MINUTES
City Council Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – 3:30pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Members Present:	Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member Mac Morrow, Vice Chair, Council Member Kevin Gallo, Citizen Member Mayor Maureen Copelof, Ex-Officio Member
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager David Todd, Assistant City Manager Mack McKeller, City Attorney Bradley Elmore, Interim Fire Chief Tom Jordan, Police Chief Aaron Bland, Assistant Planning Director Emily Brewer, Senior Planner Selena Coffey, Assistant to the City Manager

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Aaron Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

B. Certification of Quorum

Assistant to the City Manager Selena Coffey certified that a quorum was present.

C. Approval of Agenda

A traffic calming update and public comment were added to the proposed agenda. Mr. Gallo moved to approve the amended agenda, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow. All voted in favor.

D. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gallo noted that "weren't working" needed to be added to the end of the first paragraph on page 3 under public comment. Ms. Coffey could not update the minutes right away because the city's internet was down. The minutes were noted for approval on the October committee meeting agenda.

E. Update on Traffic Calming Measures

Mr. Hooper announced that a public meeting regarding traffic calming possibilities for Carolina Avenue and Rosenwald will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6 p.m. The meeting is a drop-in format with no formal presentation, allowing residents to review data and provide feedback.

Mr. Todd reviewed the traffic calming updates. [See attachment]

F. Vape Store Regulations Discussion

Mr. Hooper reported that a bill passed in the N.C. assembly, HB 90, went into effect on July 1 and this bill significantly limits the number of vape products that can be sold in the state to those approved by the FDA. He also noted that additional regulations are in committee with the General Assembly now.

Mr. Hooper and Attorney McKeller provided additional information on potential ways to limit growth in vaping stores. Mr. Hooper shared that the city could adopt the Hendersonville model to use police powers to prohibit stores near schools and parks and/or changes within the City's zoning code that limits the number of zoning districts where new vape shops can open. Mr. Bland shared a map on the monitors showing how various radiuses would impact a potential limit on vape shops. Attorney McKeller reminded the committee that these would be city police powers only and therefore would not extend to the ETJ. He provided additional legal information to the committee.

After discussion by the committee, Mr. Hooper recommended that the committee agree to move forward using the Hendersonville model and determine the radius of the regulations, with knowledge that too much distance may put the city at more risk. Attorney McKeller noted that the larger the radius, the larger it becomes to defend in a legal case. Committee discussion continued.

The committee agreed with Mr. Hooper that he would bring back draft language that would include parks, schools and after-schools and with a 2,000-foot radius. The committee also agreed with Mr. Hooper's recommendation to draft a revision to the zoning ordinance to move hemp shops to its own section instead of leaving them in the general retail zone where they exist now. Mr. Hooper also noted that the draft will provide better definitions for vape shops as well.

G. Special Event Social District Signage Extension Follow-up

Although Ms. Brewer was unable to pull up internet to show more maps, she had a map that she had been working on with the Heart of Brevard Director, Nicole

Bentley. She shared that they would continue to work together to develop appropriate signage for extending the social district. After discussion, the staff shared that they would bring back additional information.

H. Introductory Discussion of Code of Ordinances Chapter 78: Vehicles for Hire

Mr. Hooper shared with the committee that the city still has a taxicab ordinance and that the ordinance is out of date with ride shares and modern cab companies. He shared that staff will be bringing an update on this topic.

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

J. Set Date for Next Meeting – October 28, 2025 at 3:30pm

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 3:30pm in City Council Chambers.

K. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Gallo made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Morrow. The vote carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes Approved: October 28, 2025

X _____
Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member or
Mac Morrow, Vice Chair, Council Member

X _____
Selena D. Coffey
Assistant to the City Manager

Traffic Calming and Safety Project Status 9/24/2025

IDENTIFIER	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	NOTE
1	W. Probart/Railroad intersection improvements	Move stop sign/stop bar slightly east to provide more space for traffic collection; increase SB curb radius to ease turning movements onto WB Probart	Waiting on delivery of new RRBC to start construction, hopefully in the next couple of weeks.	Mayor's List
2	Railroad/McClean path crossing improvement	Replace one-sided RFBs with two-sided; create ADA accessible "landing pads" on both sides of crosswalk	Waiting on delivery of new RRBC to start construction, hopefully in the next couple of weeks. We will also be installing the truncated cones.	
3	E. Probart crossing at Broad St.	Enhanced signage to warn motorists of pedestrians	Installed pedestrian and traffic warning signs, painted the crosswalk. Waiting on McAdams review one way travel on Probart, Broad to court house parking. Traffic data has been requested from Police.	Mayor's List
4	Estatoe boardwalk repair Section 1, behind McDonalds	Repair/replace/reconfigure boardwalk sections of Estatoe Trail.	Seeking a FLAP Grant to place this portionon grade	PTR comm. has agreed that this should be staff focus for the year to come
5	Estatoe boardwalk repair Section 2, behind Aldi	Repair/replace/reconfigure boardwalk sections of Estatoe Trail.	Seeking a FLAP Grant to place this portionon grade	PTR comm. has agreed that this should be staff focus for the year to come
6	Estatoe temporary trail	Gravel path along old railbed	Temporary trail is largely complete pending installation of fencing and Pender and Fisher crossings.	Develop shared multi use path drawing for Pender Lane
7	Carolina Ave. traffic calming	Possible traffic calming measures on Carolina Ave. north of intersection with Shipman	Community meeting 9/25/25 to discuss traffic calming options and traffif flow data	Mayor's List
8	Four-way stop near Silversteen Park	Add stop sign at Mills Ave. to create four-way stop near Silversteen Park	Community meeting 9/25/25 to discuss traffic calming options and traffif flow data	
9	Oaklawn/Main St. four-way stop	Add stop signs/stop bars on Main St. to create four-way stop	Remove turn lane on Main and then add 4 way stop, may require the addition of medians. Waiting on drawing from McAdams.	Mayor's List
10	Oaklawn/Carver four-way stop	Add stop sign at EB Carver to create four-way stop	Add stop bar and stop sign only no pedestrian improvements	Mayor's List. Need to advertise traffic change and install "New Traffic Pattern" signs
11	Park Ave. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Data collection underway	
12	Pisgah Church dr. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Data collection scheduled	
13	Fisher Rd. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Discussed with NCDOT 8/29/25. NCDOT indicates they are flexible in regards to trail crossing and willing to consider ownership swap.	State rd., TC measures must be approved by NCDOT

14	No Turn On Red where Bike Paths are crossed, Deer Lake Road, Jackson Court, Osbourne, temporary until R5800 is complete.	Constituent request for consideration	Discussed with NCDOT on 8/29/25. NCDOT is reviewing mast arms to see if they can support associated signage. NCDOT said maybe to painting trail crossing with the Ecusta Trail Logo at Deer Lake, Pisgah Heights, Jackson Court	
15	Add traffic calming to Oakdale, near 228	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	Add to data collection schedule
16	Flashing Yellow light and enhanced crosswalk, Highschool to dirt parkng a across Country Club Road. Consider addition of speed bumps or rumble strips	High School has requested rumble strips	Discussed with NCDOT on 8/29/25, they are evaluating traffic calming options they deem acceptable. Rumble strips and speed humps will not be considered.	
17	Bicycle Accident Barclay Road due to ignored Road Closure Barricades	Constituent request for consideration	In Progress but also outside of City Limits	NCDOT - Estimated Completion by 10/1/25
18	Can speed be reduced on shared bike lanes on French Broad	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	
19	Can Morgan Street be made a bike boulevard	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion in Downtown Master Plan	
20	Can the Bike Ped Plan be reviewed for safety concerns and address those on a higher priority	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	
21	Can we review the number of light changes per crosswalk crossing at 276/Elm/Park View at school crossing	Constituent request for consideration	Needs to be discussed with NCDOT at next quarterly meeting	
22	Ecusta Road signage warning of upcoming trail crossings	Constituent request for consideration	To be addressed by a coming STIP Project, have asked NCDOT if signs can be added, awaiting their approval	Mayor's List
23	Secondary egress from Cherry St area	Constituent request for consideration	Proposal on hand, awaiting Council approval and looking for grant funding	Mayor's List
24	Trail crossing signs and better marking by Pisgah Heights	Constituent request for consideration	Repaint faded crosswalk add signs, waiting on NCDOT	Mayor's list, this may be a repeat
25	Deerlake Road sidewalk extension	Constituent request for consideration	Cost estimated by Public Works to be $20k for materials, work could be done in house as time allows, double cost if contracted. Wilson to discuss with home owners association.	Mayor's List
26	Better trail marking/ safety improvements by Deerlake Rd/AVL Highway, pernament per R5800.	Constituent request for consideration	Conversations continue with NCDOT	Mayor's List
27	Deer Lake Crossing Signal Light	Constituent request for consideration	Reviewing with NCDOT	
28	Jake Brake Signs	Constituent request for consideration	Replacing signage with larger signs in new locations	
	RESOLVED OR COMPLETED ITEMS			

1	Jailhouse Hill Line Painting	Constituent request for consideration	Completed	NCDOT
2	Line Painting in front of Ingles	Constituent request for consideration	Completed	NCDOT
3	Railroad Avenue parking	Public hearing 8/4 for code changes prohibiting on-street parking along Railroad	Complete	
4	Crosswalk Indicators not working, French Broad/Caldwell	Constituent request for consideration	Complete	
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6	Crosswalk Indicators not working, Main/Caldwell	Constituent request for consideration	Complete	NCDOT
7	Reflective Tape on Benches at Jordan Street Bump Out	Constituent request for consideration	Complete	Will be reviewed again later if deemed problematic