

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, June 15, 2015
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Daniel Theno, Lieutenant Karl Ackermann, and Victoria Kassab

ABSENT: Alderman Mark Steuer and Charles Karow

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Attorney Patrick Leigl, and Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer David Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

INITIAL REQUESTS

3. Request by the Legal Department to exempt Green Bay Metro Transit buses from RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT conditions on southbound South Ashland Avenue at Third Street and on southbound South Jefferson Street at Crooks Street.

City Traffic Engineer David Hansen stated he discussed the request with Green Bay Metro Transit (GBMT) Director Kiewicz. At each location, the bus stop is located just prior to the intersection in a right turn only lane. He showed interactive maps of both locations. After stopping at each location, bus drivers progress through the intersection and merge into through traffic. Basically, they are making a through movement out of a right-turn lane. However, to improve safety and reduce liability, GBMT would like to notify motorists that buses in that lane may be merging back into through traffic. Eng. Hansen reviewed the 3-year crash history at each location and could not find any crashes between buses and motor vehicles. DPW staff would install the signs, if approved.

Assistant City Attorney Patrick Leigl supported Eng. Hansen's statements. State Statutes allow local agencies to establish ordinances allowing alternate bus movements. Bus operators asked GBMT if EXCEPT BUSES signs could be installed.

Eng. Hansen stated that DPW staff would install the signs, if approved. He stated that during discussions with Director Kiewicz and Atty. Leigl, he questioned if those bus stops could be

relocated. No desirable locations could be found nearby, therefore it made sense to support the request at these 2 locations.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, to establish a RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT BUSES condition on southbound South Ashland Avenue at Third Street.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, to establish a RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT BUSES condition on southbound South Jefferson Street at Crooks Street.

Motions carried.

4. Request by Ald. Steuer to address handicapped parking issues and other parking issues, particularly near The Flats area, with all of the construction taking place in the downtown area. Also referred to Improvement & Service Committee.

Eng. Hansen stated that the CityDeck Court street obstruction permit issued to the contractor building the "CityDeck Landing" development expires next Friday, June 26. This means that the street should be left unobstructed after that date.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to postpone to the July 20, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting, the request to discuss, with possible action, to address handicapped parking issues and other parking issues, particularly near The Flats area, with all of the construction taking place in the downtown area. Also referred to Improvement & Service Committee.

5. Request by Ald. Tom De Wane to remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on both sides of Newberry Avenue from Reimer Street to Huth Street.

Eng. Hansen stated that the request is actually in District 5 (Ald. Nennig). He spoke with Ald. Nennig, who would like to postpone the request until the next meeting so he can discuss it with the potentially-impacted residents. Furthermore, all parking zones go in on a 90-day trial. Therefore since school is out of session now, a 90-day trial would not make sense during the summer months as the existing 2-HR zone is only in effect on school days.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to postpone to the July 20, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting, the request to discuss, with possible action, to remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on both sides of Newberry Avenue from Reimer Street to Huth Street.

6. Request by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to modify the parking restrictions on Weise Street from Leo Frigo Way to North Van Buren Street.

Eng. Hansen stated that DPW has worked closely with St Vincent de Paul staff, and design consultant during the design and construction process of the midblock crossing and sidewalk improvements near their Weise St store location. One of the stipulations allowing the midblock crosswalk was to keep the sightlines open for motorists to see crossing pedestrians by eliminating on-street parking. Their lot has ample parking spaces available. Loading can take place legally in a NO PARKING zone.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, that on a 90 day trial, to remove the NO PARKING zone on the south side of Weise Street from a point 125 feet west of Van Buren Street to a point 85 feet east of Van Buren Street.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, that on a 90 day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Weise Street from Leo Frigo Way to Van Buren Street.

RECORDING: The audio from this meeting will be recorded and made available online at www.green-bay.org.

ACCESSIBILITY: Arrangements for any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the City Safety Manager at 448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time.

QUORUM: Please take notice that it is possible that additional members of the Council may attend this Commission meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Common Council. This may constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.