MINUTES
City Council Public Safety Committee

Monday, July 28, 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 Tom Jordan, Police Department Mack McKeller, City Attorney 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 3:31pm.

B. Certification of Quorum

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Baker requested that items E and F be interchanged on the agenda. Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the agenda with this amendment. Mr. Baker seconded and all voted in favor.

D. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the June 23, 2025 minutes with a revision on page 3, item H, to correct the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on Main Street. Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve this revision, and it was seconded by Mr. Baker, with all voting in favor.

E. Update on Hemp/Vape Shops Regulations

Mr. Hooper summarized the committee has asked staff to complete the following three tasks, 1) Monitor legislation in Raliegh to determine if the State is updating legislation regarding hemp and vape shops, 2) Build a map that shows what 500 foot

and 1,500 foot buffering around the shops in question, and 3) report on enforcement of local legislation on hemp and vape shops.

Mr. McKeller shared that there has been no movement in Raleigh at the State level regarding hemp and vape sales and he didn't feel that there are any immediate prospects in this regard. He noted that anything that State law enacts will preempt what the city may do in the future.

Mr. McKeller also offered to respond to questions regarding the extent of the city's police powers to enforce buffers around vape and hemp shops. The committee continued their discussion of the buffer zones around schools and daycares and the City of Hendersonville's ordinance. After much discussion, Mr. Hooper summarized that the city would develop a draft ordinance that is rationally tied to the accessibility of the hemp/vape stores based on locations of parks, schools, daycares and after school facilities. After lengthy conversation on the topic, staff agreed to bring back a draft of an ordinance like the City of Hendersonville's.

F. Quarterly Fire Report

The following quarterly fire department report below had been distributed previously distributed, and the committee briefly discussed the incidents in the report.

BREVARD FIRE DEPARTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT

2nd Quarter 2025		
Date	Location	Details
4/8/2025	765 Old Hendersonville Highway	Bicycle struck by vehicle, minor injuries
4/18/2025	185 Old Hendersonville Highway	Car vs pedestrian, minor injury
5/29/2025	22 Fisher Road	Bicycle crash, possible broken leg
6/17/2025	Probart Ext/N Broad	Car vs bicycle, 15 year old, broken wrist
6/29/2025	Pisgah Highway/Dolly's	Car vs bicycle, 10 yo minor injury

G. Update on Responses to Recent Pedestrian/Vehicle Crashes

Mr. Hooper provided an update on recent pedestrian and vehicles crashes. He shared that the city has responded to these by installing additional signage and the city will be repainting the crossbars to prevent future incidents.

H. Update on Traffic Calming Measures

Mr. Hooper, with additional comments from Mr. Todd presented the traffic calming projects included within attachment A. Committee members asked clarifying

questions and comments on certain items within the presentation but agreed with staff's approach on these items.

[See attachment A]

Committee members expressed their interest in the city moving forward with painting the crosswalk on Probart and Broad Streets. They also requested that staff evaluate the feasibility of making eastbound Probart Street one-way.

I. Public Comment

Ms. Drew Dean requested that the city take action to curb homelessness, specifically those homeless near her business with concerns of safety. Mr. Jordan responded that there had been no actionable incidents of homeless people in that area.

Mr. Sankey also commented that the city should be doing more regarding the homeless population in the city. Committee members reiterated that the actions the city is taking regarding affordable housing is an effort to help these homeless folks to have the opportunity for housing.

J. Set Date for Next Meeting – August 25, 2025 at 3:30pm

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 25, 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 5:58pm.

Minutes Approved: August 25, 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

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	Scheduled for construction in ???	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	In committee?	
3	Railroad Avenue parking	Public hearing 8/4 for code changes prohibiting on-street parking along Railroad	At Council	
4	E. Probart crossing at Broad St.	Enhanced signage to warn motorists of pedestrians	Scheduled for installation	Mayor's List. Open question in comm. about whether repainting the pedestrian crosswalk is worth pursuing despite sight line concern
5	Estatoe boardwalk repair Section 1, behind Mc Donalds	Repair/replace/reconfigure boardwalk sections of Estatoe Trail.	Under discussion	PTR comm. has agreed that this should be staff focus for the year to come
6	Estatoe boardwalk repair Section 2, behind Aldi	Repair/replace/reconfigure boardwalk sections of Estatoe Trail.	Under discussion	PTR comm. has agreed that this should be staff focus for the year to come
7	Estatoe temporary trail	Gravel path along old railbed	Construction paused while accomodations for neighbors are explored	
8	Carolina Ave. traffic calming	Possible traffic calming measures on Carolina Ave. north of intersection with Shipman	Data collected; options under discussion at TCWT; public meeting tent. for Sept.	Mayor's List
9	Four-way stop near Silversteen Park	Add stop sign at Mills Ave. to create four-way stop near Silversteen Park	Concept endorsed by comm., public meeting tent. for Sept.	
10	Oaklawn/Main St. four-way stop	Add stop signs/stop bars on Main St. to create four-way stop	Added to traffic schedule; dimensions still being calculated at TCWT	Mayor's List
11	Oaklawn/Carver four-way stop	Add stop sign at EB Carver to create four-way stop	Added to traffic schedule; dimensions still being calculated at TCWT	Mayor's List
12	Park Ave. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Data collection underway	
13	Pisgah Church dr. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Data collection scheduled	
14	Fisher Rd. traffic calming	Constituent request for consideration	Data collected; options under discussion at TCWT	State rd., TC measures must be approved by NCDOT
15	Add Speed Bumps to Oakdale, near 228	Constituent request for consideration	Data collection scheduled	
16	Flashing Yellow light and enhanced crosswalk, Highschool to dirt parking lots across Country Club Road. Consider addition of speed bumps or rumble strips	Constituent request for consideration	Concept shared with NCDOT	
17	Crosswalk indicators not working, French Broad/Caldwell	Constituent request for consideration	Shared with NCDOT	
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19	Crosswalk indicators not working, Main/Caldwell	Constituent request for consideration	Shared with NCDOT	NCDOT
20	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
21	Reflective Tape on Benches at Jordan Street Bump Out	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	

22	Can speed be reduced on shared bike lanes of French Broad	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	NCDOT road
23	Can Morgan Street be made a bike boulevard	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	
24	Can the Bike Ped Plan be reviewed for safety concerns and address those on a higher priority	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion	
25	Can we review the number of light changes per crosswalk crossing at 276/Elm/Park View at school crossing	Constituent request for consideration	Shared with NCDOT??	
26	Ecusta Road signage warning of upcoming trail crossings	Constituent request for consideration	Shared with NCDOT??	Mayor's List
27	Secondary egress from Cherry St area	Constituent request for consideration	In Progress, waiting on proposal from designer. Field visits have occurred.	Mayor's List
28	Trail crossing signs and better marking by Pisgah Heights	Constituent request for consideration		Mayor's list, this may be a repeat
29	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.	Mayor's List
30	Better trail marking/ safety improvements by Deerlake Rd/AVL Highway (also Jackson Ct.)	No right turns on red at trail crossings; enhanced signage; green lane painting denoting bike lanes, etc	Concepts shared with NCDOT	Mayor's List
31	Apple Tree St. lane markings	Constituent request for consideration	Under discussion at TCWT	
32	Enhanced "Jake Brake" signs	Larger/more legible "Jake Brake" signs at better/more locations	Approved by NCDOT; signs ordered	
	RESOLVED OR COMPLETED ITEMS			
1	Jackhouse Hill Line Painting	Constituent request for consideration	Completed	NCDOT
2	Line Painting in front of Ingles	Constituent request for consideration	Completed	NCDOT