

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 15, 2019

The Safety Committee of Chardon City Council met on Thursday, January 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room A located on the second floor of the Municipal Center.

Chris Grau, Chairman of the Safety Committee presiding.

Members of Safety Committee present: Chris Grau, Andrew Blackley.

Others present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Police Chief Scott Niehus, Mayor Jeffrey Smock, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Joe Koziol, Robert Cromwell.

Mr. Grau called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

Mr. Blackley moved and Mr. Grau seconded to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Regarding no left turns onto E. King St. from S. Hambden St.,** Chief Niehus provided a history of the discussions that have taken place regarding the removal of the sign which prohibited the turn during 6:00-8:30 a.m. M-F. He explained that a request had been made by an E. King Street resident for the removal of the sign and the turns to no longer be prohibited. He further explained that he observed traffic once the E. King Street construction project had been completed. During his observations, some motorists made the prohibited left turn despite the prohibition without disrupting the traffic flow or causing an unsafe condition. In addition, he contacted the school district to inquire if they had any concerns if the turning restriction was removed. The school district did not indicate that they had any problems with the removal of the left turn prohibition. Since no issues were identified, he stated that he did not have objection to the prohibition being lifted.

Robert Cromwell, 120 Huntington Street, stated that a bypass has been discussed that will come down Park Avenue but yet the Committee is considering allowing vehicles to use residential streets to bypass the Square.

Mr. Blackley stated that the character of the roadway determines the type of vehicles that use it.

Mr. Sharpe noted that there will not be an advantage for vehicles to use E. King Street as a bypass because the traffic light at Moffet Avenue and South Street is very long.

Mr. Grau moved and Mr. Blackley seconded to recommend to Council to removal of the prohibition of left turns onto E. King Street from S. Hambden Street turn during 6:00-8:30 a.m. M-F and direct the Law Director to prepare legislation. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blackley requested a traffic count be done before the change is made.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - none.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Cromwell expressed concern regarding tractor trailers on Huntington Street and the increase of buses and motorists dropping off kids at Park Elementary resulting in a backup of vehicles on Goodrich Court and Huntington Street.

Discussion occurred regarding the procedure for student drop-off at the school.

Chief Niehus concurred that vehicles are backed-up and idle while the busses are waiting for staff to arrive to release students from the busses.

The Committee members recommended staff contact Asst. Superintendent Steve Kofol to discuss staffing solutions to alleviate the traffic backups affecting residents.

Mr. Blackley inquired about the City's emergency preparedness plan.

Mr. Grau reported on the work being done to the emergency preparedness plan.

Mr. Sharpe noted that if there is a County-wide emergency issue, the County would be the leading agency and the City would take a supportive role.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Grau moved and Mr. Blackley seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

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AMY DAY  
Clerk of Council

