advise on neighborhood traffic calming guidelines and proposed projects; and to work collaboratively with professional staff to address residents' requests for improving the livability and drivability of neighborhood streets within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas City Police Department is a five-time winner of the AAA Traffic Safety Gold Award and on May 2, 2017, was awarded for the first time the prestigious Platinum Award by AAA; and

WHEREAS, one of the stated criteria by AAA to be considered for the Traffic Safety Platinum Award is to have a standing Traffic Safety Committee that meets regularly throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the existence of the Traffic Safety Committee will provide a public forum for citizens who feel that traffic-related issues — including, but not limited to, the placement of stop signs, posted speed limits, road modifications, safety devices, traffic signals and traffic studies — are impacting their neighborhoods or areas of gathering and will consist of a designated group of technical specialists who can better address those concerns than the Governing Body of Arkansas City, Kansas, perhaps can.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFORESTATED PREMISES, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: The Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, hereby creates the Traffic Safety Committee and authorizes said Committee to evaluate Arkansas City citizens' and professional staff's suggestions for traffic safety improvements or modifications. The Governing Body further empowers said Committee to make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding said improvements or modifications and to recommend that the Governing Body authorize such traffic engineering studies or analyses as are needed to address problem areas.

SECTION TWO: The Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, hereby establishes that the 10 members of the Traffic Safety Committee shall be a member of the Board of City Commissioners, to be appointed by a vote of the Governing Body; the City Manager, or his or her designee; the Fire Chief, or his or her designee; the Police Chief, or his or her designee; the Public Works Director/City Engineer, or his or

her designee; the Principal Planner, or his or her designee; a representative of the Arkansas City Planning Commission; a representative of Cowley County Community College; a representative of the Arkansas City Public School District); and a representative of the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce who is the owner or co-owner of a local business, corporation, partnership, or proprietorship.

SECTION THREE: The Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, hereby allows that future changes to the membership of the Traffic Safety Committee shall be at the discretion of the City Manager and the Public Works Director/City Engineer.

SECTION FOUR: The Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, hereby directs that the Traffic Safety Committee shall meet no less than once per quarter in the Commission Room at City Hall or some other suitable location, and at other times as directed or otherwise needed.

SECTION FIVE: The Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, hereby authorizes City staff of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, to take such further and other necessary actions that are required to effectuate the intent and purposes of this Legislative Enactment.

SECTION SIX: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from its date of passage by the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas.

PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, on June 20, 2017.



Lesley Shook, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tamara L. Niles, City Attorney

Duane L. Oestmann, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution No. 2017-06-3114 of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, adopted by the Governing Body thereof on June 20, 2017, as the same appears of record in my office.

DATED: _____.

Lesley Shook, City Clerk