

Introduced by McDavid Council Bill No. R 84-15

A RESOLUTION

establishing a task force on pedestrian safety.

WHEREAS, since October 2014, four individuals have been killed and four others have been seriously injured as a result of being struck by automobiles while walking on Columbia streets; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx has established the "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets" to address rising pedestrian death and injury rates nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDavid is a participant in Secretary Foxx's "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets"; and

WHEREAS, engaging in a study and evaluation of pedestrian safety in Columbia will benefit all citizens of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Mayor's Task Force on Pedestrian Safety. Its purposes include determining the history, trends and current status of pedestrian deaths and injuries in Columbia together with a study of various community strategies to increase pedestrian safety.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall evaluate available resources and provide recommendations on what can be done by the City government and by citizens themselves working in a cooperative way to decrease collisions between automobiles and pedestrians. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

- Analysis of the problem;
- Education and community outreach strategies;
- Law enforcement strategies and policies; and
- Engineering solutions.

SECTION 3. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor. In addition to Task Force members, Council members Clyde Ruffin and Ian Thomas shall serve as co-chair persons. A quorum to hold a meeting shall consist of eight (8) members plus one (1) co-chair. All meetings shall be open to involvement and participation by as many additional interested community members who desire to attend.

SECTION 4. The Task Force shall make a report to the City Council of its findings and recommendations by May 16, 2016. The Task Force shall be dissolved upon submitting its final report.

SECTION 5. The Task Force shall be provided reasonable staff support and shall submit a budget to cover reasonable and necessary expenses.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor