

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

April 13, 2022- 10:00 a.m.

3rd Floor Council Chambers – City Hall

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	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of Current Term of Office
MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Reese	(26-00)	12/04/2022
	Robert Douglass	(20-00)	02/11/2024
	Mike Voltz	(04-01)	06/28/2026
	Randy Parlett	(22-09)	07/11/2023
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Keith Marriot	(19-06)	08/27/2023
STAFF PRESENT:	Andrew Clements, Director of Public Works, and Transportation Ashley Carrithers, Recording Secretary Keven Schneider, Superintendent of Streets and Infrastructure Scott Gatewood, Traffic Supervisor James Tonn, Police Sergeant		

Call to Order.

John Reese called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Item 1-Approve February 9, 2022 minutes. Randall Parlett motioned to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes and Robert Douglass seconded. By general consent, the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Item 2- Discuss formal request received from Council Member Novak and Council Member Moore: Requesting additional ADA parking for the southside of Civic Arena, along the northside of Felix Street, between 3rd and 4th Street. The facility is currently served by ADA parking on the north side of the building as well as within the parking structure to the east. Scott Gatewood stated that the ADA parking stalls that are located along the northside of the building and structure across the street are to gain access to the ADA door that is located on the northside of the building. Concerns were made that if ADA parking were placed along the southside, it would make it difficult for organizers and vendors to load and unload, potentially causing delays in events being held at the arena. Currently, there is plenty of ADA parking available to access the building at the appropriate entrance on the northside.

Randall Parlett motioned to deny the request for additional ADA parking on the southside of Civic Arena and Mike Voltz seconded. By general consent, the motion was unanimously denied. **Motion Carried.**

Item 3- Discuss the formal request received from Nestlé Purina PetCare: Requesting the installation of "No Stopping or Standing" street signage along Stockyards Expressway from Cedar Street to Illinois Avenue. This designation would prohibit vehicles from stopping in the street and idling, creating a safety hazard. Additionally, this request would address vehicles blocking entrances and exits to the surrounding properties. Currently, the City Code states "Parking prohibited at any time" along both sides of Stockyards Expressway from Hickory Street south to Illinois.

Scott Gatewood explained to the Commission that he agrees this issue is a hazard and vehicles cannot safely turn out of Nestle when the trucks are stopped along the sides of the road. Andy stated that the Code already restricts parking, but there are no restrictions on stopping or standing and so legally trucks cannot be ticketed for this issue. If approved, the Code will be amended to read "Stopping, standing or parking prohibited Stockyards Expressway, both sides, from Illinois Avenue north to Beaver/Lower Lake Road (actually the south side of the tracks where city right of way ends)."

Bryan Kingston, Factory Manager with Nestle Purina, came forward to discuss his concerns regarding semi-trucks idling along the sides of Stockyards Expressway outside of the entry and exits to the Nestle property, south of Lower Lake Road. The semi-trucks limit the view of oncoming traffic, which creates a safety hazard for not only Nestle employees but visitors too. Bryan said the last few weeks have been better, as Albaugh has been working to get trucks in faster and purchased the property across the street for trucks to wait but does not want this to become an issue again.

Donnie Thompson, Planning Engineer with Albaugh, came forward and explained to the Commission that this time of the year is busy for Albaugh and with supply chain issues, staffing issues, gate closures, and new a software program this has compounded all the traffic to become backed up for extended amounts of time over the last several months. Albaugh has purchased the lot across the street and has been cleaning up the lot to turn it into a staging area for trucks. This will assist in not having semi-trucks stopping along Stockyards Expressways.

James Tonn, Police Sergeant with the Traffic Division of the Police Department, recommends this change to the Code, agreeing it is a safety hazard. Although, it was noted that MoDOT maintains the section of Stockyards Expressway, from Lower Lake Road north to Cedar Street. The City cannot change traffic signage on that section of road without MoDOTs approval, but since the main concern is south of Lower Lake Road (from the tracks south), it was agreed upon to only change that portion.

Randell Parlett motioned to amend the Code of Ordinances to read "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" along both sides of Stockyards Expressway from the tracks to Illinois and move on to Council for final approval and Mike Voltz seconded. By general consent, the motion was unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

Other Items/ Public Comment: None

With no other items on the agenda, John Reese, Chairperson, motioned that the meeting be adjourned. **Meeting Adjourned.**

Next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: May 11, 2022

Minutes respectfully submitted

/s/ Ashley Carrithers

Ashley Carrithers, Recording Secretary