



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monroe Police Department
Duty Room
218 East Franklin Street
Monroe, NC
October 19, 2020
4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Minutes from September 21, 2020 meeting
2. Ordinance to Amend Traffic Code - Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I. Speed Limits
3. Acceptance of County Funding
4. Monroe Fire Department Performance Gaps
5. Animal Control

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2020**

The Public Safety Committee met on September 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Duty Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Members Present: Chairman Marion Holloway, Council Member Freddie Gordon, Council Member Angelia James, Committee Member Celestine Alsbrooks, Committee Member Gary Anderson, Committee Member Robert Jones, Committee Member Todd Price, and Committee Member Iris Sanders.

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Faison, City Attorney Mujeeb Shah-Khan, Fire Chief Ron Fowler, Police Chief Bryan Gilliard, Alice Williams, Sarah McAllister and Jim Loyd.

Others Present: Michelle King and Charles Perry

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Holloway welcomed guests Michelle King and Charles Perry.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2020

Council Member Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of February 17, 2020. Committee Member Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Amend the Code of Ordinances Title VII: Traffic Code

Sarah McAllister stated that staff has noticed vehicles parked in restricted areas on Franklin Street, just east of Church Street; and vehicles have parked along both sides of the street on Timberlane Drive near Highway 74. It is deteriorating the shoulder and edge of the pavement. She is asking for a proposal to add both areas to the Parking Prohibited At All Times ordinance. Committee Member Price moved to approve the Parking Prohibited on Franklin Street. His motion was seconded by Committee Member Jones and approved unanimously. Motion to approve the next phase is Timberlane Drive at the intersection of Highway 74 to Parking Prohibited by Committee Member Jones. His motion was seconded by Committee Member Anderson and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Fowler Secrest Road Speed Limit Reduction

Sarah McAllister stated that she received a request from a resident of Fowler Secrest Road to lower the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph. In her request, she also states there are eight other neighbors who live in the area that share her concerns about speeding in the area. This request was brought before the committee in 2013. Ultimately, it was decided to keep the 45 mph speed limit due to studies conducted in 2011 and 2013 found the 85th percentile to be below 45 mph. Ms. McAllister states that with the help of the Police Department they conducted a radar study consisting of four, one-hour studies. The average speed was found to be between 40.8 – 43 mph during each of the four studies. With the results of these studies, she states that it was concluded that 45 mph was a reasonable speed limit. The resident also requested that Deer Crossing signs be placed at the same location, however, the street division has reported picking up deer carcasses on two occasions in the last five years. Therefore, Ms. McAllister and the Engineering Department don't feel like there is enough evidence to indicate there is a pattern there, and therefore do not recommend installing signs at this time. Chairman Holloway asked Chief Gilliard the Police Department to increase their presence at this location to help with speed compliance. Committee Member Jones moved to deny request to lower the speed limit on Fowler Secrest. His motion was seconded by Committee Member Anderson and was passed unanimously.

Item 4. Fire Department Performance Gaps

This was tabled until the next meeting due to the presenter not being available.

Chief Gilliard expressed his appreciation to the Managers office, City Council and Fire Chief Ron Fowler for their assistance in the accreditation of the Police Department Gold Standard. It was a total team effort throughout the City and the officers worked very hard and it showed in the assessment process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Gordon seconded the motion which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Williams



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: October 19, 2020

FROM: James N. Loyd, Jr., P.E., Engineering Director

PREPARED BY: Sarah McAllister, P.E., Land Development & Infrastructure Engineer

SUBJECT: Ordinance to Amend Traffic Code – Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I. Speed Limits

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Public Safety Committee is requested to consider amending *Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I: (A) Speed Limits – State-Maintained Streets* to reduce the speed limit on Rocky River Road (SR 1514) from US Highway 74 to Northern Corporate Limits to 45 mph and to remove Sutherland Avenue from the list *Schedule I: (A) Speed Limits – State Maintained Streets* and place Sutherland Avenue in *Schedule I: (B) Speed Limits – City-Maintained Streets*.

REVIEW

NCDOT recently notified Staff of the need for a municipal declaration for Rocky River Road (SR 1514) at a 45 mph speed limit to match the current posting. NCDOT completed a traffic study pursuant to a request to lower the speed limit and determined that the section of Rocky River Road from US Highway 74 to the northern corporate limits was appropriately posted at 45 mph. However, NCDOT was unable to find a speed ordinance for this section of roadway. Both the City and NCDOT maintain separate traffic schedules. The Traffic Schedules in the City Code of Ordinances show the speed limit as 55 mph. Staff is in agreement with the requested Municipal Declaration for this section of Rocky River Road at 45 mph between US Highway 74 and Secrest Shortcut Road (SR 1501). Other sections of Rocky River Road within the corporate limits are posted at 45 mph. In addition, Staff recently became aware that the speed limit for Sutherland Avenue from Morgan Mill Road to Stafford Street is currently included in the state maintained street listing instead of in the city maintained street listing where it belongs. The attached

Ordinance Amendment (O-2020-41) reflects the recommended change for Rocky River Road and Sutherland Avenue. For Rocky River Road, there is an additional Certification of Municipal Declaration Form that needs to be executed by the City Clerk and sent to NCDOT for their formal approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the following:

1. Amend Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I: (A) Speed Limits – State-Maintained Streets to reduce the speed limit on Rocky River Road (SR 1514) from 55 mph to 45 mph between US Highway 74 and the Northern Corporate limits;
2. Amend Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I: (A) Speed Limits- State-Maintained Streets by deleting Sutherland Avenue from Morgan Mill Road to Stafford Street and adding this section of Sutherland Avenue to Traffic Schedules, Schedule I: (B) Speed Limits - City- Maintained Streets.
3. Authorization for the City Clerk to execute Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence – 45 mph Municipal Speed Zone for SR 1514 (North Rocky River Road) between US 74 (West Roosevelt Boulevard) and SR 1501 (Secrest Shortcut Road).

If the Public Safety Committee is in agreement, the proposed amendments to the Chapter 75 Traffic Schedules of the City Code and the Certification of Municipal Declaration Form will be placed on the consent agenda for consideration by City Council at the next meeting on November 3, 2020.

Attachments:
Ordinance (O-2020-41)
Certification of Municipal Declaration Form

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
TITLE VII, CHAPTER 75
OF THE CITY OF MONROE CODE OF ORDINANCES
O-2020-41**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Monroe Council that Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 75 – Traffic Schedules of the City of Monroe Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

DELETE

SCHEDULE I. (A) Speed Limits - State Maintained Streets

Street Name	Description	Speed Limit
Rocky River Road (SR 1007)	From US 74 to northern corporate limit	55
Sutherland Avenue	From Morgan Mill Road to Stafford Street	45

ADD

SCHEDULE I. (A) Speed Limits - State-Maintained Streets

Street Name	Description	Speed Limit
Rocky River Road (SR 1514)	From US 74 to northern corporate limit	45

ADD

SCHEDULE I. (B) Speed Limits - City-Maintained Streets

Street Name	Description	Speed Limit
Sutherland Avenue	From Morgan Mill Road to Stafford Street	45

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk

**Certification of Municipal Declaration
To Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence**

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1078803

Division: 10 **County:** UNION

Municipality: MONROE

Type: Municipal Speed Zones

Road: SR 1514

Car: 45 MPH

Truck: 45 MPH

Description: SR 1514 (North Rocky River Road) between US 74 (West Roosevelt Boulevard) and SR 1501 (Secrest Shortcut Road).

Municipal Certification

I, _____, Clerk of _____, do hereby certify that the municipal governing body, pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, the speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The said municipal declaration is recorded as follows:

Minute Book: _____ Page: _____ Ordinance Number: _____

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and the municipal seal this _____ day
of _____, 20_____.

(signature)

(municipal seal)

Department of Transportation Approval

Division: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Region: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: October 19, 2020

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment to Accept County Funding in Support of Fire Department Programs

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Union County has committed to provide \$37,000 to support the Fire Department's Water Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response Programs.

REVIEW

The Fire Department is in the process of improving its water rescue capabilities and currently operates a technician level hazardous material response team. Staff has been working with Union County Emergency Management regarding the benefits the Fire Department's Water Rescue and Hazmat Response Programs provide to Union County through mutual aid provided to County Volunteer Fire Departments. Due to these benefits, Union County has committed to provide \$22,000 to support the Fire Department's Water Rescue Program and \$15,000 to support the Fire Department's Hazardous Material Response program.

Staff will give the Public Safety Committee an update of improvements the Fire Department is making to its Water Rescue Program along with an overview of the benefits these programs provide to Monroe and Union County.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that City Council approve the attached Budget Amendment (BA-2020-28) to accept \$37,000 from Union County and allocate these funds to the Fire Department to support the Water Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response Programs.

Attachment: BA-2020-28

CITY OF MONROE
BUDGET AMENDMENT
BA-2020-28

Amendment necessary to appropriate funding from Union County to the Fire Department to support the Water Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response Programs.

General Fund:

Revenues:

Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 37,000
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Expenditures:

Public Safety	\$ 37,000
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Adopted this 10th day of November 2020.

Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

Attest:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: October 8, 2020

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Administrative Assistant II Fire Department

SUBJECT: Fire Department Performance Gaps

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff will report to the Public Safety Committee performance gaps that have been identified by Fire Department Staff.

REVIEW

Staff will provide the Public Safety Committee information regarding fire service performance gaps identified within the City. The Fire Department's accreditation criteria, among other things, requires the department to determine performance gaps, such as inadequacies, inconsistencies and negative trends for its total response area. The Fire Department is also required to formally notify the authority having jurisdiction on an annually basis of any such performance gaps. Staff will provide the Committee information on response times and other data regarding identified gaps in performance.

RECOMMENDATION

For information purposes and discussion by the Committee.



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: October 15, 2020

FROM: Bryan Gilliard, Police Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Williams, Fire Department Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Animal Control

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Update and clarification of the City's Animal Control Services for discussion purposes.

REVIEW

Staff will share information about the services we offer, answer any questions they may have and talk about City Ordinances and what we do to help citizens with any animal issues.

RECOMMENDATION

For committee discussion.