

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
February 17, 2026

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Council members: Rodney Phillips, Danny DeLong, Heather Kensinger; Tom DeMuth, resident.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting, by Councilman Wagner, second by Chief Mathias. Motion passed 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update of temporary closure of S. Cory Street between W. Crawford Street and W. Main Cross Street.

An extensive update was provided regarding the proposed restricted access/closure of S. Cory Street and related traffic, safety, and access considerations in the surrounding area.

#### Security and Stakeholder Coordination

- The Head of Security for the Ohio Supreme Court communicated with local court staff and judges regarding the proposal.
- While the State does not typically direct local policy, feedback supported restricted access due to the sensitive nature and proximity of judicial and law enforcement facilities.
- The County Commissioners and the Sheriff have participated in ongoing correspondence and expressed support for the concept.

#### Post Office Coordination and Mailbox Relocation

- Concerns were discussed regarding access on S. West Street, particularly related to a USPS mailbox, alley movements, and sharp turning maneuvers.
- The Post Office indicated willingness to relocate the mailbox, provided access for mail carriers and equipment is not negatively impacted.
- Relocating the mailbox to the alley intersection would:
  - Maintain USPS operational access
  - Eliminate difficult turning movements
  - Allow continuous traffic flow between W. Main Cross Street and W. Crawford Street

#### Alley Vacation and Access Changes

- A proposal was presented to vacate the east-west alley between S. Cory Street and S. West Street.
- This would:
  - Limit through traffic in a sensitive security area
  - Provide improved maneuverability for USPS vehicles
  - Support long-standing security goals related to inmate transport and judicial operations

### Parking Configuration Improvements

- Removal of reverse-angle parking on S. West Street was discussed due to congestion and safety concerns.
- Proposed changes would:
  - Convert reverse-angle parking to parallel parking
  - Relocate three public parking spaces
  - Result in a net gain of approximately nine parking spaces on USPS property for USPS vehicle operations
- It was emphasized that, even under a worst-case scenario, only one public parking space would be lost.

### Traffic Operations and Signal Discussion

- Discussion included turning movements at nearby intersections, including left-turn operations and signal timing at S. West St. on to W. Main Cross St.
- Reference was made to a 2022–2023 corridor study, which found that:
  - Several intersections, including S. West St. and S. Cory Street, do not meet signal warrant criteria, however, existing signals will remain due to familiarity and safety considerations
- Planned signal timing updates and equipment upgrades were noted for 2026.

### Engineering and Accessibility Considerations

- Proposed changes would require curb removal, grade adjustments, drainage review, and ADA accessibility accommodations.
- Signage and physical barriers (curbing, chevrons, or markers) would be used to clearly indicate closed or restricted areas.

### Additional Discussion

- The Sheriff's Office indicated parallel internal security discussions regarding fencing and access control on adjacent properties.

### Referral to Council Committee

- Motion to refer the conceptual design and proposal for restricted access on S. Cory Street, mailbox relocation, alley vacation, and related parking/traffic modifications to the Street, Sidewalk, and Parking Committee for further review and discussion, by Director Martin, second by Councilman Wagner. Motion passed 5-0.

It was noted that staff will continue coordination with the Post Office and other stakeholders and confirm operational details.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on March 16, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk