

**PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2020, 7 PM
REGULAR SESSION**

MINTUES:

After due notice to the press, Mayor and Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Mayor and all Council were present.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Crenshaw led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Crenshaw stated he has no new updates at this time.

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY CLEARWATER SOLUTIONS, LLC

Chris Thomas and Maverick Olaes, with Clearwater Solutions LLC, presented a Pendleton High School student with a scholarship from their company.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2020, Regular Session Meeting

Mike Seef made a motion to accep the minutes as presented. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Comments only - no questions will be taken at this time – questions will be taken at the end of the meeting. 3 minute limit. No action will be taken on these items.*

Mayor Crenshaw read a public comment from Nancy von Meyer. The written comment is attached.

Mayor Crenshaw stated Public Comments were received from residents and business owners for support of the petition submitted by Carey Fleming and he read names of each person who submitted their comments. Written comments are attached to the minutes.

6) REPORTS:

a. **PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Burdette was present to give his report for May.

b. **ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE & BUDGET REPORT**

Steve Miller, Town Administrator, updated Mayor, Council and citizens for May.

7) DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. N/A

8) ACTION ITEMS:

a. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA CANCELING THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FOR JULY 2020**

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous

b. **CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING A PETITION FROM CAREY FLEMING AND DETERMINING IF ANY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Discussion pursued regarding the feasibility of this request. Tyler Morgan, with GMC Engineering, was present to share their experience with truck routes. Mike Seef stated some progress had been made by reducing the speed limits in the area.

Mike Seef made a motion to accept the petition as information with no form of action taken. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

c. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO MAKE PIONEER ROAD A ONE-WAY ROAD

Bruce Kally made a motion to follow the staff's recommendation and not make the road a one way road. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

d. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN ON HOPKINS AVENUE

Bruce Kalley made a motion to follow the staff's recommendation and make a three-way stop at Hopkins Avenue and Pinewood Drive. Mike Seef seconded. Unanimous.

e. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT TO THE CLEMSON LITTLE THEATRE

Bruce Kalley made a motion to award the Clemson Little Theatre a Façade Improvement Grant for \$1,870.00. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

f. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

Sandra Gantt made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for first reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

g. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF PENDLETON'S ZONING MAP AND REZONE 94.57 ACRES TO (LI) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AT 500 WESTINGHOUSE ROAD (TMS# 063-00-06-001)

Mike Seef made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

h. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF PENDLETON'S ZONING MAP AND REZONE 1 ACRE TO (AB) AREA-WIDE BUSINESS LOCATED AT 5740 U.S. HIGHWAY 76 (TMS# 41-03-03-023)

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Mike Seef seconded. Unanimous.

i. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN OF PENDLETON'S BUDGET FY 2020/2021

Denise Jackson made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

j. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MONTHLY SANITATION FEE FOR THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Mike Seef seconded. Unanimous.

k. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA INCREASING THE BULK CONTAINER FEES

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

I. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF PENDLETON'S WATER AND SEWER USE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RATES

Sandra Gantt made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for second and final reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

9) PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Hilda Anderson stated she wasn't sure if the traffic study was done recently because traffic has changed due to COVID-19. She further stated she hopes the matter of thru trucks will be addressed sometime.

Denise Jackson asked about gunshots, stating she has heard them on Friday and Saturday evenings, and the shots seem to be close to the Town Square. She asked if anyone else has reported gunshots. Chief Burdette stated he would check reports and see what he can find out.

Mike Seef stated a bear had been spotted on Micas Drive, and he asked if Norman, Animal Control Officer, got involved with it. It was said no, he does not, only domesticated animals. Chief Burdette stated he has talked to DNR, and bears are protected in our area.

Mike Seef asked about the IPMC regarding tree removal. A stump has been upturned for a long time, and he asked if this was something that we could address. Steve Miller, stated an Ordinance would need to be created to address it. He further stated that as long as the grass is being cut around it and not a lot of brush or debris is growing around the fallen tree or stump, we could not require removal.

10) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:33 pm, Denise Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

MAYOR: _____

COUNCIL:

WARD 1: _____

WARD 2: _____

WARD 3: _____

WARD 4: _____

Amber Barnes

From: Nancy von Meyer <nancy@fairview-industries.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Town Council; Amber Barnes
Subject: Note to be read at council meeting

Frank and Amber

I know this is last minute but I hope there is a moment at tonight's meeting for you to read the note below into the record. I don't even know where to start to thank you all, especially my neighbors, for everything that every one is doing for me now and have done over the years to support Bill and I. Bill and I consciously chose to be here and I am not going anywhere. This is my home.

Thank you for your consideration on this

-Public Comments-

There are many national rankings that rate cities by "friendliest city" or "best place to raise a family". None of those ratings can describe the support and love shown to Bill and me by the Town of Pendleton ever since our arrival 20 years ago. After Bill's passing, I have been embraced in the care and kindness of my neighbors and everyone I have run into in Town. Thank you isn't enough to express my appreciation. I cannot get through the tears and memories without your continued support, but everything is going to be okay. Thank you to all of Pendleton as we move forward, together, as a caring community.

take care,
Nancy

Nancy von Meyer
nancy@fairview-industries.com

Amber Barnes

From: amberb@townofpendleton.org <webmaster@townofpendleton.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Amber Barnes
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Hilda Anderson

Email

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Message

I would like to add to my comments at last night's meeting. I did expect more people to attend and really thought I would not be able to attend because it would be so crowded! I think you all have done a good job discouraging attendance and rightfully so because of covid19. I had hoped that the comments re: the petition would have been read aloud. I assume time constraints and lack of attendance had something to do with that. The basis of my comments were that the town is growing at such a rate I believe a town plan is important. With this pandemic I would think it is hard to gather correct information right now, but perhaps this is the best time to gauge for the future. Pendleton has some very knowledgeable citizens and caring citizens. The African American community is strong, the young families moving in, as well as retirees, all make up a well rounded diverse community. I believe the Town Hall meetings are excellent that they are opened to the public, but I sometimes think a citizen's involvement could be better. I would like to know if there are committees within the Town that offer more citizen input. I believe this would be an excellent time for this. I hope I am not coming across as lecturing or knowing a lot about town governing (I do not), but I do think a strong outreach to the community would help all.

Now, about the Broad/Queen intersection. I have been told that the Town and DOT are involved. This being a state road too complicates the issue. This intersection has been singled out I think mainly because of its close proximity to downtown and not being a thoroughfare, the traffic is more effecting the walkability for townspeople especially those with strollers and families. More people are wanting to walk to the Square and this intersection has no crosswalks or stop signs. I am concerned that someone could be hurt or worse. I believe that there could be an alternate outside of town perhaps through Refuge to 88. This route does have homes, mostly farm like properties, but much fewer intersections and more of a through way. My main concern is the growing number of very long trucks and trailers trying to take the turns needed to get through the main part of town. Well, this is much longer message that I wanted it to be, but hopefully someone will read and even more hopefully, someone will respond! Thank you for your time, Hilda Anderson, 220 North Broad, 843 442 1357

The following residents, business owners or property owners have submitted comments in support of Carey Flemings request for no thru trucks.

1. Christine Tedesco
2. Raegan Young
3. Jackie & Dale Reynolds
4. Dean Pratt & Elizabeth Boleman-Herring
5. Hilda Anderson
6. Amy Albright
7. Linda and Chuck McCuen
8. Chris and Mary Bess Johnson
9. Byron Edwards
10. Dustin Albright
11. Carey and David Fleming
12. Nancy King
13. Kathy Edwards
14. Roger Liska
15. Vincent Gaulin
16. Mary and Joe McDonough
17. Danielle Elliott-Smith
18. Marie and Paul Waters
19. Serna DuBose

Amber Barnes

From: Chris Tedesco <christine@rsctarchdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Info
Subject: Truck Route

To Whom it May Concern:

Rob Silance and I moved to Pendleton in 1994 after purchasing 216 E. Queen Street. For the record, I am still the owner of 216 E. Queen Street.

We lived at 216 E. Queen Street for over 20 years and have and still do enjoy the town and the wonderful people who live in the community. For a small historic town that is on the National Register of Historic Places, it seemed to me there was not much in the way of traffic control to keep trucks and motorcycles out of town. I often mentioned how good a 4 way stop would be at the corners of Broad Street and E. Queen to slow traffic down and mentioned this one day to Jimmy Smith when I was buying gas back when he was still running the gas station on the square. I said, what is it going to take to slow this traffic, killing a child? To my shock and surprise, he told me it had already happened. Several years ago, an older lady hit a child riding his bike, was unaware of this and dragged the poor child to the square, killing him. So, what is it going to take to re-route or slow the traffic down? I don't have the answers but welcome this forum so that you, as our town leaders, can guide us in the right direction. One suggestion I would like to make is this: keep all large and medium size truck traffic on Hwy 76 and Hwy 123 unless they have a delivery in town. This is simple and must be faster for them and certainly safer for us.

Thanks again,
Chris.

Christine Tedesco, RA, NCARB



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Amber Barnes

From: Raegan Young <raeganyoung@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Info
Subject: Heavy Truck Traffic Public Comment

I support & encourage a ban on all heavy trucks on E Queen & N Broad St. NO LARGE THRU TRUCKS signs can be seen in neighboring towns and truck companies should be well equipped to find alternate routes to avoid disrupting these small town streets and the residents who live, drive and walk on them.

My comment may be made public at the meeting.

Thank you,
Raegan Young

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Public Comment on Petition to Prohibit Thru Heavy Truck Traffic on E. Queen and S. Board Streets
June 1, 2020

Heavy truck traffic traveling through downtown Pendleton on Mechanic and Broad Streets has been a problem for many years. Heavy thru truck traffic has been both a nuisance due to noise and a safety issue due to their speed at which they are traveling on our town's narrow residential streets. The problem has been caused mostly by heavy trucks coming into town on SC88 (Greenville Street) on route to US76/SC28. Heavy trucks that might have continued to the intersection of E. Queen Street (SC88) onto Mechanic Street (Bus SC28) has been reduced by the streetscape project which reduced the width of Mechanic Street at that intersection reducing the turning radius. The problem persists now by trucks turning from E. Queen Street onto S. Broad Street to the intersection with S. Mechanic Street thus making Broad Street the default by-pass to Mechanic Street. As a result, the truck traffic on Broad Street has increased dramatically. Since we live on S. Broad Street, we find it difficult at times to turn out of our driveway onto Broad Street. The speed at which traffic moves on Broad Street is often 40 – 50 miles per hour making it a safety hazard for anyone on foot trying to cross the street. In addition, we have noticed during the 20 years we have lived in Pendleton, that speeding traffic has caused Duke Power to replace most of their utility poles along the section of Broad Street from Cherry Street to the intersection with Mechanic Street due to vehicles traveling at high speed running into the poles. We purposely do not cross Broad Street when walking our dogs for that reason. In fact, anyone crossing Broad Street needs to run even at the intersections with Stop signs. There was even a recent incident where a large truck traveling north on S. Mechanic Street using GSP turned onto Broad Street by mistake. His GSP system advised him to turn left at the first opportunity taking him down Duke Street. He actually tried to turn from Mechanic Street onto Duke Street but ended up taking down the STOP sign as well as the street sign and nearly took out our neighbor's fence. Traffic on Broad Street had to be stopped while the truck backed out of Duke Street back onto Broad Street.

I believe that the solution is simple. In the 1960's, SCDOT built US76/SC28 as a 4-lane by-pass to avoid downtown Pendleton. Mechanic Street, the original SC28 highway, became Business SC28. Heavy truck traffic driving south on SC88 can easily access this by-pass by turning onto Mile 18 Road, about 5 miles NE of town, and then onto US123, a major 4-lane highway that easily accommodate heavy truck traffic. Trucks can then turn onto US76/SC28 and proceed on their way without traveling into downtown Pendleton. The only downside for truckers is that they will have to pass through 4 traffic lights on this route whereas they will by-pass traffic lights by coming through downtown Pendleton. GPS probably routes truckers traveling on SC88 through Pendleton for that reason. Otherwise, there is no benefit for thru truckers to travel through Pendleton. If the GSP system can be contacted to inform truckers to use this route, the problem can be solved for thru truck traffic. As for speeding traffic on Broad Street, our police should be able to take care of this issue.

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May 29, 2020

Public Comment to Be Read at Town Council Meeting, Monday, June 1, 2020

Dear Friends at the Pendleton Town Council,

We are deeply concerned about heavy thru-truck traffic in “downtown” Pendleton and are in favor of passing an ordinance banning all heavy thru trucks from the town-owned blocks of E. Queen St. and N. Broad St. (Pendleton does not currently have a designated truck route, so designating one now is, we feel, a moot point, if not a red herring.)

GPS sites *will* redirect truckers. All the Town Council need do is designate what constitutes a heavy truck and then, periodically, police the area for violations. (“Automated” signs, *in situ*, such as those now notifying drivers of our 25mph in-town speed limit would help.)

We were signatories to the petition (signed by 82 Pendletonians) requesting this ban, because trucks, as well as speeding trucks, and truckers unable to turn who damage such valuable things as our fire hydrants and trees, are negatively impacting our quality of life.

Should we open Pendleton to elephant traffic? Rhinoceri? Water buffalo? If you’ve cracked a smile at *these* queries, just know that trucks constitute a much more invasive and obnoxious “species.” We do not smile when they roar through, shaking all our fragile structures as they pass.

We pay significant residential property taxes. We deserve—we demand—to have our quality of life considered.

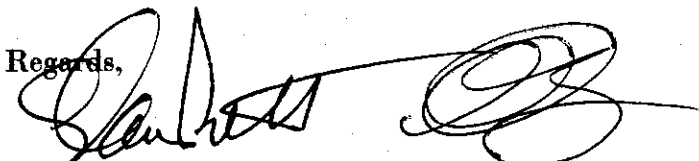
We *walk* in this town and, crossing Mechanic, we take our lives in our hands due to truckers roaring through who are unable—unwilling—to stop or even slow down.

Pendleton is fast-becoming unlivable for elders and small children: our town streets are hazardous. After police hours, speeders speed at will. Our nights are broken by heavy-truck noise.

Don’t you Council members live here, too? Isn’t the Pendleton ethos worth protecting and preserving?

Ban the heavy thru trucks!

Regards,



Dean Robert Pratt & Elizabeth Boleman-Herring

Amber Barnes

From: amberb@townofpendleton.org <webmaster@townofpendleton.org>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Amber Barnes
Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

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Message

Message to be read in Public Comments segment of Town Council Meeting 01 June 2020.
Follow up on Petition to prohibit heavy truck traffic on town owned blocks E Queen St and N Broad St.

My husband and I moved to Pendleton five years ago because of it's reputation for Historic Preservation, a walkable downtown and the events and small businesses centered around the Square. In the past couple of years, I have noticed a great increase of truck traffic using N. broad and E Queen St to access routes that should be accessed outside of the downtown area. I believe that is what the Bypass of 76 and 123 is for. I live at this intersection and have seen so many large commercial trucks turning left from N. Broad onto E Queen, having to maneuver to the opposite lane they should not be using, and sitting there until traffic clears. Cars wanting to use that lane are forced to "go around" the trucks causing possible accidents to happen. I have also noticed many more pedestrians having to cross at this intersection with children and strollers and more bicyclists. I feel this problem needs to be remedied before someone is hurt or worse. It is wonderful that downtown Pendleton is becoming more and more popular. But with this influx of visitors and new family residents comes the responsibility of keeping a safe environment for all.

Amber Barnes

From: Amy Albright <amyb.albright@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Info
Subject: Comment for town council meeting

Please include the following in the comments for the May 4th town meeting.

Thank you!
Amy Albright

I love the small-town charm, friendliness and hospitality of Pendleton. The neighborliness between homes and businesses and the balance between residential and commercial needs are part of what makes this community such an engaging place to live. The town square and the surrounding neighborhoods are used for walking, jogging, baby-strolling and dog-walking as well as for historic walking tours and seasonal ghost walks.

I would like to ask the town to work within their powers to foster the human scale, walkability and safety of the town square and surrounding neighborhoods by eliminating heavy truck traffic where possible and reducing the impact of heavy truck traffic where it can't be eliminated.

The small scale of the streets makes it difficult for large trucks such as semis and logging trucks to use the streets in a safe and legal manner. It is difficult for these large vehicles to turn without crossing the double yellow lines and crossing into the opposing lanes of traffic, creating unsafe conditions in the streets and sidewalks.

A committee can be formed to study the ways other small communities have worked to regulate large truck traffic -- I would be interested in eliminating heavy trucks on town-controlled streets where possible; re-channelling heavy truck traffic onto less-populated streets; establishing set hours for delivery trucks and construction trucks to make their necessary deliveries and using "traffic-calming" measures such as speed bumps, medians and traffic signs where they make sense.

Taking additional measures to regulate heavy traffic in the square and surrounding residential areas would make these areas safer and more hospitable for residents and visitors.

Thank you so much to Town Council and to town employees for all of your time and work to make this town such a nice place to live.

Amy Albright
225 East Queen Street, Pendleton

Amber Barnes

From: Linda McCuen <lindamccuen@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 1:04 AM
To: Info
Subject: Please read at meeting re: heavy traffic

As residents of Pendleton for nearly ten years, my husband and I have noticed a huge increase of heavy traffic through town. Living on South Mechanic Street, we can sit on the front porch and see the volume and type of vehicles that travel through our town. As much as we would like to decrease the number of vehicles, we know we can not. Our concern is with heavy, large vehicles like tractor trailers. Our windows shake as some of these large trucks pass by. This is a minor inconvenience compared to the following examples.

A number of months ago Chuck was cutting grass and watched an extended 18 wheel truck drive north on South Mechanic toward town. The driver turned right onto Cherry Street running over the fire hydrant completely. Chuck watched him continue down the street in his unmarked truck without acknowledging any damage. For months, the hydrant remained broken, wrapped and then removed. The destruction and eventual removal of a nearby fire hydrant is of concern for us as owners of a very old family home — as it should be for anyone.

A second example occurred about one month ago. As I was working in our side yard on the corner of South Mechanic and Main Street, I witnessed another extra long semitruck drive down the alley behind McClellanville Woodwork, liquor store and Jimmy Smith's building. The driver attempted a left turn to get on Main Street. It took him 20 minutes and the help of someone directing him to complete the turn.

I feel these examples should raise concern regarding noise, safety and street conditions in Pendleton. Taxpayers ultimately pay for destroyed fire hydrants, broken curbs, and wear and tear on streets caused by these oversized rigs. Are there businesses in town which require the use of these large vehicles? A truck driving through town could certainly ruin the Pendleton appeal if a visitor happened to be enjoying a Friday lunch on the patio of 1826. Pendleton should not be used as a cut through to get somewhere else. Let's keep Pendleton safe and quaint!

Respectfully,

Linda and Chuck McCuen
132 S. Mechanic St.

Sent from my iPad

Amber Barnes

From: Mary Bess Johnson <cmbj90@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Info
Subject: Heavy Truck Traffic in Pendleton

Please read our comments at the Town Council Meeting on June 1, 2020:

We signed the petition requesting the Town of Pendleton City Council to prohibit thru heavy truck traffic on the town owned blocks of E. Queen St. and N. Broad St.

In addition and because we live at 308 S. Mechanic St., we encourage Council to consider the elimination of thru heavy truck traffic on S. Mechanic St. from U. S. Hwy 76 to a portion of N. Mechanic St., extending to at least Excelsior Mill Rd.

In some communities, it's not uncommon to build an alternative route to accommodate thru heavy truck traffic. With the existence of U. S. Hwy. 76, this would not be necessary.

It's a given that we want Pendleton's streets safer for walking and shopping, but, after having invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade streets, sidewalks, parking, curbs and landscaping, why would we, in good conscience, allow thru heavy truck traffic to jeopardize that investment?

Respectfully,

Chris & Mary Bess Johnson

"We choose what attitudes we have right now. And it's a continuing choice." - John C. Maxwell

Amber Barnes

From: Byron M Edwards <byrone@clermson.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Info
Cc: Byron M Edwards; Hilda Anderson
Subject: RE: Queen and North Broad Intersection - Public Comment

I am writing this e-mail in order to have it read at the June 1st Town Council Meeting as a public comment.

My name is Byron Edwards and I live at 220 North Broad Street in Pendleton, SC. I signed the petition about the busy intersection at Queen and North Broad and the desire to reroute heavy truck traffic off of this historic corridor in our historic town. It seems to me that since the Town of Pendleton owns the roads entering this intersection, that we can at least slow and discourage the amount of traffic; especially trucks that have to block the intersection while turning into the incoming lanes as it is both inappropriate to the historic village character as well as a potential safety issue. I am not sure what the traffic counts would show, but I believe the amount of traffic and truck traffic has increased significantly in the 5 + years that my wife and I have lived here. I assume that some of these is due to the Pendleton Square renovations and reconfiguration of the turning lane and narrowing of Mechanic Street, as well as the amount of new construction.

It is obvious to me that Pendleton is getting younger and younger families and residents and many of these have, or are beginning to have, lots of young babies and children, which is wonderful, but this intersection presents a safety issue for them as there are no crosswalks. Cars, motorcycles and truck traffic is increasing and in some cases speeding up as many drivers see this as an "arterial road" for commuting through town! My wife and I see our neighbors and others struggling to cross this intersection with baby carriages, kids and dogs in tow. The current damage to the sidewalk on the north side of Queen adds to this problem as it requires folks to cross over Queen more often. Broad Street and the east side of Queen Street have over time become an extension of Hwy 88 and is becoming a major arterial "cut-thru" town and those of us that like the quiet, pedestrian, walkable, bikeable and historic character of our lovely village think other routes should be encouraged around the Historic Core of downtown Pendleton. The Town and SCDOT should consider at least adding some traffic calming measures at a minimum, which may also discourage larger trucks as well.

In this regard, I suggest the Town consider traffic calming options such as:

1. Lowering the speed limits to 25 MPH in the downtown areas including Broad and Queen Street
2. Adding Crosswalks at all 4 access roads into the intersection.
3. Adding speed bumps to slow impatient and speeding drivers
4. Adding stop sign on Queen Street to create a 4-way Stop.
5. Consider a traffic light or flashing traffic lights
6. Consider working with gps.gov to encourage other truck routes to the truckers, especially through traffic

In short, we need to find a balance between Economic Growth, which we need, and Controls and respect for the historic and qualitative lifestyle character that makes Pendleton, Pendleton!

Thank you,

Byron Edwards
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Amber Barnes

From: Dustin Albright <dustin.albright@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Info
Subject: Comment for next town meeting

Good morning, Ms. Barnes.

Below is a comment that I wish to have included among the public comments at the next town council meeting. Thank you.

My name is Dustin Albright, and my address is 225 East Queen Street.

My wife and I have lived at this address in Pendleton since 2015, having been won over by its small town charm and the lifestyle it would afford us. The Town Square is truly a treasure and has only gotten better since we've moved here, thanks to the Town's improvements, which, among other measures, provided wider sidewalks for walking and socializing.

We are a walking family. Most days, weather permitting, we walk our dog and/or stroll our baby daughter down to the square and around the surrounding streets, enjoying the activity we see around us. We have observed many other residents who regularly enjoy walking and spending leisurely time on and around square. We are excited by news of the upcoming revitalization of the old textile mill on Depot Street, and we are certain that it will appeal to new residents interested in being walking distance from the square and all of its shops and restaurants. We are excited about the Town's ongoing planning efforts for the West Queen Street corridor, which, among other things, aim to improve walkability between that neighborhood and the town center. So many of the Town's efforts have rightly recognized the lasting appeal of active, healthy, engaged lifestyles characterized by walking and accessibility.

It is with all of this in mind, that I encourage the Town to carefully and thoroughly consider how it might limit the heavy truck traffic which has increasingly dominated our neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the Square. This is a significant threat to the walkable, social community that we all seem to prize and promote. The trucks seem to be funnelling through Broad Street and turning at East Queen, despite the narrowness of the road and intersection. I've seen big trucks struggle to make these turns, cutting off pedestrians and other motorists in the process. The noise that these trucks produce is not to be understated, providing a jarring and highly disruptive threshold above which we have to shout to communicate with our neighbors, who like us, value time outside in their yards and walking around town. Moreover, we genuinely feel that the concerns outlined above speak to an issue that impacts the whole town, and its commonly-held values, not just the residences in the immediate vicinity of this truck traffic. For example... Queen Street can better serve as an artery to connect residents in the neighborhoods around the elementary school to the town square. This, I think, should be a point of emphasis. The truck traffic, while not the only thing that would have to be sorted out, nonetheless is a major factor that is out of accord with such aspirations and possibilities.

We so value the time and dedication of our mayor, the Town Council and Town Staff. We ask that you carefully consider potential measures to address the issues outlined above.

Respectfully,
Dustin Albright

Public Comment to be read at Town Council Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020

Dear Town Council,

As you know, we have been concerned about increase in heavy thru truck traffic in Pendleton and we are in favor of passing an ordinance banning heavy thru trucks from the town owned blocks of E. Queen St. and N. Broad St. There has been a point made repeatedly that the Town must designate a truck route if they do ban traffic on those blocks. We don't currently have a designated truck route so why would we have to designate one now? Is there a law that states that? I have not been able to find one. If the town bans the trucks on those two town blocks and reports that ban on the website: GPS.gov, it would be logical to believe that the GPS sites would redirect the truckers. The only thing that the Town Council must do is designate exactly what constitutes a heavy truck and then periodically police the area for violations.

The town administration and town council has received a Petition signed by 82 people in town requesting this ban because the trucks are significantly affecting our quality of life. On April 29, 2020, in a six-hour period, I counted 56 trucks traveling on these two blocks, that included all dump trucks, semi's and truck/trailer combinations with 4 or more axils. Really, we need this in the historic residential section of Pendleton . The residents who live in historic homes here report that the old original glass in their windows is actually rattling and threatens to break every time a truck goes by. This is important, what do we have that other small towns don't, several important historically significant properties, we need to preserve them!

I was recently told that the town doesn't believe that we live in a residential neighborhood, despite the fact that our property is zoned residential and we pay residential property tax. Those of us who do live here definitely believe that we live in a residential area but the town opinion makes it clear why when the town recently contracted to have tanker trucks remove waste from the sewer plant , there was no consideration of the effect of those trucks going through town for several days. The contract should have required them to go around town. We do deserve to have our quality of life here considered.

Most of the people who signed the petition have invested significantly in residential properties and in businesses, this benefits the entire town. Do we value the profitability of trucking companies and out of town businesses and the convenience of truckers above the quality of life for residents and the appeal of our town for visitors? Please ban the heavy thru trucks!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Regards,
Carey and David Fleming

204 E. Queen St.
Pendleton, SC

Amber Barnes

From: Carey Fleming <carey.fleming@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Amber Barnes
Subject: Public Comment to be read at Town Council meeting on June 1, please post picture as well
Attachments: Public Comment to be read at Town Council Meeting on Monday.docx

Amber, can you please let me know that you received this word document? Also, if possible during the reading of the document in the Public Comments section of the meeting, please show this picture, if possible. This sign is off Issaqueena in Clemson.

Thank you, Carey



Amber Barnes

From: Nancy King <nancy@nkingandco.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Info
Subject: Heavy Truck Traffic

Please read comments at Town Council Meeting on May 29th

To: Pendleton Town Council Members

As a realtor and a resident of Pendleton it is important for me that Pendleton retains the reputation of being a quaint, quiet, and historic town. People visit, buy real estate, and live in Pendleton because of these wonderful qualities. As Pendleton continues to see real estate prices increase, and more restaurants open on the Pendleton Square, it is important to maintain a high quality of living.

As proven during our recent health crisis, Pendleton residents desire a community where we can safely walk and visit with our neighbors. Therefore, I feel it is imperative for heavy truck traffic to be eliminated around our historic square, and specifically prohibited from traveling the historic streets of Queen and Broad.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Nancy King

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Amber Barnes

From: Kathy Edwards <kathye@clermson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Info
Cc: carey.fleming@yahoo.com
Subject: "yes" on petition to prohibit thru traffic of heavy and semi-trailer trucks

Dear Town of Pendleton Administrators,

I hereby add my virtual signature and endorsement to the petition to prohibit heavy trucks and semi-trailer trucks from using Pendleton's downtown as a thruway, and I request that my objection to these vehicles on our downtown streets be read aloud at the Town Council meeting on June 1, 2020.

In recent years oversized trucks have taken out two street signs on S. Mechanic Street alone—at Micasa Drive and at Cherry Street—and in the Cherry Street incident also knocked over a town fire hydrant, damaging it so much that the line eventually broke and the hydrant was removed. At both scenes, I found broken vehicle parts that could only have come from a large truck. At Micasa Street, the offending vehicle even clipped branches off a neighbor's crape myrtle hedge at least a dozen feet above the roadbed, leaving behind a sideview mirror frame. Both of these incidents happened at night, and I suspect excessive speed was likely an additional factor. Without better speed controls through the town, these vehicles are even more of a threat to public safety than your average speeder, of which we already have too many.

What's more, I have watched the drivers of semi-trailer trucks try and fail to navigate our narrow downtown streets, damaging curbs and other improvements in the process. Semis hauling trailers negotiating a left or right turn onto Mechanic St. from either Queen Street or Main Street do not negotiate well! And they impede traffic, too. Pendleton's town center roadways were not designed to accommodate either the wheelbase or the weight of these oversized vehicles, and I more than suspect our downtown streets do not meet the transportation standards governing roadbeds and curbs for this type of traffic.

Our town is taking a beating! – one it clearly cannot afford, given the fact that the knocked-down street signs were never replaced (it's been over two years, town representatives—where are our street signs?), not to mention how much less safe downtown homeowners and businesses are after the removal of a hydrant just one block from the town center. (Seriously? Not replacing a fire hydrant? This is bad.)

These trucking companies owe the Town of Pendleton payment for damages. Please stop this abuse of our town and restore our safe, whole streets.

Kathy Edwards
430 S. Mechanic St.
Pendleton, SC 29670

Amber Barnes

From: Roger William Liska <riggor@clermson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Info
Subject: Petition on Heavy Truck Traffic In Pendleton

Town of Pendleton City Council:

The purpose of this email is to strongly support the petition to prohibit through heavy truck traffic in and adjacent to downtown Pendleton. I have lived in Pendleton since 1994 and have experienced an increase in not only the number of semi-trucks but also an increase of their speed traveling on Mechanic Street through the center of downtown Pendleton either continuing on Mechanic Street or others turning onto Main, Queen or Broad streets or the reverse. There is no doubt that most of these large trucks are traveling through Pendleton for their convenience and not to make deliveries to local stores. One example are semi-trucks coming from the Milliken Plant on Excelsior Road. Instead of them turning left out of the plant and proceeding a very short distance to Hwy 76 they turn right and then right again onto Mechanic Street and proceed south through downtown Pendleton often times at excessive speeds to Hwy 76.

These and other semi-trucks are potential hazards to the local residents of community, place excessive weight onto the highway surfaces causing premature road damage, and damage overhanging tree limbs. In addition, I have also observed semi-trucks making sharp turns on the roads around the Pendleton Square off of or onto Mechanic Street and running up onto the curbs and grass and nearly hitting sign posts. What a shame it would be if a small child playing in the Square close to the road was not seen by a driver of one of these trucks causing a preventable tragedy. In my further investigations I found 90% of these trucks were not making any local deliveries or pickups but only cutting through downtown Pendleton for their own convenience.

Like the Pendleton Oil Mill it is only a matter of time, if this situation is allowed to continue not to mention the increase in the number of trucks, that an unfortunate accident will occur badly injuring if not killing someone – someone who did not have to be injured or killed if limits were placed on truck sizes/weights through Pendleton especially when so many other more heavy truck traffic conducive routes exist in the area such as Hwy 76 and 123.

Therefore I request that my concerns be shared with all of the Council members as they consider the petition and the positive or negative possible consequences of acting accordingly. Thank you in advance for your help.

Roger Liska

116 Liberty Hall Dr.

Roger Liska

Amber Barnes

From: Vincent Gaulin <gvincentgaulinjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Info
Subject: I support Truck Traffic Petition

Dear Council Members and Town Administration:

I am writing in support of the petition for a proposed Truck Route barring commercial truck traffic on Queen and Broad Streets downtown. I would even extend the reroute to exclude traffic on East Queen where I live.

My family and I (including my 1 year old son) walk for exercise and leisure daily (sometimes twice a day) downtown and in the entire area effected by the proposed truck re-route. I can personally attest to the danger and disturbance cause be routine commercial truck traffic, especially at the corner of E. Queen and Broad, where there is little regard for the pedestrian crosswalk and very frequent disregard of traffic laws with folks rolling through the stop sign and making reckless left turns. It is not an exaggeration to say we have to take extreme precaution out of fear for our son's and our own personal safety as pedestrians. Unfortunately the situation is as bad on W. Queen with cars and trucks speeding out of town along a blind curve leading to the corner of Keese St. where I live.

On top of safety concerns there is the added nuisance of noise caused by loud diesel engines, jake breaking (downshifting), and clattering trailers. Worst for us, on the East Bound side of W. Queen near where the house was recently demolished in the "island" of the Keese barn/public property, there are below grade manhole covers that make trailers and boats clang so hard it often rattles the windows of our house.

Especially as they effect the safety of pedestrians and comfort of local residents, traffic controls like the proposed truck re-route are critical to the health and safety of locals and tourists visiting our historic town square. Moreover, without careful considerations for how people can easily and pleasantly navigate Downtown on foot, the economic growth of our downtown district will be severely limited, as there strict limits to the parking situation directly on the square. I think the Town has already done a great job in prioritizing improvements to Pendleton's downtown experience and the proposed truck re-route will only add those positive outcomes.

Many thanks to the Council and Town Admin,
sincerely,
Vince

—
G. Vincent Gaulin

211 Keese St.
Pendleton, SC
m. 864-247-8207

Amber Barnes

From: M McD <machuffco@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Info
Subject: Letter for Town Council Meeting June 1, 2020

Pendleton Town Council Meeting
June 1, 2020
310 Greenville Street
Pendleton, SC 29670

May 28, 2020

Dear Town Council members and attending citizens,

It is requested that this letter be read at the Town Council Meeting on June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

My name is Mary McDonough. My husband, Joe, and I moved to Pendleton in August 2018. We reside at 336 S. Broad St. We both are Clemson alumni and are well acquainted with the history of Pendleton.

When I moved here I had no idea that the result of the town square rebuild would re-route traffic down S. Broad St. to the degree presently done. Of course noise is an issue, but my main concerns are the numbers of large trucks, high vehicle speeds and the safety of the MANY pedestrians that walk up and down our sidewalks on S. Broad St. It would be in the interest of everyone for Pendleton to reclaim it's RESIDENTIAL downtown area.

It is my understanding that there has recently been a traffic audit of S. Broad St. by the SC DOT. The S. Broad St. section where we live is beside the fork off Mechanic Street. Does our road qualify for state funding of speed bumps due to the high traffic frequency? Does our road qualify for state funding for a caution light and/or mechanized pedestrian crossing at the Mechanic and Broad Streets fork? (I run across looking both ways as I go.)

Should our community come to an agreement on how to increase the residential quality of life on S. Broad Street and all of Pendleton, I am sure it will include transfer truck GPS re-routing to Hwy. 76 and other traffic speed control systems. In the meantime, would you consider placing a speed indicating sign on S. Broad Street from Mechanic Street? This may perhaps reduce the number of trucks and other vehicles we see travelling at speeds of 50 mph and higher.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary and Joe McDonough

Amber Barnes

From: Danielle Elliott-Smith <danells818@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Info
Subject: Public Comment for June 1st Meeting

Good Afternoon,

A neighbor has brought it to my attention that a petition was circulated requesting that the city council prohibit thru heavy truck traffic on E. Queen and N. Broad streets. As a homeowner, I would like to add my support to this petition. I live in the home at the corner of East Main and North Broad and thru truck traffic is a significant problem. Trucks often have to make a very wide turn onto East Main and frequently have to avoid cars parked on the street. They also have to cross over into oncoming traffic in order to negotiate the turn. These trucks are loud and frequently pollute a residential area. As the town square attracts more restaurants and businesses and it becomes necessary to sometimes extend street parking down East Main and North Broad, these trucks also create a safety hazard for pedestrians. Many small children also walk and bike along these roads. These truck represent a definite safety hazard to them. As the owner of a historic home, I am also concerned about the vibrations that these large vehicles create. These trucks often cause my windows to vibrate and as many are the original glass from the 1870's, I am concerned about the damage these trucks could potentially cause. While I am on the subject, if the town does not have an ordinance prohibiting loud vehicles, that is something that needs to be considered. Many cars and trucks pass by my house without mufflers and generate terrible noise pollution. Many people also play music that is very loud and inappropriate for children. Apart from being unreasonably loud, the music being played often contains vulgar language that in my opinion is not appropriate when one wishes to preserve the quaint and historic nature of Pendleton. Please read my comments aloud at the meeting so that council members can be made aware that there are Pendleton homeowners who wish to preserve the small town feel of our downtown and that the council needs to act in the best interest of homeowners.

Thank you,

Danielle Elliott-Smith
203 East Main Street

Amber Barnes

From: Marie Waters <notifymenow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Info
Subject: Heavy Truck Traffic on Pendleton Streets

Dear Council,

As a couple who frequently walks in Pendleton, we have become concerned about the number of heavy trucks that are traveling on some of our streets (especially the more narrower ones). There has to be a better solution for routing these trucks on to highway bypass 28 or US Hwy 76.

Our biggest concern is at the intersection of E. Queen and North Broad Streets. That can be a tight turn and if an accident happens, vehicles can end up crashing into a family yard. This did happen to one family at that corner. Fortunately, their fence kept the vehicle from crashing into their house.

I know we have had construction going on across from the elementary school that has brought construction trucks down E. Queen to N. Broad and then on to hwy bypass 28. I don't know if there is a better route for them but it needs to be looked into. Also their loads and weight cannot be good for our street structure and puts more wear and tear on them.

We are not anti-truck people but would like to see a better solution on how to route the large trucks through Pendleton to ensure the safety of those of us who are frequently out walking. We moved to Pendleton due to its size and walkability factor. We would like to continue to feel safe while walking.

Thank your for your consideration,

Marie and Paul Waters

Amber Barnes

From: dubosejs@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:03 AM
To: Info
Subject: Prohibiting Heavy Traffic in Downtown Pendleton

Please read this comment at the Town of Pendleton City Council meeting on June 1, 2020 or whenever this issue is to be discussed and voted on by the Council.

My name is Serena DuBose and I live on the corner of East Main Street and North Broad Street. I am blessed to live in a lovely historic town and neighborhood. Unfortunately, the peaceful beauty and tranquility that draws many to Pendleton is shattered daily by heavy truck traffic using Broad Street to cut through between highways 76 and 88. Many times I have observed visitors with walking maps, families with strollers, neighbors walking dogs, residents going downtown to eat or buy an ice cream cone, joggers from the gym daunted by the specter of crossing the intersection beside my house when massive eighteen-wheelers are shifting gears to continue to their faraway destinations. This is not local traffic.

Many towns have truck routes or bypasses that keep large transport vehicles from destroying their downtowns. The Town of Pendleton may not be as large or as wealthy as these municipalities but it still has the power to save its historic downtown and downtown neighborhood from this onslaught by banning heavy truck traffic on its town-owned blocks. Providing an alternative truck route along Cherry and Depot Streets could be a possible solution—but only if it is enforced.

Sincerely,
Serena DuBose

Serena DuBose
198 East Main Street
Pendleton, SC 29670

I must have flowers, always, and always. Claude Monet