

# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Date: January 18, 2024

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Deputy City Manager

Megan E. Schubert, Assistant City Manager G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

Subject: Traffic Committee Recommendations and Minutes – January 17, 2024

At the Traffic Committee meeting of January 17, 2024, the following recommendations were made for City Council approval:

# 5. Request for Traffic Control - Hopedale Road & Viking Drive

RESOLVED, that the Viking Drive Approach at Hopedale Road be **MODIFIED** from UNCONTROLLED, to STOP CONTROLLED.

Minutes of the meeting are attached.

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Richard Kilmer

Cindy Nurak Al Petrulis

Abi Swaminathan Cynthia Wilsher Pete Ziegenfelder

Angela Zhou, Student Representative

Absent: Shama Kenkre

Deputy Fire Chief, Michael Koehler

Also present: G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer

Sgt. Brian Warzecha, Police Department Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant

# 2. Minutes – November 15, 2023 Traffic Committee

Resolution # 2024-01-01 Moved by Kilmer Seconded by Nurak

To approve the November 15, 2023 minutes as printed.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None Absent: Kenkre

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

# 3. No Public Hearings

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

# 4. Request for Traffic Control – Hearthside & Country Ridge Drive

Cheryl Gonda of 6113 Hearthside Drive requested that the intersection of Hearthside Drive and Country Ridge Drive be reviewed for purposes of traffic control at the uncontrolled intersection. She states: I live in cul-de-sac on Hearthside Drive and the existing uncontrolled intersection is dangerous, cars turning off Country Ridge Drive turn without looking. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers, there have been several near misses recently.

No public comment, and the applicant is not here. The committee made a motion to table the item.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None Absent: Kenkre

# 5. Request for Traffic Control - Hopedale Road & Viking Drive

Mary Gnyp of 1930 Hopedale Road requested that the intersection of Hopedale Road and Viking Drive be reviewed for purposes of traffic control at the uncontrolled intersection. She states: I live on Hopedale Road and the existing uncontrolled intersection is dangerous, cars turning off Viking Drive turn without looking and there is a bus stop at the intersection. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers, there have been several near misses recently.

Mary Gnyp spoke, explaining that Hopedale traffic has increased a lot since the new homes were built and they have multiple cars per household. She states the Hopedale is now used as a cut-thru to get Viking/Abbotsford now from Long Lake. People are speeding down the street and she believes a Stop sign being installed would help alleviate some of the dangers.

John Lalik lives at 1906 Hopedale and stated that he or wife have almost been hit just backing out of the driveway when cars take the turn from Viking to Hopedale fast and recklessly. He can recall 2 incidents where he's been cut off by someone coming down Viking to turn onto Hopedale.

Paul Krebs lives at 1896 Hopedale and believes a stop sign would help and he believes that Viking and Abbotsford intersection also needs to have a stop sign put in.

Pete Ziegenfelder is in favor of a stop sign being installed.

Richard Kilmer purposed installing a 3 way stop sign at the intersection.

The applicant did not believe that would have any benefit and is concerned that may cause more accidents.

Sgt. Brian Warzecha stated that the Police Department does monitor the street when they can, and he believes a yield sign would be enough but understands why a stop sign would be preferred. Explained that some people won't stop if they see no traffic and that could be dangerous.

Paul Krebs added that he thinks a speed limit sign might help.

G. Scott Finlay explained that per the state law, 25MPH is the speed limit in all subdivisions posted or not.

Resolution # 2024-01-02 Moved by Wilsher Seconded by Nurak

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Kenkre

RESOLVED, that the Viking Drive Approach at Hopedale Road be modified from UNCONTROLLED, to STOP CONTROLLED.

# 7. Public Comment

Sgt. Brian Warzecha discussed the placement of the speed radars with the residents of Hopedale.

# 8. Other Business

# 9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.	
Pete Ziegenfelder -Chairperson	G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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