MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2026 – 6 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) of the City of Glendale was held on Monday, October 19, 2026. City Administrator Frank Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Members Absent:

- Frank Johnson, City Administrator
- Terry Jones, Public Works Superintendent
- Bob Catlett, Police Chief
- Jim Silvernail, Fire Chief
- Mike Wilcox, Mayor
- Gina Fiordelisi, Board of Aldermen
- Amy Volk, Board of Aldermen

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 MINUTES

Alderwoman Volk motioned for approval of the September 21, 2026, minutes, seconded by Mayor Wilcox. Motion passed on voice vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leslie Drewel, 821 Essex Ave., stated she submitted the traffic calming request for Essex Avenue and is concerned about speeding on Essex Avenue. She stated that the speeding problem has gotten worse since the improvements to the roadway were completed earlier this year.

Henry Hawkins, 835 Essex Ave, stated that he is also concerned with speeding on Essex Avenue and noted that cars coming from N. Sappington Road travel very quickly.

Amber Jacobs, 1350 N. Sappington Rd., stated that she is concerned with the lack of a safe place to cross N. Sappington Road between Kirkham Avenue and Manchester Road, especially as there are many children who cross the street to visit friends or walk to school.

Michael Mosblach, 821 Essex Ave., also expressed concern about speeding on Essex Avenue. He stated that it serves as a cut-through street and carries a high level of traffic. He noted that it eventually turns into Longview Drive in Kirkwood and that the City of Kirkwood had recently installed speed humps on Longview.

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL PACKAGE – Idlewild Avenue

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the recommended traffic calming proposal for Idlewild Avenue, which calls for conversation to one-way traffic northbound and the striping of a pedestrian walking lane. The committee discussed various aspects of the plan and how the City would conduct the resident approval survey. Alderwoman Volk stated that staff should be prepared to explain why the recommendation doesn't include speed humps based on the speed data collected. Chief Catlett motioned for approval of the traffic calming proposal package, seconded by Alderwoman Volk. The motion passed on voice vote. Mr. Johnson stated that the next step would be hosting an open house for residents to review and comment on the proposal.

TRAFFIC CALMING ELGIBILITY DETERMINATION – Essex Avenue

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the speed data and field report for Essex Avenue. He noted that the speed data recorded a very high level of speeding that meets the Traffic Calming Policy criteria for both the 85th percentile speed and the average speed. The Committee discussed installing speed humps on Essex and potential locations, as well as whether an additional controlled stop could be implemented at the intersection of Hill Drive and Essex Avenue. Chief Silvernail and Mr. Johnson noted that the fire department does have concerns about the impact of speed humps on their response times and damage to equipment. Mayor Wilcox motioned for the Committee to find Essex Avenue eligible for traffic calming and for staff to direct the City Engineer to investigate potential traffic calming solutions. Alderwoman Volk seconded, and the motion passed on voice vote.

TRAFFIC CALMING ELGIBILITY DETERMINATION – N. Sappington Road

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the speed data and field report for N. Sappington Road. He noted that the speed data recorded a relatively high level of speeding that meets the Traffic Calming Policy's primary criteria for the 85th percentile speed. He noted that the average speed level was slightly below the criteria, but very close. Mr. Jones stated that, prior to receiving the traffic calming request, the City had already been investigating installing a midblock crosswalk on N. Sappington Road near Warwick Lane. The proposed crosswalk would use a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) system alert drives with bright, flashing yellow lights, similar to what currently exists on Kirkham Avenue. Mr. Jones stated that this could be incorporated into the current work being done on N. Sappington Road as part of the federally funded improvement project.

Mr. Johnson recommended that the Traffic Safety Committee find N. Sappington Road eligible for traffic calming while expediting the installation of the RRFB crosswalk system. He noted that the plans for the crosswalk installation would be included as part of the public outreach and that the Committee could focus on gathering feedback on any additional traffic calming measures.

The Committee discussed possibilities for additional signage that could be incorporated, such as solar-powered radar signs that display vehicle speeds to drivers. Ms. Jacobs asked if the crosswalk would work better as a stop sign. Mr. Jones replied that the crosswalk could be converted to a controlled stop at a later time, if the City determined it was necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson proposed that the Traffic Safety Committee change the date and time of its regular meeting so that is no longer occurring directly before a regular Board of Aldermen meeting. He recommended that the meeting be moved to 4 p.m. on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month. The Committee agreed with the recommendation and scheduled the next meeting of the TSC for Monday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chief Catlett, seconded by Alderwoman Volk, to adjourn the Traffic Safety Committee meeting at 6:44 p.m.