

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, July 15, 2013
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Bryan Lipke, Lieutenant Karl Ackermann, Charles Karow, Victoria Jones, and Daniel Theno

ABSENT: Alderman Thomas Sladek (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer David Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting.

2. Report by the Police Department of the 2013 1st and 2nd quarters serious injury and fatality crashes. **(All Alderpersons)**

No serious injury or fatalities were reported for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2013. A discussion between D. Theno and Lt. Ackermann took place regarding enforcement of the anti-texting law and the use and availability of safety grant funds.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to receive and place on file the report by the Police Department of the 2013 1st and 2nd quarters serious injury and fatality crashes.

INITIAL REQUESTS

3. Request by the Green Bay Police Department to establish a NO STOPPING OR STANDING 10 PM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of South Broadway from 3rd Street to under the Tilleman Bridge. **(Ald. Warner – District 9)**

City Traffic Engineer David Hansen displayed maps and photos of the area. He stated that the area under consideration currently is a 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MON-FRI parking zone. The proposed parking zone does not conflict with the existing zone. The NB travel lane and NB curb parking lane are separated by a bike lane. This proposal is similar to the S Washington St request. He doesn't have any concerns with the request.

Lt. Ackermann read aloud a prepared statement from District B Captain Bill Bongle in support of the request. The main points in the memo include:

- A large number of people gather in front of Billy Goat's and JD's bars from 10 PM to 3 AM.
- There's been a recent increase in the number of police calls for fights and disturbances in this specific area. Reports of shots being fired and an incident where a motorist attempted to run over patrons are documented.
- Vehicles parked on-street are obstructing the view and response times of arriving officers and other emergency responders.

- There are plenty of available parking stalls in the surface parking lot across the street from these bars (Lot B).
- Bands that load equipment to play at these bars will be unaffected by the proposed parking restriction, as they load-in prior to 10 PM and will make arrangements with officers for load-outs before 3 AM.
- The Asian Food Market would be unaffected since the store is closed from 10 PM to 3 AM.
- Security staff have offered to assist officers in keeping the area clear of parked vehicles.

D. Hansen stated that improvements to the surface lot and roadway lighting are underway and should improve nighttime visibility in this area. Lt. Ackermann stated that based on his experiences working nighttime shift for years on the west side, that Lot B typically has many parking spaces available on weekend nights. Taxis use Lot B frequently. M. Kuepers questioned if the bar owners were aware of the request. Lt. Ackermann responded that security staff is aware of the proposal and offered their assistance which leads him to believe that the owners are aware.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO STOPPING OR STANDING 10 PM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of South Broadway from 3rd Street to a point 325 feet north of 3rd Street.

4. Request by Ald. Sladek for discussion and possible action on the establishment of a taxi waiting area on the east side of South Washington Street, south of Doty Street. **(Ald. Boyce – District 7)**

D. Hansen displayed maps and photos of the area. He stated the area under consideration has 4 parking meters. After 6 PM on Friday and all weekend, these metered areas turn into free parking areas, as meters aren't enforced after those times. He did not have any concerns with the request, as most issues were resolved at the last meeting.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING TAXI LOADING ONLY 12 AM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of Washington Street from a point 100 feet south of Doty Street to Doty Street.

TERMINATION OF TRIAL PERIODS

5. That, on a 90-day trial, to remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Pearl Street from a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street to Hubbard Street.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Pearl Street from a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street to Hubbard Street and adopt by ordinance.

6. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY 7 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Pearl Street from a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street to Hubbard Street.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to establish a PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY 7 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Pearl Street from a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street to Hubbard Street and adopt by ordinance.

There being no other items of discussion, a motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to adjourn from the regular order of business. The meeting ended at 5:51 P.M.

The next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 207.