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OCTOBER 16, 2023

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Lopez; Commissioner Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief James Walsh; Deputy Chief Terry Blake; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore, Deputy Chief James Dinho; Kyle Benjamin, Traffic Analyst, TMP; Stephen Ivan, Redevelopment Agency; Nathan Fankhanel, TMP; Ben Yeung, TMP

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:01PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **2. APPROVE THE ROAD CLOSURE ON BUTLER STREET FROM WEST AVENUE TO CRESENT STREET ON MONDAY 10/30/2023 THROUGH TUESDAY 11/7/2023 FROM 7:00AM TO 3:00PM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES FOR THE PINNACLE DEVELOPMENT (467 WEST AVENUE)**

Mr. Ivan said the Pinnacle infrastructure project involves the undergrounding of utilities along the block associated with the site development and a piece of this work is to install a new electrical vault that will feed into the new development. He said they had previously had agreed to leaving an 11' of travel lane open but as the plan got revised due to the requirement to alter a piece of the water line in order to fit the vault in between the existing infrastructure they will need to encroach on the other lane of traffic and will not be able to maintain it so they are asking for seven days of a potential closure, and to reroute truck traffic through Harbor Avenue and up along Chapel Street, and local traffic through Orchard Street and down Quincy Street. Mayor Rilling said the closure will only be between the hours of 7:00AM and 3:00PM. Mr. Ivan said that is correct and the road will be plated during non-working hours and there will be shoring in place to handle the truck traffic. Mayor Rilling asked if police officers will be stationed to help with traffic control and if the detour will be marked properly. Mr. Ivan said "yes" and that will all be done through Grasso Construction Company who is the approved contractor for the infrastructure work.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ROAD CLOSURE ON BUTLER STREET FROM WEST AVENUE TO CRESENT STREET ON MONDAY 10/30/2023 THROUGH TUESDAY 11/7/2023 FROM 7:00AM TO 3:00PM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES FOR THE PINNACLE DEVELOPMENT (467 WEST AVENUE)**

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**3. PRESENT THE PROPOSED NEW 20 MPH SCHOOL ZONE FROM 8:15AM TO 9:15AM ND 3:00PM TO 4:00PM FOR THE FOX RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON FOX RUN ROAD FROM 11 FOX RUN ROAD TO FILLow STREET AND FILLow STREET FROM FOX RUN ROAD TO RICHARDS AVENUE**

Mr. Benjamin said they were approached by the school to slow down speeds and multiple other schools have proposed a 20 MPH school zone including Tracey Magnet School and this is a continuation of that process. He said that new sidewalks were recently installed along Fillow Street along the portion of the school and once the road is repaved in the future new pavement markings and bike lanes will be installed which should help to slow down speeds and make the area safer for kids to get to school. He said the 20 MPH school zone is only being proposed for the peak arrival times of 8:15AM to 9:15AM and dismissal times of 3:00PM to 4:00PM. He said if approved they will be sending this to OSTA to get official approval and once approved all the regulation signage and flashers will be installed. Commissioner Lopez asked if there would be anything that would impede the traffic. Mr. Benjamin said "no". Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if this will be consistent with the other school zones. Mr. Benjamin said it would be consistent in terms of the infrastructure, but the times will be different just because the school has different hours than some of the other schools. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if the 20 MPH will be consistent with the other schools. Mr. Benjamin said there are still schools without school zone speed limits but the schools that do have the school zone speed limits are 20 MPH.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd