

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

City Hall, 220 Clay Street

September 18, 2023

The meeting of Standing Committees met at City Hall at 8:46 p.m. on September 18, 2023, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Councilmembers Susan deBuhr, Kelly Dunn, Simon Harding, Daryl Kruse, Dustin Ganfield, Gil Schultz, and Dave Sires. Staff members from all City Departments and members of the community attended in person.

Public Works Committee:

Chair Schultz explained that this item was brought forth during a referral at the previous City Council Meeting on September 18th, 2023. It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Ganfield to hold a Public Works Committee meeting immediately following adjournment of the City Council Meeting. Chair Schultz called the special meeting to order and introduced the only item for the Public Works Committee, 12th and Clay Street Intersection. Chair Schultz introduced Public Works Director, Chase Schrage. Director Schrage gave an overview of 12th Street that included the road width, speed limit, 12th Street is considered a minor arterial road that is intended to carry traffic and the 24-month crash data. Councilman Harding asked about a short-term solution until construction is finished and a proper traffic study can be completed. Director Schrage expressed how a traffic study would be skewed due to the construction closure on West 18th Street and Main Street. Councilmembers and staff discussed: rapid flashing beacons, push button traffic signals, posted officers, potential traffic back up, lower speed limits, speed bumps, and a cross walk attendant. Ron Gaines, City Administrator, agreed to immediately implement painting crosswalks, using a crossing guard, adding additional pedestrian signage, and increasing patrol. Chair Schultz called for public comment. John Mershon expressed his concerns for the intersection and asked for clarification on speed bumps. Rachel Mershon voiced her concerns towards speed and safety. Terry Vietor spoke on traffic backup and her concerns for safety. Councilmembers will receive an update from staff at the Committee meeting on October 2nd, 2023, so staff has adequate time to collect data and evaluate the course of action that was implemented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Minutes by Shianne Bellinger, Administrative Assistant