

**Traffic Committee
MINUTES
September 25, 2019**

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chairman Clyde Smith, Rosemary Wilson, Lieutenant Rick Hazewinkel, Mark Churchill, Jim Wigglesworth, Bob Ferrell, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, and Transportation Admin Laura Haney

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Councilmember Ron Williams, Planning Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Major Matt Davis

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02AM in the Third-Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

May Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the July 10, 2019 minutes. Vice-Chairman Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dan Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update:

No one was present from the county.

Insync Signals:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated this project is in progress but as of right now there is a back log on the style of mast arms needed however foundations have been marked when they are ready for placement. Council member Ron Williams asked if we know about how long the mast arm back log may take. Mr. Edwards replied that it may be April 2020, but the good news is once they are ready there is no SCDOT involvement on the mast arm placement side.

Director Edwards added that as a quick update the Lexington Medical Center signals are currently in detector mode and the planned turn on date is October 21,2019 pending any unforeseen circumstances.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Britt Poole stated that the Icehouse Amphitheatre Fall show series and festivals are in their prime right now with the cooler weather approaching. Mr. Poole added that the Icehouse will be getting a new pavilion area where vendors can set up and it will also include more restrooms. He stated this design is being done by the same individuals that designed the Icehouse initially so it will architecturally tie in to the current look. Council member Ron Williams added Catalyst Engineering is good at keeping the architectural standards of the Town cohesive and additional women's restroom space was specifically needed so it will all be a great asset to the Amphitheatre.

Administrator Poole informed the committee of several items that came from the Town Council Retreat held this summer. Administrator Poole stated Council has decided to hold the retreat yearly as a good way to keep everyone updated and involved on all departments and projects.

Mr. Poole reported that Council made a decision regarding Mineral Springs options and we will do a brief presentation of what that looks like in the November Traffic Committee meeting. Administrator Poole added that regarding Corley Mill Gateway, a decision was made by Council to fully fund the first phase which is the Sunset Split design.

Vice Chair Clyde Smith asked when the old Livermen Hospital parking lot will be ready for parking use. Administrator Poole responded that there is one more piece left to obtain which will hopefully happen within the next 6 months.

Councilmember Ron Williams reported that the Wayfinding signs for Downtown Lexington are underway and the design will be a good addition to the Town and provide direction to visitors and current citizens. Administrator Poole added initially there will be about 14 signs used from the H-tax tourism dollars and we are awaiting SCDOT approval on some final locations.

Hospitality Projects

Crossroads Project:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated this project has run into some Windstream conflicts and the new school referendum has had an impact, but North Lake widening is in design about 60% complete and then Harmon Street extension will follow in the 3-phase project.

Gateway at Corley Mill:

Mr. Edwards reported that the project is at about 60% design and we expect to wrap up design then move into the Right of Way acquisition phase. Mr. Edwards verified that the Sunset Split phase has been fully funded by Council and at the next traffic committee meeting we will review the Corley Mill plans in a presentation.

Ginny Lane Signal:

Director Edwards stated the signal is working and we are currently monitoring for any issues at this location. Committee member Rosemary Wilson added she has had a few citizens mention that coming out of the Meadow Glen direction at this intersection has been taking longer and appears not as many cars are getting through to go straight. Mr. Edwards replied we have been checking and reviewing the cameras specifically in the peak hours and 12 cars getting straight through is average, often driver distraction is the cause of many issues but it is an area we continue to

monitor and adjust given that the Ginny Lane / I20 Improvements project is now complete.

Taylor at E Main:

Chair Ruinen read into record a concern from a citizen, Lisa Gibson, regarding Taylor Street and possibly having a “no left turn” policy during peak morning hours (letter attached). Major Matt Davis stated he cannot recall the last time they have been to that location for an issue or incident. Council member Ron Williams added that most people seem to go to the red light in that area depending on the time of day. Chair Ruinen and the traffic committee members agreed that there is no adverse accident history to warrant adjustments at this time.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

In-Closing

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary Wilson and seconded by Bob Ferrel. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:04AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Haney,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

FOIA COMPLIANCE – Public notification of this meeting was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Lexington requirements.

Attachment 1

From: L Gibson <lisadbg@yahoo.com>
Date: September 24, 2019 at 11:10:51 AM EDT
To: SRuinen@aol.com
Subject: Re: Meeting Tomorrow

Susan,

I hope you are well. I'm not sure if this has been addressed in the past but Taylor Dr. at E. Main St. is a danger in the mornings and evenings there at Rhoten's Store. I wish there would be considerations given to no left turn out of there on to main from 7-9 am and then from 4-6 pm as well. I see many near misses there every morning and afternoon. Thank you.

Lisa Gibson