



**SAFETY COMMITTEE - CHRIS LONG
MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2017**

COMMITTEE MEETING: 7:35 PM

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

1. Call to Order

PRESENT: Clemens, Long, Cicak, Spalding, Joseph
ABSENT:

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition of item 4C ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR A RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASH BEACON, CONCRETE SIDEWALK PANEL REPAIR AND RESTRIPING; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes stand approve.

a. Safety Committee – Committee Meeting – October 9, 2017

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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4. Discussion

- a. ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 1305.03 Commercial Fee Schedule and Section 1305.12 State Fees of Chapter 1305 Permits and Fees. (Second Reading 10/9/2017).

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/23/2017 7:45 PM
MOVER:	Chris Long, At Large	
SECONDER:	Stephen Cicak, Ward I	
AYES:	Clemens, Long, Cicak, Spalding	

- b. ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 1301.01 Department Established; Duties of Building Official of Chapter 1301 Building Division and Section 1325.03 Definitions of Chapter 1325 Residential Code of Ohio for 1, 2, and 3 Family Dwellings. (Second Reading 10/9/2017).

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- c. Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Installation for a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon, Concrete Sidewalk Panel Repair and Restriping; Appropriating Funds Therefore; and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Long: Over the past few months with the grand opening of Vick's Pizza and the incredible success of Prost and other businesses looking to move into that area we've had a considerable amount of increase in pedestrian traffic, which has created a safety situation to where pedestrians are actually doing the old Frogger trying to get across the street. I asked Bill Sampson to go ahead and do some investigating. I talked with the Mayor as well about setting up an illuminated active crossing that would warn traffic letting them know when a pedestrian was there. I'll let Bill go ahead and answer any questions the members of the committee might have.

Mr. Sampson: Thank you Chairman Long. The crosswalk includes 2 push button signs so one can be placed on both sides of the street. They will be powered by solar panels and I requested that they include the cost to powder coat the poles to match the light poles in that area. Some of the advantages for council include an increase in traffic compliance with laws to stop yield for pedestrians to crosswalk, increases driver awareness of the presence of the pedestrians and allows for normal traffic flow when actuated.

Mr. Cicak: I think it's a good idea. Andrea Ramsey, the owner of the Yoga Studio, was hit by a car in that area. It's about time that we get this done.

Mr. Long: And thankfully not hurt badly.

Mr. Cotner: I was just, want to again clarify, traffic won't stop for this. It's just an awareness crosswalk. Is that correct?

Mr. Sampson: Traffic will stop. Pedestrians have to activate it. They will actually be doing some more work on at Lancaster and Main. It's going to be east of that crosswalk.

Mr. Cotner: Right there by the city parking lot.

Mr. Sampson: Yes.

Mr. Long: Actually by the mapping it's going to be over to the corner where your business (Cotner Funeral Home) sits. Am I right or wrong Mr. Sampson?

Mr. Sampson: Yes.

Mr. Cicak: It will be east of Jackson right?

Mr. Sampson: By Cotner Funeral Home. You don't want 2 crosswalks. We have the one at Lancaster and Main. Just side by side. That doesn't serve the purpose. This one's going to be up from that. It's going to allow pedestrians to safely cross, but they have to activate it. They have to activate the signal and it will stop traffic.

Mr. Cotner: I just want to make sure I understood that. I saw the 2 different ones and I just wanted to make sure I understood that it would stop as opposed to just illuminating. So, traffic was required to stop for it.

Mr. Sampson: We want traffic to stop, but when it's not activated we want traffic to flow.

Mr. Long: It's very similar to what we currently have on Brice Road.

Mr. Sampson: Yes. That's the model. We want something solar powered. We want something that's not only an effective for traffic management, but also a good learning tool, solar power.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Chairman, I did not have a chance to even see that document. May I borrow yours?

Mr. Clemens: This would be on the east side of the intersection? Is this what we're talking about?

Mr. Sampson: That's correct.

Mr. Clemens: Is this the same as Brice Road? Anytime somebody wants to walk across and it's flashing?

Mr. Sampson: They've got to activate it.

Mr. Clemens: So, that means that 5:00 in the afternoon we've got all this traffic backed up and people decide to start walking, that means traffics not going to go anywhere?

Mr. Sampson: It means when they activate it they'll be able to safely cross Main Street.

Mr. Clemens: That's what I'm saying, so, there's no way that we can, here's what I'm trying to say is, we've got to accommodate that traffic that we have coming through too. Is there a way that between certain hours, like 3:00 to 5:00, that this doesn't operate? I mean, we do have people walk across that street. I mean, I walk across it and we don't have that much traffic walking across it. You may talk like you do, but we don't right now. What I'm interested in; I want people to be safe. We've got crowds in this city too. People could be going back and forth, kids and all that and that traffic would be stopped clear up to Rosehill and I don't know whether that's what we're looking for.

Mr. Sampson: That's a good point councilman Clemens. We'll certainly investigate the

timing of it. We don't want to back traffic up, but at the same time I doubt the yoga manager employee was crossing at rush hour. She was probably crossing in the morning or late afternoon.

Mr. Cicak: I'm not sure the time, but when somebody's carrying a pizza and trying to get back to the parking lot I don't think that....

Mr. Clemens: But we can't stop all the traffic because a guy carrying a pizza. I mean, let's be honest about it. We do have other people that live in Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Cicak: A pedestrian has the right of way.

Mr. Clemens: Right, so I mean all in favor trying to help things, but we also, I mean I see that traffic. You do too. I'm there every day almost and people are going to be backing up and backing up.

Mr. Hood: Mr. Sampson, do you know how many seconds, once it's activated, how many seconds the traffic is stopped for? Could we find that out for the council?

Mr. Sampson: I'll find that out.

Mr. Hood: To let them know what the interruption of traffic will be.

Mr. Sampson: The model was Brice Road and that's worked very successfully. We can certainly get those details councilman Clemens, council members. We're not going to set it out there and step away. We're going to monitor it. This is important traffic management. Reynoldsburg is developing. People are crossing the street and from the City's standpoint pedestrian safety is paramount.

Mr. Clemens: It's true.

Mr. Sampson: I'd rather stop if a pedestrian is crossing to make sure that they get safely across the street, than to run the risk of someone getting injured.

Mr. Clemens: You don't understand. I do too, but you have to accommodate what we have. You can't be stopped all day long just because you've got 5 people want to cross the road and they don't cross together. I'm just telling you what can happen. I watch it on Brice Road. I know what can happen.

Mr. Sampson: Yes sir. I think we're accomplishing that.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you. This is different than a traditional crosswalk. This is not going to be creating a red light. These are very common in other states. It's going to flash for as long as it takes someone to cross the street. Now there's 2 directions. Once the person gets from the curb to the center then that direction of traffic can resume. It will continue to flash until the pedestrians cross from the center to the other sidewalk and then it will resume.

It's not a traditional green, yellow, red, wait 3 minutes. When they walk by cars start again. How long it takes to stop your car for someone to walk in front of it.

Mr. Long: Mr. Clemens, that crosswalk is already there. People can stop traffic all day long. Our issue was that traffic won't stop for any individual who wants to utilize the crosswalk. I don't believe that we're adding anything additionally to it because we're not adding traffic across Main Street. All we're doing is putting something in place that enables them to cross safely.

Mr. Luzader: I think the Ohio Uniform Traffic Control Manual has a formula in there based on the speed limit and the width of the road that people are crossing as to how long the light will flash. It should be fairly easy to come up and I don't think it's very long. It's not as long as the traditional traffic light.

Mr. Sampson: No, it is not. As the Mayor pointed out it does not stop traffic if there are no pedestrians. Again, we're going to work with the city engineer, we're going to work with TAPCO, the equipment provider, and make sure it's timed correctly and we're going to monitor it. We're going to make sure that it's working and that it's not holding up traffic.

Mr. Long: I'll make a motion that we send this on to Finance for appropriation of its first reading.

Mr. Cicak: Seconded.

Motion approved by voice vote. Item sent to Finance Committee

RESULT:	REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Long, At Large
SECONDER:	Stephen Cicak, Ward I
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