



**TRAFFIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TALENT CITY HALL
October 15, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.**

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The Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission of the City of Talent will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in a regular session at 3:30 P.M. in the Talent City Hall, 110 E. Main Street. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder at 541-535-1566, ext. 1012. The Traffic Safety & Transportation Commission reserves the right to add or delete items as needed, change the order of the agenda, and discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the study session and/or meeting.

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call 3:34 P.M.

Members Present:

Chair – Teresa Cooke
Community Member – James Bradley
Community Member – Tom Ehrhart
Planning – Zac Moody
Police Chief – Mike Moran
Public Works Supervisor – Bret Marshall

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

City Councilor – Ryan Pederson
City Manager – Tom Corrigan

II. Brief Announcements

None

III. Consideration of Minutes for August 20, 2015

*Bradley moved to approve the minutes.
Ehrhart seconded and the motion carried.*

IV. Citizens Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

V. New Business

Review of Ord. 13-870 § 13 – Skateboards – Moody explained that public inquiries prompted a revisiting of skateboard transportation issues. He provided sample code from other, nearby cities and explained that many other cities had boundaries where skateboarding was limited or prohibited.

Section 13(1) of Ordinance 13-870 currently reads: *“No person shall ride a skateboard upon a street, nor upon any sidewalk or parking surface in the downtown area defined as: West of Highway 99 and East of the railroad tracks from Colver Rd. to Rapp Rd..”*

Pederson explained that it would not be appropriate to disallow only skateboard transportation in the area immediately adjacent to the skate park and that the initial language, created in 1991 was likely outdated. Moody agreed that grouping skateboarding with other non-motorized forms of transportation (roller blades, scooters, bicycles, etc.) seemed practical.

Marshall said that most infrastructure damage sustained from skateboard use occurs on sidewalks and low retaining walls, he suggested removing “a street” from the current language in § 13(1), and leaving the rest as-is.

Moran explained that banning skateboarding on sidewalks also makes sense because hazards posed to pedestrians by unobservant skateboarders is significant. On the issue of safety, Pederson emphasized that skateboarding safety (namely helmets) should also be considered for future code revisions. Moody suggested that staff could research and draft code language to be discussed further at the next meeting. The TSTC agreed to table the issue until the next meeting.

VI. Visual obstructions along Main St. – Bradley expressed concern that vehicles do not have a clear sight triangle due to vegetation (primarily rose bushes) along Main St., specifically in the vicinity of John St. and in front of City Hall. Corrigan concurred and mentioned that the City will address the fence and vegetation outside City Hall.

VII. Old Business

None

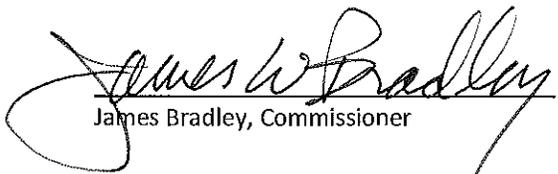
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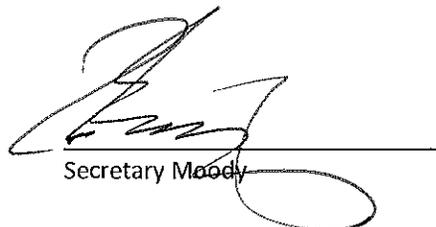
The next regularly scheduled TSTC meeting, will be December 17, 2015.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Attest:


James Bradley, Commissioner


Secretary Moody

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