

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Public Safety Committee**

**Monday, April 25, 2022 – 3:30 PM**  
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Mac Morrow, Chair, Council Member  
Maurice Jones, Vice-Chair, Council Member  
Steve Harrell, Interim City Manager  
Tom Jordan, Police Chief

Absent: Bobby Cooper, Fire Chief

City Staff: Phil Harris, Public Safety Director  
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guest: Linda Gallo, Resident

**A. Welcome & Call to Order**

Committee Chair Mac Morrow called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**B. Certification of Quorum**

Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon certified that a quorum was present.

**C. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2022 Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Chief Jordan to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Request to NCDOT to Reduce Speed Limit on Portion of Neely Road**

Mr. Harrell explained that there is a two-block section of the stretch of road between Elm Bend Road and Old Hendersonville Highway, partially Neely Road and partially Park Avenue, that is 35 mph and on either side of that it is 25 mph. The Mayor has received some complaints from residents in that neighborhood and they would like to see the speed limit reduced to 25 mph in that section, making the speed limit consistent throughout the entire length of the road between Elm Bend Road and Older Hendersonville Highway.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Chief Jordan to recommend that City Council adopt a resolution requesting that NCDOT reduce the speed limit

of the two-block section from 35 mph to 25 mph. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Ordinance Amendment to Close Carver St. and Oaklawn Ave. to Semi-Truck Traffic**

Mr. Harrell provided some photos of a semi-truck that had made a left-hand turn off of Jordan Street onto Oaklawn Avenue where it stopped to make a delivery near the intersection of Carver Street, blocking the entire street. Mr. Harrell noted that the area of Oaklawn Avenue and Carver Street is almost all residential. He said the consideration is whether or not Oaklawn Avenue and Carver Street should be closed to semi-truck traffic.

Mr. Harrell mentioned that one thing to consider is that semi-trucks will make deliveries to Ace Hardware using Jordan Street and the only way to get out is via Oaklawn because England Street is a one-way street. On the other hand, England Street is plenty wide enough for a semi-truck to turn off of West Main Street, come up to Jordan, take a left onto Jordan to make their delivery, and then pull out onto Caldwell Street. We could contact the various trucking companies to let them know that they have to turn off of West Main Street onto England Street, and left onto Jordan Street rather than going the other way.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Chief Jordan to recommend to City Council to close Oaklawn Avenue and Carver Street to 45-foot 5-axle semi-trucks. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Updated Draft Traffic Calming Policy**

Phil Harris presented the updated draft Traffic Calming Policy, which included the three changes recommended by the committee at the last meeting:

- Increased percentage of neighborhood support from 60% to 70%;
- Amended language regarding who votes (renter or owner); and
- Amended language to change the word “vote” to “support” or “non-support”

There was discussion regarding who gets to vote for rental properties. The committee agreed that the language should be amended to say that property stakeholders will be polled for support or non-support, and define property stakeholder as the person who pays City of Brevard utilities at that property and/or the registered property owner.

Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Chief Jordan to move forward with the edits as discussed and send to City Council with recommendation to adopt. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. Set Date for Next Meeting**

It was decided that the Committee would meet again when needed.

**H. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

X Mac Morrow

Mac Morrow,  
Chair, Council Member

Minutes Approved: May 23, 2022

X Denise Hodsdon

Denise Hodsdon,  
Executive Assistant