Streets and Alleys Committee

March 14, 2022

Present: President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck; Lochtefeld, Scott, and Sovinski. Also present were Safety-Service Director Hitchcock; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Shinn, and Police Chief Wale.

CM Baltzell called the meeting to attention at 6:32 pm to discuss intersections along Myer Road and turned it over to Administration.

Director Hitchcock discussed the intersection of Lilac and Myer were the signals for the stop light needs to be replaced and will be a $115,000 project. There is two options to discuss, one is to turn it into a 4-way stop and the second would be to turn it into a 2-way stop.

CM Scott pointed out that the stoplights were placed there originally due to kids having to walk to school when they changed the bus route to 2 miles out and now a bus does go back there. So the point of a stop light is gone.

CP King asked what the deadline is for this since there is restripers coming in? Director Hitchcock stated the second week of April and it will be a 5-6-week project. He can’t hold off to long on the painting since Myer is such a busy road and the painting layouts for each option is so different.

CM Baltzell asked for clarification on the 2-way stop. Chief Wale stated with traffic flow on Myer he would be scared of how backed up traffic would be if every car had to stop. Director Hitchcock stated he thinks a 4-way stop should go there because if kids do still walk to school then there should be at least 1 safe intersection for them to do that.

CM Sovinski asked if Myer was a Truck Route? Director Hitchcock stated he believes that it was made for that but we never designated it to be one. He also stated his main concern is that if we change it to make sure it’s visible because people are so use to the light they will blow right through a sign.

CM Clausen asked if there was a option to leave it as it is? Director Hitchcock confirmed. CM Clausen stated that it sounds like the safest option. Director Hitchcock stated that if that’s the way Council wants to go then we can do it, we just wanted to see if we could save a little money.

CP King then gave some feedback from the public on this topic. He stated that he believes we should keep it to provide a safe cross walk for anyone trying to cross.

CM Scott suggested a 4-way stop at Meadow View, keep the light at Lilac and let the rest go.

CM Lochtefeld asked if we got rid of the light at Lilac it would be gone forever? Director Hitchcock confirmed. There isn’t enough traffic to warrant a light there, the only reason we got it in the first place was for school crossing.

Council agreed to keep the light on Myer and Lilac and pay for the upgrades.

Mayor Hazel reminded council that Tony Slusser had the petition with 300 signatures stating they wanted that light.

CM Baltzell adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Submitted by Erin Heberlie, Clerk of Council