

TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

Minutes - Final



A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room
2800 King Street SE
Smyrna, GA 30080

Travis Lindley, Chairperson
Tim Gould, Mayor Pro Tem
Charles "Corkey" Welch, Council Member
Susan Wilkinson, Council Member

City Attorney Scott Cochran
City Administrator Joseph Bennett
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

March 06, 2024
4:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: 3 – Chair / Councilmember Travis Lindley, Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould, and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

Absent: 1 – Councilmember Charles Welch

Staff: 4 – Joe Bennett, Heather Peacon-Corn, Eric Randall, and Mark Wolff

2. Call to Order

Chairperson Travis Lindley called to order the March 6, 2024 Traffic Calming Committee meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the HR Training Room at 4:40 PM.

3. Chairperson Instruction and Comment

4. Formal Business

A. 2024-034

PENDING SPEED STUDIES

1. Spring Rd
2. Hollis St
3. Sports Ave
4. Falling Water Dr
5. Reed St
6. Afton Way

Current Speed Studies

- Hollis Street (2/27) – Ward 3
- Sports Avenue (2/27) - Ward 1

Upcoming Speed Studies

- Falling Water Drive – Ward 1
- Afton Way – Ward 1
- Reed Road – Ward 4
- Powder Springs – Ward 5
- Sanford Road – Ward 5

- Church Road – Ward 5

B. 2024-035

Speed Hump Petitions

1. Lynhurst (received)

Pending Speed Hump Petitions

Lynhurst Road

- Petition has 10 of 12 (83%) properties in support
- Proposal for two speed humps

Chairperson Lindley recommended Councilmember Welch be involved with this discussion, especially because it is in ward 4.

C. 2024-036

Current Projects

1. Starline Drive
2. Whitehaven Park Lane

Starline Drive

- Petition has 16 of 26 (63%) properties in support
- Resident reports 4 homes are vacant
- Proposal for one speed hump
- Other traffic calming proposals
- Edge lines / center line

Whitehaven Park Lane

- Two permanent radar signs installed
- Approximately 3,700 ft of centerline striping from Vinings Approach to Whitehaven Park Lane
- Edge striping on Whitehaven Park Lane
- Raised pavement markers on Vinings Estates Drive

- Additional Traffic Calming Measures

- Relocate permanent radar sign
- "SLOW" sign(s)

D. 2024-037

Update Committee on Sidewalk Projects

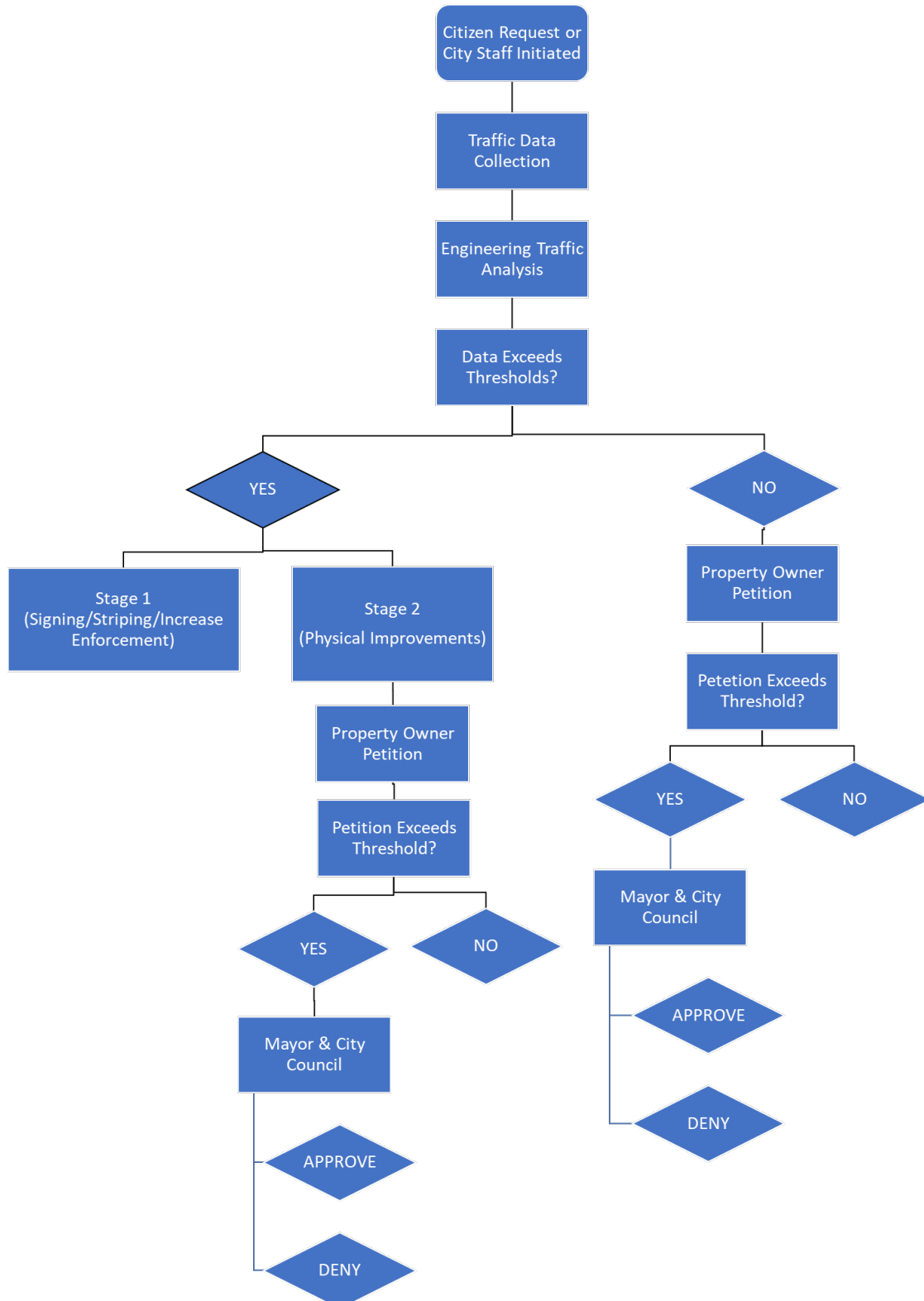
- Vinings North Trail – UNDER CONSTRUCTION
 - Conflict with utility
- Reed Rd / River Valley – UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- Hayes Dr / King Springs Rd – COMPLETE
- King Springs to South Cobb – UPCOMING
- Preparing for Phase II of Sidewalk In-Fill Plan
- Consider safety improvements for sidewalk and trail system
 - Striping

- Lighting
- Barriers

E. **2024-038**

Proposed Updates to Speed Hump Policy

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY PROCESS



City Engineer Mark Wolff explained the flow chart and the proposed changes.

- Traffic calming only considered for "local streets" or "collector streets" w/ maximum posted speed limit of 35 MPH. Speed humps only considered for streets with posted speed limit of 25 MPH, or less.
 - Add criteria for speed humps only on streets with grade of 8%, or less
- Traffic Thresholds:
 - Volume: Daily average exceeds 1,000 vehicles
 - Speed: 85% of total vehicles exceed posted speed limit by at least 11 MPH.
 - Speed: 5% hides exceed posted speed limit by at least 15 MPH.
 - Unique circumstances may be evaluated by City staff.
 - Revise traffic thresholds from 85% and 5% "of total vehicles" to 85th and 5th "percentile speed"
- Petition Threshold:
 - 60% of property owners affected (or must access the affected street) AND 100% within 100 feet of proposed device.
 - Public meeting / open house?

Mayor Pro Tem Gould expressed that traffic calming measures had not really been done seriously until 2018. And there are many opinions about traffic calming, and that as much as people may hope that these measures are decided democratically, these measures have to be chosen through a more "republic" process. Chairperson Lindley expressed that HOAs need to be participatory in these discussions. If neighborhoods are wanting something placed or something removed, they should be required to come before Mayor and Council to voice their concerns / opinions.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. MIN2024-019 Approval of the November 14, 2023 Traffic Calming Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve item MIN2024-019; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 3 – Committee Chair Lindley, Committee Member Gould, Committee Member Wilkinson
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Committee Member Welch

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

Other Business

- Atlanta Road & Collier Drive
 - "DON'T BLOCK THE BOX" pavement marking and signage
 - Increase the time for pedestrians to cross Atlanta Rd.
- Buckner Road
 - Pedestrian crossing at Buckland Way & Whitefield Way
 - Buckland Oaks S/D (11 homes)
 - RRFB not preferred

- Higher speeds
 - Sight distance issues with curve
- HAWK request in 2025 CIP Budget
- Councilmember Oglesby & Former Councilmember Young
- HAWK signal
- Vendor quote
- Eastfield Road – Ward 5
 - Between Powder Springs St & Bank St
 - Speed study Oct-Nov 2023
 - Did not warrant traffic calming
 - Discuss petition with residents
 - Install speed limit signs

7. Adjournment

The March 6, 2024 Traffic Calming Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

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