



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Dwan Bell, Public Utilities Director
DATE: April 8, 2021
REF: Discussion / Consideration - Speed Bump Installation

BACKGROUND:

While installing speed bumps on 11/2/2021, residents of the Main Street community asked James McCotter, Street Superintendent and Dwan Bell, Public Utilities Director if all of the speed bumps that were ordered for both Church Street and Main Street could be installed along Main Street. The residents were informed by Director Bell that he would have to seek approval from Mr. Clark, Interim City Manager and/or Council to install all of the speed bumps on Main Street and to reorder the speed bumps needed for Church Street.

Director Bell contacted Interim City Manager, Mr. Clark on 11/2/2021 and notified him of the request from the residents of the Main Street Community. Consent was given to move forward with installing all of the speed bumps that were ordered for both Church Street and Main Street along Main Street. Mr. Clark also approved to order the speed bumps needed for Church Street, which was an additional eight speed bumps. Since the speed bumps have been installed, there have been several citizen complaints about the additional speed bumps that were installed on Main Street without Council approval, and several citizens have requested to have the speed bumps removed.

ANALYSIS:

The Public Utilities Department contacted a local contractor for pricing of permanent speed bumps/humps and speed tables formed with asphalt. To install a permanent asphalt speed hump (3ft. wide & 3 in. high) the estimated cost is \$2,000 each. The installation of an asphalt speed table (3 in. high x width of the road) is estimated \$8,000-\$9,000 each. Another alternative is to have our on-call engineers complete a traffic study to determine best solution for traffic calming. Also, given the amount of complaints received by citizens regarding the type of speed bumps installed is why Public Utilities has begun to explore other alternatives.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Utilities department would like to seek direction from Council to determine if the additional speed bumps that were installed without Council consent should be removed. Additionally, consideration can be given to whether Council would prefer to have permanent asphalt speed humps or traffic speed tables installed or look into having a traffic study performed to identify best traffic calming measures for Church Street and Main Street.