



Public & Traffic Safety Committee MINUTES

August 14, 2024, 4:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Frank Gallagher
Committee Member Erin Barstad
Committee Member Mykal Hildebrand
Committee Member Bud Mather

ABSENT

Committee Member Adams
Vice Chair Joe Graybill

COUNCIL

Councilor Josh Thorstad, Committee Liaison

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager Pro Tem / Police Chief, Ex Officio Member
Cecily Hope Pretty, Assistant City Manager Pro Tem
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Sean Morgan, Community Services Officer

MEDIA

Sarah Brown, The New Era

GUESTS

Larry Zook, 1848 Ulex Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Approval of Minutes

2024-02-21 Public & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

2024-04-10 Public & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Mather moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 and April 10, 2024 Public & Traffic Safety Committee meetings. Committee Member Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Old Business

Commercial Vehicle Parking

Interim City Manager Ogden stated that he did research regarding commercial vehicle parking based on the previous meeting's discussion. He read Sweet Home Municipal Code Section 10.04.055. He noted that heavy unloaded trucks were permitted to park in residential areas if their operators were traveling to or from their residences.

No action was required for this item.

New Business

Crosswalk Discussion

Chair Gallagher asked members to discuss the quantity, condition, and location of local crosswalks. He noted that some crosswalks were in need of refreshed paintings or enhanced markings.

Interim City Manager Ogden requested that the Committee provide specific locations so staff could investigate.

Committee Member Mather suggested looking at locations near school zones.

Interim City Manager Ogden stated he would collaborate with the Public Works Department to reexamine crosswalk locations. Assistant City Manager Pretty reminded the committee that they could forward any maintenance concerns to staff at any time.

No action was required for this item.

Good of the Order

Councilor Thorstad asked of the status of the stop sign on 47th and Long Street. Interim City Manager Ogden stated that it would be installed and he would follow up with Public Works.

Committee Member Hildebrand requested that a stop sign at 12th Avenue and Elm Street be brought back to City Council for consideration due to visibility issues. He expressed his satisfaction with seeing more pedestrians on Airport Road following the installation of stop signs.

Committee Member Mather moved to recommend the installation of a stop sign at 12th Avenue and Elm Street. Committee Member Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chair Gallagher invited public comment.

Larry Zook expressed concern with speeding in his neighborhood and requested traffic calming measures. Chief Ogden requested that he called the Police Department so they can perform a patrol and begin documenting the issue.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem, Ex Officio City Recorder