MINUTES
City Council Public Safety Committee

Monday, October 28, 2024 – 3:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present:	Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member Mac Morrow, Vice-Chair, Council Member Kevin Gallo, Citizen Member Mayor Mauren Copelof, Ex-Officio Member
Staff Present	Wilson Hooper, City Manager David Todd, Assistant City Manager Tom Jordan, Police Chief Bobby Cooper, Fire Chief Becky McCann, Communications Coordinator Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk
Guests:	Linda Gallo, Nora Jane Montgomery, and Monica Driscoll

A. Welcome & Call to Order

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

B. Certification of Quorum

City Clerk Denise Hodsdon certified that a quorum was present.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Gallo to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2024 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Gallo to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Transportation Working Group Update

Mr. Hooper reported that NCDOT is essentially out of commission as a partner in our projects for the foreseeable future as they are working on emergency needs

throughout the region. Their early estimates are that there is $4B needed just to restore things back to the way they were from a transportation perspective. They think that all the ordinary projects currently on their books will be postponed. For example, while the funding for R-5800 probably won't be affected as it will be a federal funding source, its construction will be affected because construction materials for the next calendar year will be committed to emergency repairs. Any projects that were currently underway prior to the storm are or will be back underway.

F. Cherry Street Tractor Trailer Issue

Mr. Hooper recalled that NCDOT had helped us with this issue by installing signage on Old Hendersonville Highway, but since there is still a problem with tractor trailers turning onto Cherry Street, if we want a solution that can be done quickly, we probably need to do it in a way that we can execute. Staff has come up with two suggestions to pursue: first, we reached out to the commercial trucking GPS system because on their map Cherry Street is shown as connected to the back side of Oskar Blues; the second suggestion is to install some more visible signage in the vicinity of the bridge itself. Staff will pursue that with the State. Mr. Morrow also suggested posting it as "no tractor trailers" and adding it to the traffic schedule.

G. Probart Street Traffic Calming Installation Schedule

Mr. Todd reported that the speed cushions have arrived, but installation has been postponed due to the storm. Staff hopes to start installing them in the next week or two and have them installed by the end of November.

H. Railroad Avenue Parking Installation Schedule

Mr. Hooper noted that there are three different components to Railroad Avenue parking – 1) no parking signs along the greenway, 2) curbing along the greenway, and 3) repainting of lanes and addition of on-street parking at the intersection of Whitmire. Mr. Todd reported that the painting for on-street parking will be done next week, but he did not have an update on the other two components.

I. Four-way Stop at Mills Avenue Near Silversteen Park

Mr. Hooper reported that our traffic consultant has advised that that intersection is suitable for a 4-way stop because of the amount of traffic and pedestrian use. We will begin the process for installing those signs, which includes a public meeting in the Rosenwald Community, and that meeting will be scheduled soon. The results will be brought back to the committee for a recommendation.

Mr. Baker mentioned that we should consider looking at adding a 4-way stop at the intersection of Oaklawn and Main. Mr. Morrow added that he has heard from residents of Fortune Square that there is no stop sign on Carver and traffic comes

flying around that corner. Mayor Copelof said we also need a crosswalk there. Mr. Hooper will have the traffic consultant look at those areas.

J. Public Comment

Linda Gallo expressed appreciation for the work that went on behind the scenes related to the storm and said she was excited to hear that the speed cushions would be installed by the end of November.

K. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee was scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 3:30 pm at City Hall.

L. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Minutes Approved: November 25, 2024

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Aaron Baker
Chair, Council Member

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Denise Hodsdon
City Clerk