



# City of Florissant

*Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor*

## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

### **MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

Members present were: Don Adams (Ward 2), Greg Keil (Ward 4), Teri Reiter (Ward 5), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), Dave Clasby (Ward 8) and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were Officer Feldman, Police Department; Jason Timme, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1) and Mike Mott (Ward 3) were absent.

A quorum being present the chair declared the Traffic Commission was in session for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved as published.

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**UNDER OLD BUSINESS:**

**09/21           REQUEST SIGNS STATING "COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR LOCAL DELIVERIES" AT FRANCISCA AND LINDSAY, CORTEZ AND LINDSAY, AND MANOR AND LINDSAY  
Denied  
Ward 2**

Request was made to place signs stating "Commercial Vehicles Prohibited Except for Local Deliveries" at Francisca and Lindsay, Cortez and Lindsay, and Manor and Lindsay.

Zach Schneider referenced the email from Councilman Manganelli. He said this item was postponed from the September 14, 2021 meeting so the police can look into this a little further to see if signs are justified. Zach Schneider asked if anyone wanted to speak about this.

Don Adams said he talked to Councilman Manganelli this afternoon about this. Don Adams said apparently there is traffic over there that he is unaware of. He said he thought it was just the problem on Francisca. He said the reason Councilman Manganelli wants the signs where he requested is because basically it isolates that whole little area from commercial vehicles cutting through. He said the reason he didn't put one down on Loveland was because that is not his ward. Officer Feldman said the police sat up on Lindsay for a few days just to watch and they just didn't see anything. He said the only commercial traffic they saw were the typical FedEx, UPS and Amazon trucks and stuff like that, but no commercial vehicles. Zach Schneider asked Don Adams if he noticed any more of his neighbor parking his truck on the street. Don Adams said he found out that the guy got a ticket. He said he has not seen the truck lately, but his wife still sees that truck over there all the time. He said for one vehicle, if he got one ticket, in his opinion if that is the only thing we are doing this for then let's just let the police keep throwing the dice and try to catch this guy and give him a second ticket. Officer Feldman said he doesn't

disagree. Don Adams said he hates putting the responsibility on the police because they do so much anyway, but they are the last line of defense before we start putting up signs. Jason Timme said we had talked about this at the last meeting. He said we are talking about two different things. He said the signs are for cut-through traffic which is what Councilman Manganelli said in his email. He said the truck being parked there is another issue. He said they can write that ticket whether the signs are there or not. He said the sign ordinance just prohibits cut-through traffic. Zach Schneider said the odd thing about this whole write-up is that it is only on the Lindsay side. There is nothing prohibiting them from coming in on the Mullanphy side. Jason Timme said those signs are all over town. He said he can pull up where they're at, but they could be on that side too. Officer Feldman said Mullanphy does have a no commercial vehicles sign on both sides coming from Shackelford and coming from Patterson. Don Adams said there is one truck on Francisca, and it started last summer. He parks there, especially on weekends; he is there on Friday nights and Saturday nights and sometimes Sunday nights. He said it is a big 24-foot box truck. Teri Reiter said this ordinance is for trucks cutting through. Don Adams said he hasn't seen any trucks cutting through. Jason Timme said these signs wouldn't stop somebody like that. He said they could bring a truck in like that and deliver to a property. The sign literally says except for local deliveries. Don Adams said he doesn't see the need for the signs. Kim Redden said she agrees for just one truck, but the email also states that there is a truck that is parked in the neighborhood. Don Adams said that is different. Jason Timme said that is where we have the hang-up with these signs. He said he thought somebody was going to talk to Councilman Manganelli. Don Adams said he did talk to Councilman Manganelli. Jason Timme said Councilman Manganelli said the signs were specifically for cut-through traffic, but on the



email it says for vehicles being parked. So he is saying something different than what the email says. Don Adams said he has no problem with deliveries. He said they have FedEx, UPS, Prime trucks up and down the street all day seven days a week. He said he understands that. But it is when they park and spend the night, that's a different matter. He said especially after we passed an ordinance awhile back saying you can't do that. So that's why he knew this guy was parked illegally. That's why he started trying to get a hold of the police.

Motion was made by Don Adams to make a recommendation not to place signs prohibiting commercial vehicles on the above streets since the signs are not justified. Motion was seconded by Dave Clasby. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 09/21 was dropped from Agenda.

**10/21            REQUEST REMOVAL OF NO PARKING SIGNS FROM THE WEST SIDE OF  
ST. DENIS STREET ALONG SACRED HEART CHURCH  
Amended  
Ward 6**

Request was made to remove the no parking signs from the west side of St. Denis Street along Sacred Heart Church. This item was postponed from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting so we could get more information from Monsignor Ulrich as to why he wants the signs removed. Kim Redden said she talked to the Monsignor on September 15, 2021 and he told her the signs that were removed were the signs he wanted removed. So the signs by the pavilion he does not want those removed. Zach Schneider said so the signs have already been removed and he was told yes. He said this was more or less a formality. Jason Timme said that

as he looked back on it his email was from July. He said this was pushed through real late for some reason. In the meantime, the Mayor said just take the signs down. He said he thinks all we have to do is amend the ordinance that is there. He said right now the ordinance says St. Denis Street, south side, from Jefferson to St. Jean, which is the whole side from Sacred Heart all the way down to St. Jean. He said it just needs to read St. Denis, south side, from 509 St. Denis to St. Jean, which would be basically that first entrance behind the kindergarten where the rectory is located, and the rest of the way down. Teri Reiter said basically it is right across from Hendel's. She was told yes. That's why the Monsignor wanted to open it up, so they could have more parking. Jason Timme said the signs are already gone and the ordinance technically has to be amended. Teri Reiter said we can amend it and she knows that when they have funerals they put temporary signs up there anyway. Jason Timme said they are going to redesign the whole road anyway, so it's going to change in another couple of years anyhow.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to make a recommendation to amend the ordinance to read "no parking on St. Denis Street, south side, from 509 St. Denis to St. Jean. Motion was seconded by Greg Keil. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 10/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

**UNDER NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no new business items sent to the Traffic Commission to review.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Teri Reiter said this item isn't on the Agenda for the Traffic Commission but she keeps getting questions about what are we going to do about Culver's and Popeyes and Lees and the traffic that runs out onto Lindbergh. Zach Schneider said that was a good question. Greg Keil said but Lindbergh isn't ours. Officer Feldman said it is difficult because of the way the parking lots are set up. He said the most they can do is go into the establishment and ask them to loop people around the other way. Especially Popeyes. They can have them come in off of St. Charles and come in that way so they aren't blocking traffic on Lindbergh. He said they can also cite people for impeding the flow of traffic. He said that's the most they can do. Greg Keil said but it's a state road so it should be a MODOt issue. Don Adams asked if we could make them close their driveway. Officer Feldman said Lindbergh is a state highway and they have an easement up to a certain point. He said what would need to be done for them to close off that entrance he doesn't know. Zach Schneider asked if we could put cones out there to force them to come in off of St. Charles. Jason Timme said we are now getting into a building code issue and it would have to go through the Building Department. Jason Timme said not that it would take care of any of it, but they are doing a design for St. Ferdinand and Lindbergh right there. They want to redo that whole intersection. He said that may or may not affect this issue. When people want Popeyes they are going to wait in line for it, and it doesn't matter if they are hanging out in the road waiting for it. It was also suggested that if they would open their doors and let people come in and order, it would alleviate a lot of that traffic. Jason Timme said and that's the problem. Everyone agreed. They don't have to open their dining room, but let people order from the counter. Jason Timme said this would be a Building Department issue. They are the ones who gave them the permit to



operate, and if it is going to become a problem, they are the ones who have to say you have to change the way you guys operate.

Dave Clasby asked about the traffic at Steve's Old Town Service area at St. Charles and St. Denis. He asked if that was still an issue with cars parking all over the place. Officer Feldman said to his knowledge nothing has been brought up to the Police Department. Jason Timme said their lot is oddly vacant for some reason right now. He said he is not sure why. It was stated that there is some different paint going along St. Denis by the fire hydrant. Is that what we were trying to do is keep them from parking too close to St. Denis. Jason Timme said yes. That's why we did the no parking. He said we painted over that white paint, but they parked over it. It was also stated that they are now parking on St. Charles across the street in front of Land Grant Park. Jason Timme said there was a large truck parked there and it was leaking hydraulic fluid everywhere. They were made to move the truck and clean it all up.

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No other items were brought before the Commission this evening. The meeting was adjourned.

For the Chairman  
Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission



MaryAnn Fitzpatrick  
Recording Clerk