

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 6:35 p.m.  
Room 119 – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Andreano, Vice Chairman Gonzalez, Alderman Witte, Alderman Dougherty, Alderman Crawford, and Alderman Smith. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Andreano called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman George, who was excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, June 4, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

### 3. Unfinished Business

None

### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

#### a. Discussion – West State Street / Independence Drive Intersection

Mr. Ring explained that there was previous discussion regarding a “Right Turn Only” lane at the intersection of West State Street and Independence Drive, and it is becoming apparent that it is more of a need than was previously thought. He explained that a study has been done, and there are enough right turns at this intersection to justify the lane change. He explained that changing the lane will include the installation of an additional right turn arrow on the ground, as well as hanging signs for “Straight Only” and “Right Turn Only” and additional advance warning signs for the intersection.

Alderman Andreano agreed that something needs to be done with this intersection. Alderman Smith asked if there are any alternatives, and Mr. Ring replied that there are not. He noted that the timing on the traffic light does need to be looked at, and he would like to make this a dedicated signal down the road with lights that change based on traffic, not only timing.

Alderman Crawford asked if there are a lot of accidents at this intersection, and Mr. Ring replied that there are. Alderman Witte explained that there are two lanes that merge into one after leaving the City, and it can be a dangerous section of roadway.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that this would be an intersection where a roundabout would solve a lot of the traffic issues. Alderman Smith replied that he is not opposed to a roundabout; however, from a cost perspective, he prefers the signage changes.

It was the general consensus of the committee to authorize the changes at the intersection as presented.

#### b. Discussion – South Union Street Lane Changes

Mr. Ring provided for the committee a map that showed the area of South Union Street from the bridge to the City line, where the State is proposing making the change from three lanes to two lanes with shoulders. He explained that they own this portion of roadway, and have requested feedback from the City. He noted that when it was first proposed, he made comments to the State about a continuous shoulder for pedestrians and bikers.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that he has no issues with this change, and Alderman Witte explained that she feels that this is a good idea, as there always seems to be people racing down this section of roadway.

Alderman Witte asked when restriping will be done elsewhere in the City, as there are areas where striping has all but disappeared from the roadway. Mr. Ring explained that the County has a contract for this, and it will be done before the end of the year.

Alderman Smith asked if the cost of the South Union Street restriping will be paid by the State, and Mr. Ring replied that it will be. He added that this does not require Council approval; however, the State, as a courtesy, presented the proposed changes to the Council in advance for their comments.

#### 5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

#### 6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.