

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
August 18, 2025

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Service-Safety Director Rob Martin, City Engineer Jeremy Kalb, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Police Chief James Mathias.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Law Director Rob Feighner, Public Works Superintendent Dave Honse, Kathy Launder.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Robin Badertscher, Deborah Pregibon, Michael Wolford, Pat Wolford, Emily Burchfield.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of David Ray for a study to change the first alley west of S. Main Street between W. Crawford Street and W. Sandusky St. to a two-way alley.

10/21/2024

David Ray stated that it is difficult to see to pull out of alley onto Sandusky Street no matter which direction. He suggested bubble mirrors or the potential to change the alley to two-way. Director Martin stated that in discussing this with City Engineer Jeremy Kalb, there are a couple issues. The alley is pretty narrow to be able to make it two-way. People are creatures of habit the alley has been one-way for a number of years and people may not realize they can utilize it as two-way. Also, the direction of the one-way alleys/streets change from south to north as you head west. Ray stated that motorists speed excessively from Main Street to Cory Street. Does not want to remove any parking spaces. Honse stated that there are no locations available to install bubble mirrors. Director Martin stated that we can only eliminate so many risks because of the travelling public. The vehicular traffic needs to take ownership and responsibility to travel safely. Director Martin stated that there isn't an easy solution. Director Martin stated that a bubble mirror may not be effective. Director Martin stated that he is willing to give a trial run of making the alley two-way. Honse stated that additional signage would be needed for traffic coming off the alley onto Crawford to make sure they don't go the wrong way on the one-way street. Director Martin stated that he would be more willing to trial a two-way rather than change the direction of travel on a one-way.

Motion to table request until communication can be sent to abutting property owners that have parking availability notifying of a traffic study regarding changing the first alley west of S. Main Street between W. Crawford Street and W. Sandusky St. to a two-way alley, by Chief Eberle, second by Director Martin. Motion passed 4-0.

4/21/2025

Item remains tabled. Engineering will send out notification to properties along alley.

7/21/2025

Item remains tabled.

8/18/2025

Motion to lift item from table, by Kalb, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

Kalb stated that he talked with the abutting property owners. They are indifferent to changing the alley to a two-way or changing direction of the one-way. There is concern of head on accidents due to the alley not being wide enough for two-way traffic. For delivery trucks, it's easier to come in off of W. Crawford Street than W. Sandusky Street so changing the direction of the one-way is not favorable. Chief Mathias stated that the right move is to keep it the way it is.

Motion to deny request to change the first alley west of S. Main Street between W. Crawford Street and W. Sandusky St. to a two-way alley, by Kalb, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Danny Delong, 130 Woodcliff Drive, for a four-way stop at Lester Avenue and Anna Street.

7/21/2025

Danny Delong stated that there are currently four-way stops on Anna Street at Edith Avenue and Melrose Avenue. Motorists are speeding on Anna Street. Requesting a four-way stop at Anna Street and Lester Avenue to slow this traffic. Kalb stated that stop signs are not for speed control just for turning movements. Chief Mathias stated there have not been any accidents reported at this intersection in the last five years. They have done extra enforcement in this area for the last several years. Kalb stated that he would rather move the four-way stop from Anna Street and Edith Street to Anna Street and Lester Avenue, but there may be a sight distance issue with a tree. Kelley stated he can post radar signs to gather speed data. Kalb stated we can gather traffic counts in the area as well.

Motion to set up radar signs to gather data for speed and gather traffic counts, and postpone until data is received, by Director Martin, second by Chief Mathias. Motion passed 4-0.

8/18/2025

Item remains tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Police Chief James Mathias to extend the 90 day trial of temporary street closure of S. Cory Street from W. Crawford Street to W. Main Cross St. to thru vehicular traffic to December 31, 2025, for the 300 block of S. Cory St. between W. Crawford St. and W. Main Cross St. to vehicular traffic for public safety; except for Police, Fire, EMS, trash and delivery vehicles and bicycles.

Chief Mathias stated that the closure has made a dramatic difference for the safety of everyone who uses this area. Have not had any complaints recently regarding the closure. When this closure is made permanent, would like to install a gate with an arm that is motion activated.

Motion to extend the 90 day trial of temporary street closure of S. Cory Street from W. Crawford Street to W. Main Cross St. to thru vehicular traffic to December 31, 2025, by Chief Eberle, second by Director Martin. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Rick Eakin, 141 Bittersweet Drive, for speed limit signs on Goldenrod between Blue Bonnet and TR 145.

There are no speed limit signs on Goldenrod.

Motion to install two speed limit signs in both directions on Goldenrod between Blue Bonnet and TR 145, by Director Martin, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Michael Wolford, 1025 Hurd Avenue, for three way stops at Baldwin Avenue and Hurd Avenue and Locust Avenue and Hurd Avenue.

Michael Wolford stated that he has lived at this location for over 30 years. Motorists are increasingly speeding on Hurd Avenue. To his knowledge there haven't been any accidents, but fears it's only a matter of time. There are a lot of children who play in the front yards on this street. If three-way stops aren't an option, he suggested rumble strips. He appreciates in the past when officers would monitor the area, but as soon as they leave, motorists start speeding again. Chief Eberle stated he drove the area. He agrees that a traffic study may be helpful. There isn't a natural spot for three-way stops. He also stated that painting "piano keys" at Baldwin and Hurd crosswalk may be helpful. Kalb stated that stop signs are not to be used for speed control. Rumble strips are an effective tool, however they are loud causing an adverse effect on the neighborhood. Kalb stated that a traffic calming study will be conducted soon in another area of the City. He can check to see if he can add Hurd Avenue to this study. Chief Mathias stated that we can put the radar signs out to gather data, especially times of day motorists are speeding. Then can plan targeted enforcement in the area.

Motion to deny request for three-way stop signs and will add Hurd Avenue to traffic calming study being conducted, by Kalb, second by Director Martin. Motion passed 4-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on August 18, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk

## **WORK ORDERS**

Minutes approved by Council 9/2/2025

*Motion to install two speed limit signs in both directions on Goldenrod between Blue Bonnet and TR 145, by Director Martin, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.*

Install two speed limit signs in both directions on Goldenrod between Blue Bonnet and TR 145.

*Motion to deny request for three-way stop signs and will add Hurd Avenue to traffic calming study being conducted, by Kalb, second by Director Martin. Motion passed 4-0.*

Conduct traffic calming study. On Hurd Avenue.

## **ADMINISTRATION ACTION**

Motion to extend the 90 day trial of temporary street closure of S. Cory Street from W. Crawford Street to W. Main Cross St. to thru vehicular traffic to December 31, 2025, by Chief Eberle, second by Director Martin. Motion passed 4-0.