

Thursday, June 4, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the committee on any matter over which they have authority, whether it is or is not posted on the agenda. The committee is not permitted to discuss or take action on any presentations concerning an item not listed on the agenda. Citizens may speak up to three (3) minutes or the time limit determined by the Mayor or presiding officer.

ACTION & BRIEFING ITEMS:

- A. Approval of the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes.
- B. Discuss and take action on the speeding concerns identified in the citywide survey and February 4th town hall meeting. *(The City Council has requested the committee to consider reducing the speed limit on all residential streets to 25 mile per hour, excluding alleyways, school zone on Burton Hill Road, Burton Hill Road, White Settlement Road East of Roaring Springs Road to the city limit, Roaring Springs Road, Pumphrey, and Highway 183/Westworth Blvd city limit to city limit. This will cost approximately \$18,000 to purchase and install the required traffic signs and educational materials to inform the public.)*
- C. Discuss and take action on the Burton Hill Elementary bus lane and pedestrian crossing. *(This issue was previously identified, and Chief Reaves has proposed a solution. If recommended this will be considered for funding recommendations by the Long-Range Planning Advisory Board.)*

BRIEFING ITEM:

- D. Review the action taken by the city of Fort Worth to re-strip Roaring Springs Road and add a center turn lane.
- E. The next meeting will be held on August 4, to address other concerns identified in the citywide survey and February 4th town hall meeting including street lighting and trash services.

ADJOURN

The Committee reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meeting Act.

This facility is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations for the hearing impaired must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (817) 710-2526 for assistance.

A quorum of the council or other committees may be present at this meeting; however, no council or other committee discussion or action will be taken. I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Westworth Village City Hall, 311 Burton Hill Road, Westworth Village, Texas on this, the 1st day of June 2020, at 5pm, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary



Thursday, January 9, 2020

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Tiffany Aller	Chair
Dani Briones	Member
Jo Ann Rowls	Member
Tony Yeager	Member
Abraham Elizondo	Member
Rosa Mendez	Member
Sterling Naron	City Administrator
Brandy Barrett	City Secretary
Kevin Reaves	Police Chief

ABSENT:

J.D. Ambrose	Member
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CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30pm by Tiffany Aller.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of both the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting minutes.

MOTION to approve both sets of minutes from the November 7, 2019 meetings.

- **MADE BY:** Tony Yeager. **SECOND:** Rosa Mendez.

Motion passed unanimously by a recorded vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays.

B. Review and discuss the action taken by city council regarding the location of the pedestrian Hawks Signal crossing where the trail system crosses Roaring Springs Road. *(Council took action on December 10th regarding the trail crossing location at Roaring Springs Road, however they did not accept the Public Safety Committee's recommended location.)*.

- Mr. Yeager lead a discussion questioning the committee's validity and use of his time. In his opinion the council blatantly disregarded both the committee's recommendations and the recommendations of multiple safety experts on the trail crossing location. He expressed his concerns over the council members' ability to make unbiased decisions for the greater good of the city over the concerns of a few, and their choice to spend additional tax funds build it. He specifically questioned Councilwoman Mendez who voted for the safest designated location at the committee meeting and then changed her vote at the council meeting, thereby decreasing safety and increasing spending. He questioned why Councilwoman Cowden, who has moved out of town, was allowed to remain on council and continue to make decisions affecting expenditures, taxes and citizens. He applauded Councilwoman Aller for her stance in support of the safety of the citizens and voting against the move.
- Councilwoman Mendez stated that she was allowed to change her mind and did so in the interest of safety.
- Citizens Margaret Worthington and Brian Libbey spoke on the topic.

C. Receive a status update on the signal warrant study agreement for the intersections of Carb and Coleman at Roaring Springs Road. *(Council took action on November 12th accepting the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to complete a traffic signal warrant study on Roaring Springs Road.)*

- Mr. Naron provided an update, stating that the City of Fort Worth, who owns that section of Roaring Springs Road, is in the process of stripping a turn lane in the middle. It is anticipated to start in May; therefore no funds will be spent until the results of the stripping have been reviewed.
- Councilwoman Aller expressed her desire to address the safety concerns at the Carb/Aton/Tracyne intersection. Chief Reaves stated he would have a recommendation for review at the next meeting.

D. Receive a status update on the bus lane stripping, drop-off zone and pedestrian crossing.

- Mr. Naron stated the project as pending funding and was in being considered by the Long-Range Planning Advisory Board as a capital improvement. He anticipates the estimated \$100,000 for the project will be approved in the coming fiscal year budget.

E. Discuss and take action on the citywide survey results.

- Ms. Barrett provided a detailed review of the survey results. Committee members discussed parking, lighting, and next steps.

MOTION to recommend council set up town hall meetings to gather more information from citizens.

- **MADE BY:** Tony Yeager. **SECOND:** Abraham Elizondo.

Motion passed unanimously by a recorded vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays.

F. The next meeting has been scheduled following the town hall meetings.

ADJOURNED at 7:21pm.

MINUTES APPROVED on this day, the 5th day of March 2020.

Tiffany Aller, Chair

ATTESTED TO BY:

Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary



Westworth Police Department
311 Burton Hill Road
Westworth Village, Texas 76114
Phone 817-738-3675 fax 817-738-0535



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5-6-2020

TO: Mayor Jones et al;

FROM: Chief K.C. Reaves

SUBJECT: Residential Streets Traffic Study

In response to the citizens survey, which was conducted in late 2019, the Westworth Village Police Department conducted traffic studies of the residential streets in the 5700 and 5800 blocks of the City of Westworth Village in order to determine the daily volume of traffic and speed of vehicles. The scope of the study was to evaluate daily vehicular traffic as well as the speed of vehicles. The study collected traffic data in 2019 and 2020.

Below is the data set outlining the residential streets surveyed for a minimum of 7 days.

Street	Speed Limit	Average Speed	85 th percentile	Min Speed	Max Speed	Average Daily Volume	Total Volume
5800 Straley Ave	30	16.46 MPH	19.56 MPH	5 MPH	38 MPH	137	964
5800 Lyle St. E.B.	30	13.74 MPH	16.88 MPH	5 MPH	32 MPH	175	1226
5800 Lyle St. W.B.	30	13.63 MPH	16.98 MPH	5 MPH	34 MPH	261	1830
5800 Pollard St. W.B.	30	12.13 MPH	15.04 MPH	5 MPH	43 MPH	195	1370
5800 Pollard St. E. B.	30	14.25 MPH	17.46 MPH	5 MPH	29 MPH	152	1068
5800 Coleman St. E.B.	30	18.96 MPH	22.89 MPH	5 MPH	57 MPH	432	3028
5800 Tracyne Dr. E.B.	30	12.73 MPH	17.73 MPH	5 MPH	47 MPH	500	3506
5700 Aton Ave. E.B.	30	10.61 MPH	15.29 MPH	5 MPH	36 MPH	446	3052

5800 Carb Dr. E.B.	30	17.82 MPH	22.92 MPH	5 MPH	40 MPH	770	5391
5800 Carb Dr W.B.	30	20.97 MPH	26.04 MPH	5 MPH	45 MPH	744	5214
Popken Dr.	30	17.15 MPH	21.52 MPH	5 MPH	39 MPH	385	2701
Tanny St	30	22.06 MPH	28.82 MPH	5 MPH	59 MPH	1746	12,222

Summary of the study:

Upon analyzing the data compiled for the traffic studies, the data indicted the average of vehicles per day for both directions on Straley, Lyle, and Pollard was constant with the number of residents which live on these roadways. This is based upon the number of vehicles per day as well the average number of trips from each residence per day. The average daily volume was consistent with the number of residences on each street.

After analyzing Coleman, Tracyme, Aton and Carb's daily traffic volume during the study dates and times, the data supported a significantly higher volume of traffic these streets. Based upon the traffic patterns of the area, the increased volume and times of traffic on these roadways is constant with residents commuting to and from work and school.

Burton Hill Elementary School has a significant number of parent drop off's and pick ups of children. The traffic counts in these streets is consistent with school traffic and cut through traffic for commuters accessing I-30 from SH-183 and or White Settlement Rd via Roaring Springs Road and vice versa.

The study indicated there was a small percentage of vehicles traveling in excess of the 30 MPH speed limit on residential streets. The study indicated the overall **AVERAGE 85th** percentile on the residential streets in Westworth Village of **15.31 MPH**.

Coleman, Tracyme and Carb had the highest residential vehicular traffic per day. The data on these streets indicated the **AVERAGE 85th** percentile was **22.39 MPH**. The study showed significant number of vehicles were traveling at 25 MPH to 30 MPH on these streets.

Tanny Street is by its very design is a residential collector street from White Settlement Rd to access the residential streets in Westworth Village as well as neighboring Fort Worth. However, this section of roadway has several driveway entrances as well as numerous intersections in a residential area. The daily volume of traffic which utilizes Tanny is consistent with a cut through street for vehicles to access neighborhoods in Fort Worth as well as a cut through access to I-30 from White Settlement and Westworth Blvd (SH-183). Tanny St. has been a concern expressed by numerous citizens regarding the volume and speed of vehicles utilizing this roadway. The **AVERAGE** speed was **22.06 MPH** and the 85th percentile for this roadway was **28.82 MPH**. The average daily traffic volume was **1,746** vehicles per day.

Recommendation:

Based upon the findings of the traffic study, I recommend the City of Westworth Village adopt an ordinance making all residential and commercial public streets 25 MPH. The speed limits on private property would not be affected by this change. The justification for this change from 30 MPH are as follows:


- The 85th percentile for the residential public streets in Westworth Village is 15.31 MPH
- The number of vehicles which utilize on street parking make 30 MPH an unsafe speed in a residential area.
- The length of the residential public streets in the 5800 blocks are approx. 1,190 ft to 1,300 ft long. The length of the roadways in the 5700 blocks average 1,048 ft in length.
- The length of the roadways in the commercial district varies from 250 ft minimum to the longest section just over 800 ft.

At this time, I have not conducted a traffic study of the volume and speed of vehicles on the city streets located in the commercial district such as Sherry Lane, Hawks Creek Ave, Drive or Ct as well as Mitchell Ave and the Fairways Drive. However, due to the daily traffic volumes of these roadways, location, and length of the roadways, 30 MPH is not a safe speed. My recommendation is to designate and post these as 25 MPH roadways as well.

The City of Westworth Village would be required to post 25 MPH signs on the roadways designated 25 MPH. This would require at least 60, 25 MPH speed limit signs as well as an undetermined number of signposts to be installed on all public residential streets in the City of Westworth Village. There may be an opportunity to utilize existing signposts on public streets. The costs associated with this would be a minimum of \$18,000 for signs, posts and labor for instillation. These costs have not been budgeted for at this time.

The speed limits on commercial collectors, arterials, and state highways will not be changed by this proposed adoption and remain the speed as designated by statute or ordinance.

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "KEVIN REAVES". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "K".

Kevin C. Reaves
Chief of Police
Westworth Village TX



Tuesday, DATE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TEXAS BY AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT APPLICABLE TO ALL STREETS WITHIN CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING THE MAXIMUM PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT FOR SAID STREET; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Westworth Village is a Type A General Law city located in Tarrant County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes a municipality to establish prima facie maximum reasonable and prudent speeds for vehicles on streets and highways within its corporate boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Westworth Village has conducted an engineering and traffic investigation and studies to determine a prima facie maximum speed limit which is reasonable and safe on the roadways that are the subject of this ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines based upon said engineering and traffic investigation and studies that the existing speed limits on are unreasonable and unsafe and the City Council hereby declares that the speed limits should be changed as set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that an amendment to the speed limits throughout the city is in the best interest of the City and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Westworth Village and the general public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12.03.003(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances, a copy of this Ordinance shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TEXAS:

Section 1: THAT all of the above premises are found to be true and correct factual and legislative determinations of the City and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2: THAT the speed limit applicable to the following street within the City is hereby amended by adopting the referenced maximum prima facie speed limit:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Speed (mph)</i>
All residential and commercial streets, unless otherwise listed herein	25
Alleyways	15
School Zone on Burton Hill Road as posted	20
Burton Hill Road	30
White Settlement Road, East of Roaring Springs to city limit	35
Roaring Springs Road	35
Pumphrey	35
Highway 183/Westworth Blvd, city limit to city limit	40

- Section 3: The speed limit set forth in Section 2, above, is effective when the Chief of Police, or his designee, erects signs giving notice of the new speed limit. The Chief of Police is directed to take such action necessary to ensure that such new speed limit signs are erected and installed.
- Section 4: Any person, firm or corporation violating any term or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.
- Section 5: All ordinances, orders or resolutions heretofore passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Westworth Village, Texas are hereby repealed to the extent that said ordinances, orders, or resolutions, or parts thereof, are in conflict herewith.
- Section 6: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section, and said remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 7: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the descriptive caption and penalty clauses of this ordinance as an alternative method of publication provided by law.
- Section 8: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately after passage and publication.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED. PASSED AND APPROVED this _____.

CITY OF WESTWORTH VILLAGE

By: _____
L. Kelly Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Ashley D. Dierker, Attorney

