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	Agenda Item No. <u>51</u> Roll Call No. <u>17-1008</u> Communication No. <u>17-483</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114-241 of the Municipal Code regarding the mission and member composition of the Traffic Safety Committee and renaming this committee the Transportation Safety Committee.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendations and the ordinance regarding the member composition and mission of the Traffic Safety Committee and renaming this committee the Transportation Safety Committee. There is increased emphasis to provide transportation for all modes in the City of Des Moines and revisions to the Code are being recommended to better reflect a focus on multi-modal transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

At their April 11, 2017 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendation to revise the Traffic Safety Committee member composition and mission.

The major changes include:

- Renaming the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee to the Transportation Safety Committee to be more inclusive of all modes of transportation
- Adding a new seat for a Des Moines Area Transit (DART) staff member. The committee is now proposed to have 10 voting members instead of nine (9)
- Specifying that the Mayor’s two (2) appointments are
 - A professional engineer with transportation experience
 - A Des Moines Bicycle Collective board member

The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

DIVISION 2. ~~TRAFFIC~~ TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE

Sec. 114-241. Created; composition; appointment; terms.

- (a) There is established in and for the city a ~~traffic-~~ transportation safety ~~advisory-~~committee.
- (b) The ~~traffic~~ transportation safety ~~advisory~~ committee shall consist of ~~nine-ten~~ voting members. Eight of the members shall be appointed by the city council. One member shall be appointed by

each council member with two members appointed by the Mayor. The two members nominated by the Mayor shall consist of a Des Moines Bicycle Collective Board Member, or similarly focused organization, and a licensed professional engineer with transportation experience. One member shall be appointed by the superintendent of the Des Moines Independent Community School District to represent the interest of the schools citywide. One member shall be a Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority staff member appointed by the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority to represent the interest of transit citywide.

- (c) The term of office of each of the eight appointed members of the ~~traffic~~-transportation safety ~~advisory~~ committee shall be for staggered terms of three years. The expiration date for all terms of appointed members shall be December 31. Each member of the city council may recommend a candidate to fill one position on the board. Any of the two members nominated by the Mayor who cease to hold the qualifications for appointment to the seat they hold on the Transportation Safety Committee shall cease to be a member of the Transportation Safety Committee.
- (d) Notwithstanding section 2-1059 regarding term limits, members of the ~~traffic~~ transportation safety ~~advisory~~ committee ~~board~~ may be reappointed for a third or subsequent consecutive term.
- (e) A majority of the members serving on the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 114-242. Duties.

The Transportation Safety Committee shall advise the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient use of all transportation modes within and immediately adjacent to the City of Des Moines. These transportation modes include but are not limited to motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrian modes used as part of the transportation system. The transportation system includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, and related transportation facilities.

The Transportation Safety Committee shall advise the City Council on all elements of the City of Des Moines transportation network including all Council-approved plans related to transportation. The Transportation Safety Committee shall, as it determines necessary, provide a public forum to hear citizen comments and requests regarding transportation matters on existing, new, or potential transportation facilities.

The ~~traffic~~ transportation safety ~~advisory~~ committee shall have the following duties:

- (1) Advise the city council and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to ~~traffic safety conditions and the~~ safe and efficient movement of all transportation modes. ~~pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the city streets.~~
- (2) Review all proposed transportation project designs for the City's transportation system and recommend appropriate revisions to such designs as needed to provide compliance with the city's approved transportation plans and polices.

- (2) ~~Advise the city council and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to the municipal parking system, including parking meters and city-owned parking lots and garages.~~
- (3) Perform such other and further duties as the city council may from time to time place upon the committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: April 11, 2017

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: A motion was made by Brendan Greiner to approve the proposed revisions to the Traffic Safety Committee composition and mission, with the caveat that the Traffic Safety Committee be renamed to Transportation Safety Committee; seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 6:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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