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CITY OF HARRISONVILLE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

SPECIAL MEETING

HARRISONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

AUGUST 8, 2019

6:30 PM

I. Present

Mayor Judy Bowman

Alderman Matt Turner

Alderwoman Judy Reece

Alderwoman Milner

Alderman Gary Davidson

Alderman Dave Doerhoff

Alderman Clint Miller

Police Chief John Hofer

Public Works Director Eric Patterson

City Engineer Ted Martin

Public Information Officer Daniel Barnett (recording)

II. Discussion

Mayor Bowman welcomed those in attendance, introduced the Aldermen seated in the audience and opened the floor for discussion. A resident asked what brought about the meeting. Chief Hofer answered and said the goal of the meeting was to communicate well with City residents and because of the history of traffic issues on Bird Street. A resident asked what could be done about large trucks and construction equipment reducing visibility on Bird Street. Chief Hofer said the Police Department would look at potential options to resolve visibility issues. A resident asked about speeding on Bird Street and the possibility of adding officers to the area. Chief Hofer said he would add officers and a radar sign in the area. A resident shared their concerns about decreasing home values if parking is restricted in the area. A resident asked about parking

restrictions near the corners of South Street and Mechanic Street. Hofer said restrictions can be made near intersections. A resident asked about restrictions after the sun goes down. Hofer said it would be difficult because the sun sets at different times throughout the year. He also said the City can look at available options. A resident asked if parking could be limited during school hours, to help busses. Hofer said the City can look at available options. Alderwoman Reece asked why parking restrictions on only one side would not work. A resident answered and said two vehicles are not able to pass by safely. A resident asked if the amount of thru traffic in the area could be the issue. Public Works Director Patterson said the City currently does not have parkways, so people have to improvise and have done so by using Bird Street, Eastwood Road and Independence Street. A resident asked if thru traffic could be reduced. Patterson said "not really", stating that the areas where a parkway could be put in have all been filled in with houses. Hofer asked what residents thought about putting in three-way stops. A resident asked about putting in speed bumps. City Engineer Ted Martin said speed bumps would be difficult, as Bird Street is a snow route. A resident asked if an engineering study had been done on Bird Street. Hofer added that the sidewalks are very close to the road. Martin said that the Missouri Department of Transportation has recently made funding available for studies. Said the City could move forward on a study, with the MoDOT money, with the Board of Aldermen's approval. Alderman Doerhoff asked about regulations on other area streets. A resident asked if width requirements existed when streets are put in. Martin said yes, regulations exist based on the type of project. A resident asked where people are supposed to park when company comes to a home. Said it is hurting home values. Hofer reiterated that no decisions have been made but that the purpose for the meeting was to gather information. A resident said three-way stops would cause congestion, and asked if the police department has done a study about traffic crashes at the intersection of Bird Street and Missouri 2 Highway. Hofer said a study has not been done but that he has looked into traffic issues in the area. Alderwoman Milner said she like the idea of an engineering study and the idea of a three-way stop. She then asked about temporary restrictions near intersections to see if they would make a difference as school begins; until a study can be completed. Bowman added that the discussion is truly about safety and asked for a show of hands about whether residents thought the issue was more focused on parking or speed. Alderman Miller said he agreed with Milner and said the police department should use the parking restrictions and time restrictions on Elm Street as a model. Milner asked for a show of hands about whether residents liked the three-way stop idea. Alderman Davidson said residents have told him about the issues on each end of Bird Street and reiterated that safety is the main concern. He also said he agreed that regulations are needed on each end of Bird Street. Mayor Bowman wrapped up what was discussed during the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Judy Bowman, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

Randall K. Jones, City Clerk