

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
May 15, 2019

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Rosemary Wilson, Bob Ferrell, Julie Bartels, Jim Wigglesworth, Jennifer Morgan, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, and Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Major Matt Davis

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Third-Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

January Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the January 9, 2019, minutes. Bob Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update:

No one was present from the county to provide an update.

Insync Signals:

Town Administrator Britt Poole reported the bids for Phase 2 are being resubmitted after the first ones received were significantly over estimates and the plan was revised. He added they expect to award later in May. Mr. Poole stated Phase 3 has begun at the Lexington Medical Center section.

Town Administrator Britt Poole added there are two positions expected to be added to the Transportation Department in the next fiscal year. The signaling system will expand strategically with additional signals improving the performance of the system as a whole. After the completion of Phase 2 and 3 there will be a total of 46 signals.

Town Administrator Britt Poole stated the majority of complaints have involved service to side streets but the overall movement of traffic is improved.

Vice-Chair Clyde Smith commented on the frequent incidences of traffic on North Church Street blocking East Butler Street. He asked about the pavement markings for "Do Not Block Intersection". Director Randy Edwards noted the pavement markings can create a false sense of security to crossing traffic. Jennifer Morgan commented the Police Department portable sign reminding drivers of the cost of a blocking the intersection citation increases awareness of the problem at that location. Director

Edwards will bring video simulations for adding a left turn lane to Butler Street to the next meeting.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Britt Poole reported the events at the Icehouse Amphitheater will include Sister Hazel on May 17, the Root Doctors for the Lexington Live series on May 23 and the Wine Walk which was rescheduled to May 31. He added Council and staff will attend a retreat in mid-July to consider new projects for the Vision Plan including the renovations at Virginia Hylton Park to connect the Icehouse Amphitheater to Lexington Square.

Rosemary Wilson commented that Lexington needs a large multi-use facility to accommodate events or conferences.

Hospitality Projects

Chair Ruinen asked for a financial report about the Hospitality Tax. Town Administrator Britt Poole stated they expect to receive 2 million during the first year which is a good source of revenue from people who are not residents of the Town. Vice-Chair Smith noted there is a sunset clause on the tax.

Town Administrator Britt Poole added Council has asked the Planning Commission to review an Impact Fee on new development in Town.

Crossroads Project:

Director Randy Edwards reported an update on this project will be presented to Council at the retreat. The overhead sign installation should be done in the next week with new line striping scheduled for next month.

Gateway at Corley Mill:

Director Randy Edwards said work on the Ginny Lane improvements should start tonight.

He added the revised plan for the Lexington Middle School have changed the design plan for the Harmon Street Extension. There will be two phases with the widening of North Lake Drive being Phase 1 and the changes to Harmon Street and the entrance to Lexington Elementary being Phase 2. Town Administrator Britt Poole added the Town has no official position on the new middle school location. Mr. Edwards noted he has met with school officials but there is no Traffic Impact Study at this time. Chair Ruinen commented that moving the school will change traffic patterns but won't increase the number of students attending the school.

Sidewalks

Church Street:

Director Randy Edwards stated the sidewalks on South Church Street are completed. Town Administrator Poole added that they don't expect

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding this year. The costs are too high and there is a 20% match on the funds.

Ginny Lane Signal:

Town Administrator Britt Poole reported the lane shifts were implemented during spring break and issues are being corrected. Director Randy Edwards commented 40% of the traffic is out of area from I-20.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 8:00 AM** in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary Wilson and seconded by Frank Berry. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:26AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair