



**Meeting Minutes of the  
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**April 7, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**Via Zoom**

16860 Main Street

**DRAFT**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Marshal Jeff Bader  
Board Member Chris Preston  
Board Member Vince Loyal  
Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino

**Also Present:**

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works  
Steve Cross, City Administrator  
Police Liaison Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police  
John Bradley, Assistant Chief of the Metro Fire District

**Absent:**

Board Member Jeff Baker

**I. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken at 6:30 pm, with the above noted as present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 2, 2021. Chris Preston seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor and the minutes were approved.
- B. Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting. Chris Preston seconded the motion. None were opposed and the motion carried to approve the minutes.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. No items

**IV. FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Update on Old State Road at Ridge Road Crosswalk and Restriping**

1. Rick Brown explained that this crosswalk has been upgraded to a rapid flashing beacon that should be operational very soon.
2. St Louis County recommended restriping the Ridge Rd approach to Old State Rd, and they

also poured a concrete island to channelize the right and left turning traffic. This has been completed.

**B. Safety issues at Old State Road and Lakeshore Meadows Drive**

1. Rick Brown explained that residents of Fairhaven subdivision have difficulty crossing Old State Rd. and complain of limited sight distance with oncoming traffic.
2. St. Louis County recommended a raised channelized island on Lakeshore Meadows Dr. to separate the two directions of turning traffic from and to Old State Rd. The size of the island would have to be large enough to channelize cars, but small enough to allow work trucks through. The HOA did not want to move forward with the island. The Department of Public Works will have a follow up meeting with St. Louis County to discuss other options.
3. Options and accident histories at this intersection were discussed and no action was taken.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. No items

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proposed Purchase of a Portable Changeable Message Sign**

1. Rick Brown explained the need for a new portable changeable message sign, as the City's old signs are outdated.
2. The Board discussed that Prop P funds could be used to purchase the message sign, and its potential uses.
3. Vince Loyal made a motion to recommend the purchase of the message sign and that it should be used within allowable City ordinances. Chris Preston seconded the motion and all members voted in favor, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

**B. Proposed Agreement with Metro West Fire District for Traffic Signal Preemption System**

1. Rick Brown explained that Metro West Fire District is proposing to use priority control systems on the signals described in the Memo. The priority control system picks up a GPS signal of an emergency vehicle, so that it breaks the cycle of lights to allow a green light for the emergency to pass through. The request is for the City to enter an agreement with Metro West.
2. John Bradley, Assistant Fire Chief with the Metro Fire District explained that the system has been in place for quite some time, and they have worked with MODOT and St Louis County on these systems, and these are the last three lights in town center that are left. He explained that its safer for everyone, as most cars are sound proofed now.
3. Vince Loyal voiced his support for these systems and recommended that the Board support this program and that it be expedited. He made the motion that the Board approve the implementation of these systems for Metro West. Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino seconded the motion. All members voted Aye and the motion passed.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. **Format of Future Meetings**

1. City Administrator Steve Cross gave the Board the opportunity to discuss the format of future meetings. He stated that currently, all Boards, Committees, and Commissions, are meeting on Zoom. The current options are to meet on Zoom, in person, or a “hybrid” of both, in the Council Chambers (which requires an extra city staff person). If the meeting is “hybrid”, the chair of that meeting needs to be present in the Council Chamber. Steve Cross mentioned that the format can vary from meeting to meeting. The topic was discussed, and all Board Members stated that they are comfortable with Zoom or a “hybrid” style of meeting. It was agreed that the Zoom format would be preferable unless there was an issue that might draw a large number of people, in which case the hybrid model might be more suitable.
2. Vince Loyal congratulated Metro West for garnering support in passing their recent bond issue.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Vince Loyal put forth a motion to adjourn and Chris Preston seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7: 22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer  
Administrative Assistant for Public Works