TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
May 8, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
1st Floor Conference Room- City Hall

Name                        | Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent) | End of Current Term of Office
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David Gentry                | (20-02)                                              | 05/31/21                      
John Reece                  | (09-00)                                              | 12/04/22                      
Randy Parlett               | (03-03)                                              | 07/11/23                      
Robert Douglass             | (03-00)                                              | 02/11/24                      
Keith Marriott              | (03-01)                                              | 08/27/23                      

STAFF PRESENT:              | Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation  
                            | Keven Schneider, Superintendent of Streets           
                            | Scott Gatewood, Traffic Supervisor                  
                            | Nic Hutchison, City Planner                         
                            | Chris McBane, Sergeant, Traffic Unit                
                            | Chris Crain, Recording Secretary                    

Item 1  Call to order and approve April 10, 2019 minutes.
Chairperson Gentry called the meeting to order. Randy Parlett motioned to approve the April 2019 minutes and John Reece seconded. By general consent the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Item 2  1702 Messanie Street, alley vacation request. The Public Works and Transportation Department received a formal request from Capital Growth Buchalter, Inc. to vacate the alley at 1702 Messanie Street. A map of the location was provided to the commissioners. Cate Manley, with Habitat for Humanity, attended the meeting to voice her support for the vacation and for the redevelopment planned for this location. Jerome Cruse had a question regarding the building that is currently at this location. Mr. Cruse was referred to Planning and Community Development since this was beyond the scope of the Traffic Commission. A letter was received from a neighbor in support of the vacation. Robert Douglass motioned to recommend a conditional approval; the alley vacation will only occur when the permitting process is complete, and redevelopment begins. Randy Parlett seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The City will retain any utility easements currently at this location.

Item 3  302 S. 3rd Street, alley and a portion of Charles Street vacation request. A formal request was received from Jasomar, LLC to vacate the alley and a portion of Charles Street adjacent to 302 S. 3rd Street. A map of the location was provided to the commissioners. Lee Tieman, attorney for I&M Machine & Fabrication, 401 S. 3rd Street, was present and previously submitted a letter in opposition to the vacation request. If the alley is vacated, it would prevent access to I&M Machine & Fabrication’s property. Mr. Tieman also noted that his client had recently been approached about purchasing this property from the current owner. Because a representative from Jasomar did not attend the meeting, it is unclear what their intent is.
It was also noted that MoDOT is still developing plans for I-229. They are still approximately a year from choosing a final design for the interstate. This may also affect any redevelopment that would occur in the 3rd and Charles vicinity.

Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation explained that when an alley is vacated, it does not all go to one property owner. A portion is returned to the adjacent property owners. There is a large force main and sewer under this alley and therefore, no development could be allowed. The City would retain utility easements.

Randy Parlett motioned to deny the vacation request at this time. Robert Douglass seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

With no other items on the agenda, Randy Parlett motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and David Gentry seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Crain

Chris Crain, Recording Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: June 12, 2019.