

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

**March 13, 2025- 10:00 a.m.
First Floor Conference Room – City Hall**

	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of Current Term of Office
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Voltz	(18-03)	06/28/2026
	Dana Stickley	(02 -02)	12/04/2027
	Brycen Haggard	(04-02)	11/13/2028
	John Mallon	(03-00)	07/08/2027
MEMBERS NON-PRESENT:	Dennis Fetter	(03-01)	03/04/2029
STAFF PRESENT:	Jackson Jones, Superintendent of Streets Keven Schneider, Deputy Director of Operations Abe Forney, Director of Public Works James Tonn, Police Sergeant Max Schieber, Transportation Planner Jackson Lohman, Transportation Planner Jeff Jauhola, Traffic Supervisor Dustin Boydston, Traffic Division Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary		

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Call to Order.

Mike Voltz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 1- Approve November 13, 2024 meeting minutes. John Mallon motioned to approve the November 13th meeting minutes and Brycen Haggard seconded the motion. By general consent, the previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Item 2- Review the warrant study conducted on Mitchell Avenue and discuss the formal request from Gary Clark to remove the traffic signals at 26th and 27th Streets. In July 2025, Public Works received a formal request to remove the stoplights along Mitchell Avenue. In response, Public Works conducted a traffic study after the start of the school year to better understand the flow of school traffic and pedestrians. The results of the study recommended keeping the lights in place, as the 27th Street services the church and both intersections are school crosswalks. Based on these findings, the Public Works and Transportation Department recommended to the Board that the lights remain as they are. Brycen Haggard motioned to deny the request to remove the traffic signals along Mitchell and Dana Stickley seconded the motion. **By general consent, the motion was carried.**

Item 3- Review the warrant study conducted at 18th and Highly and discuss the formal request from Amy Hammond to convert this intersection into a 4-way stop. After receiving the request, Public Works conducted a traffic and accident study to determine whether a 4-way stop was warranted. The study revealed that there was insufficient traffic and few accidents to justify changing the intersection. At the meeting, several citizens voiced concerns about speeding and the need for changes to the intersection, citing recent accidents. While the

safety concerns are valid, Public Works recommends maintaining the current intersection setup. However, they suggest adding additional signage to warn of through traffic and removing some trees to improve visibility. Staff informed the Board members that if the study indicates no changes are warranted, the City could be held liable for any future accidents if it disregards the findings of the study. The Traffic Division also noted that stop signs are not used for addressing speeding concerns, as they can sometimes cause more harm than good. Given that safety concerns remain a significant issue, the Board members asked whether an engineered study could be conducted to determine if the results might change. Brycen Haggard motioned to recommend making 18th and Highly a 4-way stop and proceed with the engineering study for further analysis, and John Mallon seconded the motion. **By general consent, the motion was carried.**

Item 4- Discuss the formal request from Steve Schomburg to remove parking along the north side of Pacific Street, from the Belt Highway to 33rd Street, due to safety concerns. Pacific Street is well known for its speeding concerns, particularly in the narrow section between 33rd Street and the Belt Highway. With cars parked along the side and deep drop-offs along both sides of the street, speeding becomes an even greater hazard. Residents from the area attended the meeting and expressed their concerns about speeding and the impact of parked cars. The Traffic Division has indicated that the south side of the street currently is no parking and that they have no issues with removing parking on the north side of the street, as the residents have driveways available for parking. Additionally, Pacific Street serves as an emergency route, and its narrow width presents safety concerns, especially when it comes to snow removal and accommodating emergency vehicles. The combination of these factors heightens the need to address both traffic flow and safety in this area. John Mallon motioned to recommend removing the parking along the north side of Pacific Street, between 33rd Street and the Belt Hwy and Brycen Haggard seconded the motion. **By general consent, the motion was carried.**

With no other items on the agenda and no other public comment, Brycen Haggard motioned that the meeting be adjourned and John Mallon seconded. **Meeting Adjourned.**

Next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: April 9, 2025

Minutes respectfully submitted.

/s/ Ashley Parker
Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary