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Agenda Item Number

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Date May 20, 2019

An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Sections 114-241 and 114-242, renaming the Transportation Safety Committee to the Transportation Committee",

presented. (Council Communication No. 19-233)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage.

FORM APPROVED:

(First of three required readings)

Lawrence F. Dempsey
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by amending Sections 114-241 and 114-242, renaming the Transportation Safety Committee to the Transportation Committee, as follows:

DIVISION 2. TRANSPORTATION-~~SAFETY~~ COMMITTEE\*

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\***Cross reference(s)**--Boards, commissions, committees and agencies, § 2-1046 et seq.  
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**Sec. 114-241. Created; composition; appointment; terms.**

- (a) There is established in and for the city a transportation-~~safety~~ committee.
- (b) The transportation-~~safety~~ committee shall consist of 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 transportation-~~safety~~ 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 transportation ~~safety~~ committee 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.

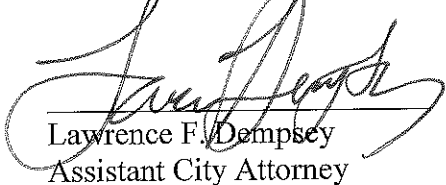
The transportation-safety committee shall advise the city council on all elements of the City of Des Moines transportation network including all council-approved plans related to transportation. The transportation-safety committee shall, as it determines necessary, provide a public forum to hear citizen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

The transportation-safety committee shall have the following duties:

- (1) Advise the city council and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to the safe and efficient movement of all transportation modes.
- (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 policies.
- (3) Perform such other and further duties as the city council may from time to time place upon the committee.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:



Lawrence F. Dempsey  
Assistant City Attorney

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Des Moines City Council Members:

We, as members of the Transportation Safety Committee, are writing to ask that you keep the word "Safety" in the Transportation Safety Committee's name.

As members of the TSC, we feel strongly about making streets in Des Moines safe for everyone, whether they walk, bike, take transit, or drive. Every month, we volunteer our time to discuss road safety, review proposed street improvements, and make recommendations on how the city should proceed. We come from a variety of backgrounds and bring different perspectives, but share a common goal of safe streets.

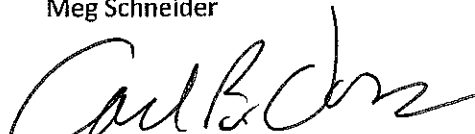
Recently we were told by city staff that two or three council members feel the name of our committee should change by dropping the word 'safety.' In those meetings, staff informed us that the word 'safety' did not cover all of the TSC's expanded responsibilities in MoveDSM, Connect Downtown, and Complete Streets. However, safety is central to the goals of MoveDSM and Connect Downtown. Des Moines's complete streets policy mentions the word 'safety' numerous times. Safety is central to every discussion and every recommendation the TSC makes.

Safe transportation for everyone, regardless of race, class, background, neighborhood, or income level, is essential to a thriving city. Please keep the word "Safety" in the Transportation Safety Committee's name.

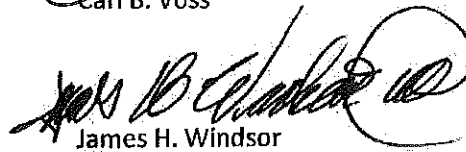
  
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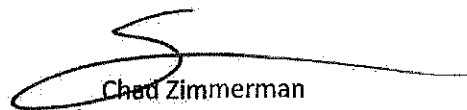
  
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