

# **Mt. Juliet, Tennessee**

*2425 North Mt. Juliet Rd  
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

**Mt. Juliet Traffic Commission**

**1. Public Notice**

**1.A. Public Notice - Traffic Commission - 10/15/24**

**Attachments:** [Public Notice - Traffic Commission 10-15-24](#)

**2. Call to Order**

**Present** David Weiss, Kenneth Martin City Manager, Michael Mullins Chief of Police, Regina Henry, Norma Davis, Shirley Grauberger, and Mark Foulks Fire Chief

**3. Elections**

**3.A. Election of Chairperson**

Nominations for Chairperson:  
Shirley Grauberger nominated David Weiss.  
Regina Henry nominated by herself.  
Vote on David Weiss: 2 yeas  
Vote on Regina Henry: 3 yeas

**3.B. Election of Vice Chairperson**

Nominations for Vice Chairperson:  
David Weiss was nominated for Vice Chair.  
Vote Yea: Unanimous  
New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to start in January 2025.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Police Chief Mullins, seconded by Shirley Grauberger, that the minutes of July 16, 2024 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Michael Mullins, Chief of Police  
**SECONDER:** Shirley Grauberger  
**Aye:** Weiss, Martin, Mullins, Henry, Davis, and Grauberger

**4.A. Approval of 7/16/24 Meeting Minutes**

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes 7-16-24](#)

**5. Set Agenda**

As Published

**6. Public Comments to be Heard During Each Agenda Item**

Each person is allowed 3 minutes to speak

**7. Request for Speed Calming Devices**

**7.A.** Jackson Hills - Vanner Rd

**Attachments:** [Vanner Rd Map](#)  
[141 Vanner Rd Week \(002\)](#)  
[Jackson Hills HOA - Traffic Commission Letter](#)  
[Traffic Commision Letter](#)

Stephanie Hall, Plowson Road: HOA President: The majority of the residents that responded were in favor of the Speed Calming devices, therefore the HOA is in support. They are requesting one speed hump. Bradshaw Farms was required to help with Speed Calming in Jackson Hill. The previously requested stop sign at Vanner & Croft they would like this moved to the curb line to be able to see the sign and change to a 3-way or 4-way stop. Speed calming is requested at Plowson & Vanner. An additional crosswalk at 100 Vanner Road (gas station and clubhouse), would also be requested. They are sympathetic to EMS and 1st Responders. Just want what is safe for the subdivision

Kyle Winn, 127 Vanner Road: Supports all of the speed calming devices previously mentioned. Bradshaw Farms will double the amount of traffic coming through Vanner. Unfortunate that the money from Bradshaw was spent on the Woodland Place sidewalks. This is unfortunate for the City to bear the cost.

Daleen Hollis, 115 Vanner Road: Supports speed calming devices. She has trouble getting out of her driveway. The cars are going 70-80 mph up and down Vanner Road. They are afraid to be in the front yard. It is the Jackson Hills residents who are doing the speeding.

Jerry Merchand, 101 Vanner Road: Supports speed calming devices. He cannot pull out of his driveway until after 8:30 each morning. He has the description of the cars and license plate numbers of all the speeders. He has never seen the lack of enforcement that he has observed. Sees the same Mustang and Box trucks and no one stops them. Where are the officers?

Bryan Roy, 284 Croft Way: Appreciates the nice sidewalks in Jackson Hills. He does not see the need for the Speed Calming devices. Does not drive on Sire due to the Speed humps that were installed. He does not want a child hurt.

Katie Branen, 134 Vanner Road: Supports speed calming devices. Her husband survived being hit by a car. She has the 3rd child on the way. It takes one second for a child or animal to step out into a road. The amount of cars that fly on Vanner is ridiculous. Jackson Hills was built with families in mind. She is outside with her children every time, but it only takes one second.

Public Works Director Matt White: Stated the Speed Study was conducted at 141 Vanner Road. Due to the speed study results being low, staff does not recommend the speed humps. He will work with the HOA on the crosswalk and moving the stop sign. The traffic volumes have to meet the requirements for the installation of a 3-way or

4-way stop sign. A raised crosswalk is difficult to be added due to the drainage. He will add the crosswalk at the pool area.

Police Chief Mullins stated his officers spend more time in Jackson Hills than any other subdivision in the city. It is perceived that the cars are speeding down the hill. They do get a lot of complaints from Jackson Hills. However, he cannot have officers in there all the time due to patrolling the rest of the city. Someone predicted the need for traffic calming devices since it was in the PUD's. As the Chief of Police he has to look at the traffic study and the drivers are not meeting the standards on when a citation is written. Has sympathy for the residents.

Fire Chief Foulks stated speed humps do slow down for Fire Engines and Ambulances. Going over the humps will slow down response time. An ambulance patient does not have a comfortable ride when going over a speed hump, which can prevent taking care of a patient quickly. Broken hips and bones are painful. We do want people to go slow and be safe. We prefer other traffic calming devices. He has learned if their wheels can avoid the hump then a car can do the same thing. Questioned the usage of speed strips especially near the crosswalks. Todd Serbent City Traffic Engineer has only used them as a supplement and will check more into these.

Public Works Director Matt White stated he will move the stop sign and add a crosswalk.

Motion made by Fire Chief Foulks to approve a 4-way stop sign on Vanner & Croft (furthest away from Golden Bear), and at Vanner and Plowson after the 100th CO is issued for Bradshaw Farms with speed calming on Plowson subject to being warranted, 2nd by Regina Henry.

Vote: Yea: Unanimous

Later in the meeting during discussion on Normandy Drive Jackson Hills, HOA President came to the mic.

Stephanie Hall, Jackson Hills HOA president requested the rumble strips since they were approved for Saddlewood.

Discussion was held.

Motion made by Fire Chief Foulks that rumble strips be deferred until the next meeting, 2nd by Shirley Grauberger

Vote:

Yea: Foulks, Grauberger, Weiss,

Nay: Henry, Mullins

Discussion was held. Police Chief Mullins feels this needs to be done now.

Motion made by Police Chief Mullins to look at both intersections of Plowson and Croft. The volume of complaints from this neighborhood is tremendous. Feels the city owes the residents something.

## Saddle Wood Subdivision

### 7.B. Saddle Brook

**Attachments:** [Traffic Commission Exhibit A 9 12 24 Saddle Brook and Saddlehorn Week](#)  
[Saddle Creek Email](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 2](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 3](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 4](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 5](#)  
[Speed Calming Devices Letter from Resident](#)  
[Saddle Wood Speed Email](#)

Allison Highlin, 1032 Saddlewood Drive: Supports speed calming devices. Saddlewood is a steep hill and people fly down the road. Could consideration be given on installing speed strips prior to the stop sign. They are disappointed in the speed study. Fears letting children outside.

Public Works Director Matt White stated Speed Studies were conducted at 1007 Saddlewood, and on Saddle Brook. Neither study warrants speed control devices. On Saddlewood and Saddle Brook he could do a painted crosswalk, with Pedestrian signs saying "Crosswalk Ahead".

Police Chief Mullins stated he will increase enforcement, since March they have conducted 3 different speed studies (2 after the last meeting). The last speed study was for 2 weeks. He understands the situation and numerous emails of residents that do not want this.

Motion made by Fire Chief Foulk to approve rumble strips on Saddle Brook near the stop sign approaching Saddlewood, 2nd by Regina Henry. Discussion was held.

Public Works Director Matt White stated he will do the crosswalk. Todd Serbent City Traffic Engineer requested a post speed study to see how effective this is.

Vote Yea: Unanimous

### 7.C. Saddle Wood Dr.

- Attachments:** [1007 Saddle Wood Dr Week](#)  
[Saddle Creek Email](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 2](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 3](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 4](#)  
[Saddle Wood Email 5](#)  
[Speed Calming Devices Letter from Resident](#)  
[Saddle Wood Speed Email](#)  
[Past Information 7-16-24](#)  
[Saddle Wood Map](#)  
[Speed Study Results - Saddle Wood](#)  
[Saddle Wood Signatures](#)

### **Normandy Heights Subdivision**

#### **7.D. Normandy Dr**

- Attachments:** [138 Normandy Dr Week](#)  
[Past Information 7-16-24](#)  
[Normandy Heights Email Correspondence](#)  
[Normandy Heights Speed Enforcement Evaluator](#)  
[Normandy Heights Subdivision Map](#)

Griff Akins, Normandy Drive: Fire and engines are able to go thru the strips. They are working and appreciates them. Does not feel speed studies were placed at good locations. Requesting speed calming on Sword Lane.

Valerie Akins, 120 Normandy Drive, HOA President: stated that the Speed Study was not placed where requested. 8 people going 65 or more is insane. Kids cross the street. Please put something in at the top of the street.

Public Works Director Matt White stated the speed study on Sword Lane was low so he does not recommend based on the speed studies.

Police Chief Mullins stated he trusts his people on the placement. He has been told the lawnmowers, weed eaters, birds, will effect the speed study.

Discussion was held.

Motion made by Regina Henry to approve one calming device near 138 Normandy and deny the one on Sword Lane at this time, 2nd by Shirley Grauberger.

Discussion was held.

Yea: Unanimous

**7.E. Sword Lane**

**Attachments:** [301 Sword Ln Week \(August\)](#)  
[Past Information 7-16-24](#)  
[Map - Normandy and Sword Lane](#)  
[Speed Study Results - Normandy and Sword Lane](#)

**8. City Staff Reports**

None

**9. Discussion**

None

**10. Adjournment**

at 7:54 pm

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Regina Henry, Chairperson

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Traffic Commission Secretary, Sheila Lockett