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## MINUTES

### Traffic Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 AM

City Council Chambers, City Hall

406 Ivinson Avenue, Laramie, WY

*(Original March 14, 2019 meeting rescheduled due to snow storm)*

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*Traffic Commission meetings are open to the public. Requests from persons with disabilities must be made to the Public Works Administrative Assistant 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Meeting convened at 7:00 AM

Members present: Harold Colby, Lindsay Schumaker, Nancy Sindelar, Michael Moeller, Philip Varca, Gwen Clark

Members absent: Will Hutchinson

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Jayne Pearce substituting for Erin O'Doherty

Staff Present: Eric Jaap, Cindy Williams, Eric Milliken, Brooks Webb, Malea Brown, Todd Feezer, Jason Crumpton, William Winkler

Guests Present: Randy Griesbach-WYDOT; Richard Wilkins; Keith Woolf; Kerry Greaser; Kelly Cooksey; Isaiah Gross; Jay Talbott

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

##### A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

**MOTION BY Colby, second by Moeller**, to approve the Agenda as written.

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

##### B. Changes and Approval of Minutes

**MOTION BY Colby, second by Moeller**, to approve the September 13, 2018 Minutes as written.

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

#### III. CITIZEN COMMENTS – *No action can be taken*

#### IV. TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Sindelar – members can meet on non-agenda items if less than a quorum.

#### V. DISCLOSURES – Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

Colby – Disclosure: wife works for business on 4<sup>th</sup> & Clark. Colby and Commission saw no conflict of interest.

**VI. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. MP-19-01** Modification to Parking – Handicap Space – 1618 E. Custer St.

**MOTION BY Colby, second by Schumaker**, to approve placement of appropriate signage and striping to allow for designation of a handicap space at 1618 E. Custer Street for license plate number 5-10105 (with modification in Amended Exhibit 2).

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

**2.MP-19-02** Modification to Parking – Handicap Space – 406 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

**MOTION BY Colby, second by Schumaker**, to approve placement of appropriate signage and striping to allow for designation of a handicap space at 406 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street for license plate number 5-12069.

**Discussion.**

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

**3.MP-18-03** Modification to Parking – Parking Removal at 19<sup>th</sup> St. and Reynolds St.

**MOTION BY Schumaker, second by Clark**, to approve the removal of parking on Reynolds Street around the 19<sup>th</sup> Street intersection as shown in Exhibit 3.

Aye: 1 (Schumaker)

Nay: 5 (Sindelar, Moeller, Varca, Clark, Colby)

Absent: 1

**Motion denied.**

**Discussion**

Written public comment from Austin Randall Okray read aloud by Sindelar.

Greaser – In favor of limited removal of parking.

Cooksey – In favor of limited removal of parking.

Clark – Clarification on number of parking spaces affected.

Moeller – In favor of the minimum City-recommended standards.

Schumaker – Explanation of engineering design standards.

Sindelar – Pedestrian concern.

**MOTION FOR MODIFICATION BY Moeller, second by Schumaker**, to approve the modified version of no parking to take away as few parking spaces as possible.

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

**4.MP-19-03** Modification to Parking – 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Clark St. Intersection

**Discussion**

Written public comment from Troy Knaub read aloud by Sindelar.

Schumaker – Original traffic study was done while school was not in session.

Gross – Against removal of parking.

Wilkins – *(pictures submitted)* Against removal of parking.

Talbott – Against removal of parking. May set precedent for other future intersections.

Woolf – Against removal of parking. Need to consider safety and needs of local business.

Commission discussion of 4-way stops, site triangles, traffic volumes, parking to be given back, angled parking.

**MOTION BY Schumaker, second by Moeller** to rescind the City's recommended motion to deny the removal of parking restrictions that were put in place after the traffic signal at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Clark Street was removed; and to have the City evaluate traffic volume at this intersection on a more applicable day while school is in session and direct the City to brainstorm possibilities to add more parking spaces.

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

**Motion carried.**

**VII. TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 11, 2019**

**IX. ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY Schumaker, second by Moeller**, at 8:32 AM.

VALIDATED:

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Nancy Sindelar, Traffic Commission Chair

Date

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Cindy Williams, Traffic Commission Staff Liaison

Date

The signed document is on file.

Public Comment  
For 19<sup>th</sup> + Reynolds  
Item

**Cindy Williams**

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**From:** Austin Randall Okray <aokray@uwyo.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** Cindy Williams  
**Subject:** Notice of Modification to Parking - Reynolds Street, Comment

Cindy,

Please consider this as my comment, as I'm unable to make it to the 7:00am meeting.

I disagree with the proposal to remove parking along the road at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Reynolds. I'm sure this is because of the near misses that happen frequently there. I for one feel this is punishing the "whole class" and not just the "bad kids". Every time I hear the honking of a panicked driver, I try to look out my window/look over and see what's going on. And most the time, by far and away, it's some impatient driver who refuses to try and get a look at what they're pulling out into, and so they try to shoot out in to the intersection (you know, just like they teach you in driving school?). Then, they hold up traffic until they either pull all the way forward or sheepishly reverse.

I'd like to point out that they do this INSTEAD of either peeking out and making sure it's safe, or using not 1, not 2, but at least 4 other exits to 22<sup>nd</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> streets. And instead of doing this, they shoot out into traffic and now it's causing problems for people in these apartments doing absolutely nothing wrong. As a student of the University of Wyoming, I already have a hard enough time parking just to go to school. If this street parking block happens, the parking lot provided will literally overflow and we (the citizens of the apartments on 1904/1908 Reynolds street,) will be forced to park elsewhere. LIKELY, this will be across the street. This will make it significantly more dangerous, because instead of some cars blocking the immediate view of some impatient drivers, there will be up to several apartment blocks worth of people and pets crossing the street to:

- Carry groceries into their apartment
- Go ANYWHERE
- Grab something from their car/truck
- Literally anything else you use your car/truck for

There becomes a clear problem here, and I think there's a preemptive solution: don't block parking spots at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Reynolds.

Thanks,  
Austin Okray

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Public Response to  
4th Street Parking  
Item

**Cindy Williams**

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**From:** Troy Knaub <ddstroy08@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Cindy Williams  
**Subject:** 4th st parking in front of Laramie Dental Arts

Hi Cindy,

I rec'd your letter regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss the on-street parking on 4<sup>th</sup> St. Unfortunately, I will not be in town during the meeting but would like to express my opinion.

My practice (Laramie Dental Arts), treats a large number of patients on a daily basis. We have heard multiple complaints about the removal of the on-street parking in front of my office. The primary concern/complaint is proximity to my office front door and convenience. I have informed patients that this parking abandonment was not my responsibility therefore individuals need to direct their dismay to the city of Laramie. Additionally, even though I have a large parking lot, from time to time the on-street parking we lost would be nice to have back to accommodate the especially busy days. Walking the additional distance for some of the elderly or disabled patients is very inconvenient!

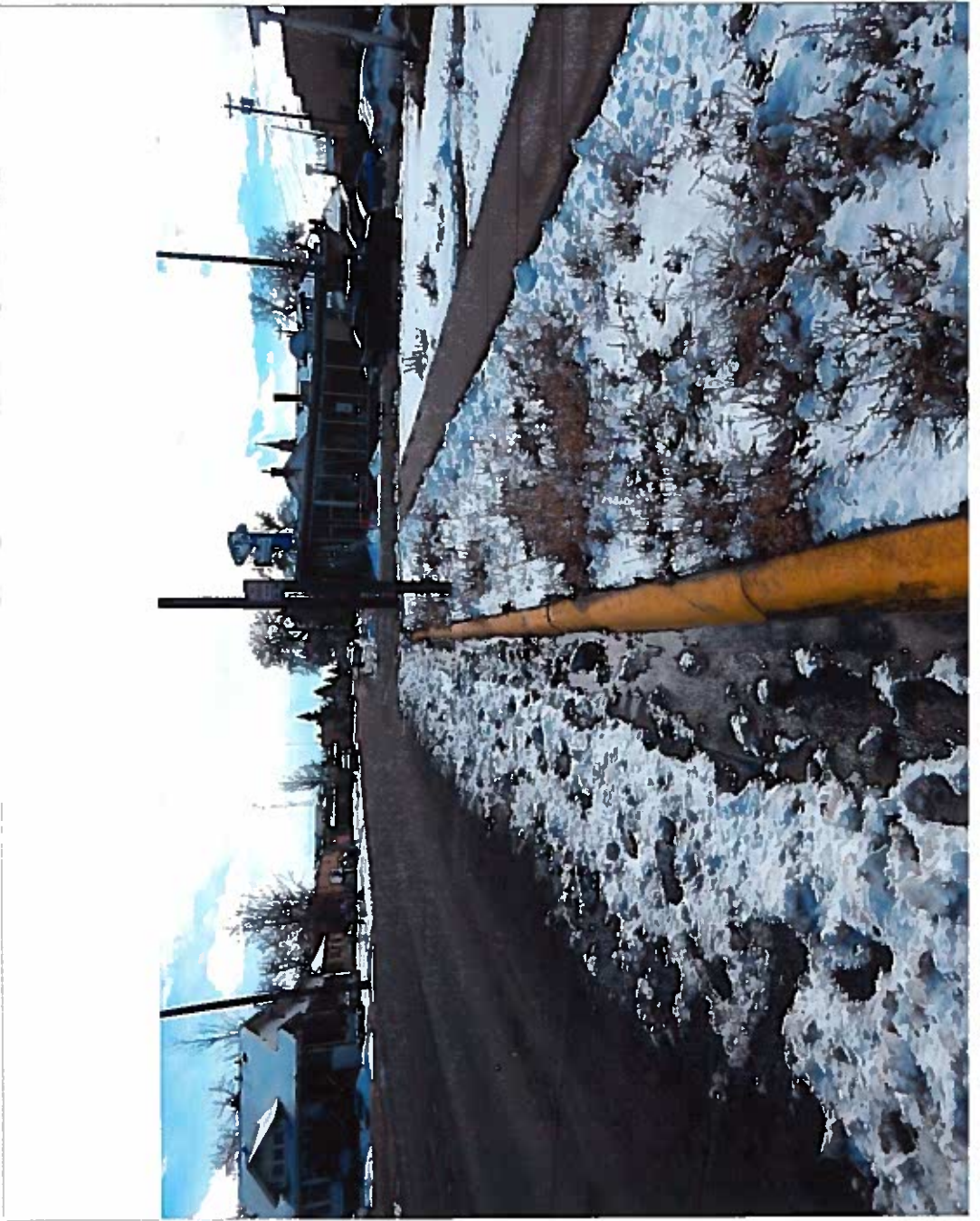
Thank you in advance for your consideration to return on-street parking on 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Troy L. Knaub, DDS

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