

THE PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL HELD A CAUCUS MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH HEIGHTS, 1601 DIXIE HIGHWAY, WITH MAYOR KATHY ZEMBRODT PRESIDING. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: SARAH FROELICH, JOE SHIELDS, KEVIN THEISSEN, STEVE ELKINS AND WESLEY DETERS. ABSENT: PAM SPOOR
ALSO PRESENT WAS ATTORNEY KYLE WINSLOW

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

I. Discussion

Mayor Zembrodt discussed letters sent to Cecelia residents. Majority responded in favor of wanting a hump, not a bump. Mayor Zembrodt stated that Chief Stanley reported that most people are driving within the speed limit on Cecelia. Mayor Zembrodt states that speed bumps came up at the last mayor's group meeting. Fort Mitchell Mayor stated that the City's ordinance got its residents talking about the issue. Mayor Zembrodt reported that she spoke to Councilwoman Spoor who said she attended the Vision Zero meeting.

II. Petitioners

David Gray, who resides on Scenic Drive states that people don't pay attention when they are walking on the street. He claims that speed bumps make travel difficult for school buses, ambulances and fire trucks. Mr. Gray does not oppose speed bumps/humps if they are "justified." Mr. Gray states he does not want to go over three humps. Mr. Gray says a disabled woman on Cecelia cannot travel over the speed bumps.

Councilwoman Froelich distinguishes between speed bumps and speed humps. She states that an ordinance is a good idea because it clarifies the parameters. She also acknowledges some ways to tighten up the ordinance to make it clearer.

Councilman Elkins states that the speed bumps were a trial. The City received feedback and reacted to the feedback. He also states that the City is not ready for an ordinance, but a policy could be a good idea. Councilman Elkins wants to look at other ways to calm the speed.

A. Chris Willig, resident, was present at the meeting. Mr. Willig states that merely telling people to pay attention is not enough. Mr. Willig also states that his street doesn't fit the ordinance. You can't look at Audubon to figure out whether there should be bumps on other streets.

Councilwoman Froelich states the whole point of an ordinance is to make something for the entire City. The standards in the proposed ordinance were based off the Fort Mitchell ordinance.

Councilman Elkins expressed concern with the lack of flexibility and lack of ability to react in a timely manner under the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Shields states that focusing narrowly on once solution is not going to fix the problem.

Mr. Willig states that 80% of residents are in favor of speed humps on Audubon Road.

Councilwoman Deters is not in favor of the ordinance and none of the metrics make sense for the City.

B. Resident Helen Heil recommends the City consider rumble strips.

C. Resident Melissa Willig states the City should prioritize complaints. While running over speed bumps is inconvenient, child safety is much more important. The residents have lived on Audubon Road with child safety signs. Ms. Willig believes a physical barrier is necessary.

Councilman Theissen is concerned with something that boxes the City in. He believes we need a policy and procedure. He proposes taking the core of the ordinance to write a policy and procedure to move forward to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Deters states that tying metrics to the City doesn't make sense. The Willig's request should be on the next Infrastructure Committee meeting agenda.

Mayor Zembrodt states that the ordinance needs some tweaking. We will probably discuss Audubon Road in the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

III. No new business

IV. Old Business

Councilman Elkins states the next Infrastructure Committee meeting is October 2nd at noon.

8:10 Adjourn

Mayor, Kathy Zembrodt

ATTEST:

City Clerk