

Memo

To: Tupelo City Council
From: Tupelo Traffic Committee
Subject: Review/Approve Traffic Committee Minutes of May 12, 2022
Date: June 1, 2022

Attached are the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting on May 12, 2022. The following is a summary of their actions.

Old Business:

1. A request from The Grove Neighborhood Association c/o Mr. Henry Robinson, 529 Wooten Cove, Tel. 769-251-3315, for the installation of speed tables throughout the neighborhood.

Action: Postponed

2. A request from Ms. Amanda Powell, 145 Road 1046, Tupelo, Tel. 662-321-7158, abpowell51@yahoo.com, for the installation of a caution light in front of Bissell Baptist Church, 4662 Main Street, for driver's turning left.

Action: Denied caution light, Increase signage

3. A request from the Big Oaks Homeowner's Association c/o George Rutledge, 3446 Mosseycup Drive, Tel. 662-231-7178, georgerutledge56@gmail.com, for the installation of some "Slow-Children at Play" signs to be installed in the neighborhood and help with speeding and cut-through traffic.

Action: No action needed on "Children At Play" signs, Approved to raise the posted speed limit to 25 mph

4. A request from Mr. Lyndsey Rasberry, 2501 Bryan Drive, Tel. 770-410-9195, for help with excessive speeding.

Action: Denied speed tables (Not eligible)

5. A request from the Bristow Acres Planning Committee for installation of the following:

- a) Marquette and Lumpkin: Flashing red light at stop sign
- b) George and West Jackson: Flashing caution light

Action: (a) Approved for solar lighted stop signs, (b) Approved for solar lighted caution light

New Business

1. A request from Mr. Brian Neely, 3321 Forrest Hill Drive, Tel. 662-419-2285, for the installation of two (2) speed tables on Forrest Hill Drive and one (1) speed table on Colonial Estates Drive.

Action: Denied speed table on Colonial Estates, Conditional approval of speed tables on Forrest Hill Drive

2. A request from Mr. Darrell Rankin for the installation of stop signs to make the intersection of Lee Street and Clayton Avenue a 3-way stop.

Action: Denied

3. A request from Mrs. Rosie Jones, Councilwoman Ward 7, for the installation of rumble strips and appropriate signage on Green Tee Road, west of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Action: Approved

4. A request from Ms. Bridgitt Fleming, Tel. 662-228-1792, bridgittf@gmail.com, to restripe the crosswalk across Front Street at Troy Street. Ms. Fleming also requests the installation of flashing lights and signage at this crosswalk.

Action: Approved crosswalk, Denied flashing lights

5. A request from the Ridgeway Homeowner's Association, thru Mr. Duke Loden, dloden@centurycg.com, for the installation of stop signs or speed tables at any of the following intersections:

- a) Ridgeway Drive and Summertree Drive
- b) Ridgeway Drive and Greenridge Drive
- c) Ridgemont Drive and Summertree Drive
- d) Ridgemont Drive and Greenridge Drive

Action: Conditional approval on all requests

6. A request from Ms. Geshia Brown, 614 Hibner Street, Tel. 662-687-2599, for the installation of speed tables on Hibner Street.

Action: Conditional Approval

7. A request from Mr. Danny Golding, Winfield Place Neighborhood Association Liason, Danny.golding@tupeloms.gov, for the following:
 - a) Installation of stop sign to make the intersection of Fairfield and Sagefield a 3-way stop
 - b) Installation of a “No Outlet” sign at the entrance to Winfield Place

Action: (a) Denied, (b) Approved

8. A request from Councilman Chad Mims, Ward 1, for the following:
 - a) Installation of a 3-way stop at Lakeshire Drive and Vann Street
 - b) Installation of a 4-way stop at Country Club Road and Strain Street

Action: (a) Denied, (b) Postponed

**MINUTES OF THE TUPELO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
MAY 12, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Tupelo Traffic Committee was held on May 12, 2022, at 11:00 am in the council chambers on the 2nd floor at City Hall. Members present were Mr. Dennis Bonds, Mr. Jake Logan, Officer Patrick Johnson, Mr. Michael Montgomery, Ms. Laura Kramer, Mr. Norman Cruse, Mr. Barton Wynn, Mr. Emmitt Foster and Mrs. Pam Blassingame. Mr. Mike Williams were absent.

Audience members were Mr. Don Lewis, COO, and Mr. Chuck Williams, Public Works Director.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dennis Bonds.

Old Business

1. **A request from The Grove Neighborhood Association c/o Mr. Henry Robinson, 529 Wooten Cove, Tel. 769-251-3315, for the installation of speed tables throughout the neighborhood.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to postpone this item. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Ms. Amanda Powell, 145 Road 1046, Tupelo, Tel. 662-321-7158, abpowell51@yahoo.com, for the installation of a caution light in front of Bissell Baptist Church, 4662 Main Street, for driver's turning left.**

Officer Patrick Johnson made a motion to deny installation of a caution light at this location, but to increase signage in this area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Montgomery and it passed unanimously.

3. **A request from the Big Oaks Homeowner's Association c/o George Rutledge, 3446 Mosseycup Drive, Tel. 662-231-7178, georgerutledge56@gmail.com, for the installation of some "Slow-Children at Play" signs to be installed in the neighborhood and help with speeding and cut-through traffic.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds noted that the "Children at Play" signs have been installed. He also noted that a speed study of the area showed that the speed limit is posted too low. Therefore, Mr. Bonds made a motion to raise the speed limit to 25 mph which was seconded by Mr. Michael Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Mr. Lyndsey Rasberry, 2501 Bryan Drive, Tel. 770-410-9195, for help with excessive speeding.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds stated that Bryan Drive is classified as a collector street and is not eligible for speed tables. Mr. Jake Logan made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Officer Johnson and it passed unanimously.

5. **A request from the Bristow Acres Planning Committee for installation of the following:**

- a) **Marquette and Lumpkin: Flashing red light at stop sign**
- b) **George and West Jackson: Flashing caution light**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis Bonds to (a) replace the stop signs at the intersection of Marquette and Lumpkin with red lighted solar stop signs, and (b) install a solar flashing caution light on West Jackson Street east of George Avenue. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **A request from Mr. Brian Neely, 3321 Forrest Hill Drive, Tel. 662-419-2285, for the installation of two (2) speed tables on Forrest Hill Drive and one (1) speed table on Colonial Estates Drive.**

Colonial Estates is not eligible for speed tables due to its classification. Forrest Hill Drive is classified as a residential street and, therefore is eligible for speed tables. Mr. Michael Montgomery made a motion to deny speed tables for Colonial Estates and approve speed tables for Forrest Hill Drive if Mr. Neely gets the required petition signatures and provides a funding source. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and it passed unanimously.

2. **A request from Mr. Darrell Rankin for the installation of stop signs to make the intersection of Lee Street and Clayton Avenue a 3-way stop.**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to deny this request, which was seconded by Mr. Jake Logan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **A request from Mrs. Rosie Jones, Councilwoman Ward 7, for the installation of rumble strips and appropriate signage on Green Tee Road, west of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.**

Mr. Chuck Williams stated that they could install a pair of the plastic rumble strips that have been used in several areas and are working fine. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request and install the plastic rumble strips. Mr. Michael Montgomery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **A request from Ms. Bridgitt Fleming, Tel. 662-228-1792, bridgittf@gmail.com, to restripe the crosswalk across Front Street at Troy Street. Ms. Fleming also requests the installation of flashing lights and signage at this crosswalk.**

Mr. Don Lewis explained that the crosswalk will be installed (stamped and painted) after the mill and overlay work is completed. Therefore, Mr. Jake Logan made a motion to approve the crosswalk and deny the flashing lights. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Cruse and it passed unanimously.

5. **A request from the Ridgeway Homeowner's Association, thru Mr. Duke Loden, dloden@centurycg.com, for the installation of stop signs or speed tables at any of the following intersections:**
- a) **Ridgeway Drive and Summertree Drive**
 - b) **Ridgeway Drive and Greenridge Drive**
 - c) **Ridgemont Drive and Summertree Drive**
 - d) **Ridgemont Drive and Greenridge Drive**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request if the Ridgeway Homeowner's Association gets a majority of the homeowner's approval and they pay for the signs and installation. Mr. Norman Cruse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **A request from Ms. Geshia Brown, 614 Hibner Street, Tel. 662-687-2599, for the installation of speed tables on Hibner Street.**

Hibner Street is classified as a residential street and would be eligible for speed tables. Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to approve this request provided Ms. Brown gets the required petition signatures and provides a funding source. Ms. Laura Kramer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. **A request from Mr. Danny Golding, Winfield Place Neighborhood Association Liason, Danny.golding@tupeloms.gov, for the following:**

- a) **Installation of stop sign to make the intersection of Fairfield and Sagefield a 3-way stop**
- b) **Installation of a "No Outlet" sign at the entrance to Winfield Place**

Mr. Jake Logan made a motion to (a) deny the installation of a stop sign at Fairfield and Sagefield, but motioned to (b) approve the installation of the "No Outlet" sign at the entrance to Winfield Place. Mr. Emmitt Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **A request from Councilman Chad Mims, Ward 1, for the following:**

- a) **Installation of a 3-way stop at Lakeshire Drive and Vann Street**
- b) **Installation of a 4-way stop at Country Club Road and Strain Street**

Mr. Dennis Bonds made a motion to (a) deny the 3-way stop at Lakeshire Drive and Vann Street and to (b) postpone the 4-way stop at Country Club Road and Strain Street and perform a traffic study. Mr. Barton Wynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, Mr. Norman Cruse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Officer Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by: *Pam Blessingame*