

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, September 21, 2015
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Daniel Theno, Lieutenant Karl Ackermann, Alderman Mark Steuer, Chuck Karow, and Victoria Kassab

OTHERS PRESENT: Ald. David Nennig and Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer David Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of the agenda.

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

INITIAL REQUESTS

3. Request by Ald. Sladek, on behalf of a constituent, that the City install school bus stop warning signs with flags on Indian Hill Drive at North Trillium Circle.

Eng. Hansen stated he spoke with the alder about the request. School bus stop warning signs already exist in both directions approaching the bus stop. However, the westbound sign is obstructed by overgrown vegetation, which is likely the reason it was presumed the sign was not there. He stated that the design of the standard bus stop warning sign has changed from a text only sign to one showing a bus with flashing lights. He recommended changing out the existing text-only signs with the newer version in addition to trimming away the vegetation that is obstructing the westbound sign location. The new signs will have a fluorescent yellow-green background.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried:

- A. To replace the existing text-only school bus stop warning signs with the symbol-based fluorescent yellow-green background signs.
- B. To trim trees blocking the westbound school bus stop warning sign.

POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4. Request by Ald. Nennig to review the parking restrictions on Henry Street south of Morrow Street. (Postponed from August 24, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting)

Eng. Hansen displayed an interactive map of the request area. He stated that the business at the southeast corner of Henry St and Morrow St, Jones Transfer, is requesting an additional spot to park in front of their building in an area that is currently signed 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MON-FRI zone. Eng. Hansen stated he discussed the item with the alder. Eng. Hansen has no issues with the request but that the spot is close to the driveway to Gauthier & Sons Construction, located immediately south of

Jones Transfer. Both businesses should be aware that no vehicle can park within 4 ft of a driveway opening. Most vehicles should be able to fit in the proposed spot. Moving the 2-HR sign to the utility pole south of its existing location was requested. Gauthier & Sons is okay with this location.

Ald. Nennig stated that long ago, angled on-street parking stalls existed next to Jones Transfer, meaning more vehicles could park on-street. Gauthier & Sons allow those displaced parkers to park on their property. The alder spoke with a representative of Gauthier & Sons, who supports the request.

A discussion took place about potential conflicts between truck turning movement and on-street parkers at the Gauthier & Sons driveway. The driveway is very wide, making that conflict less likely to occur.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried on a 90-day trial to:

- A. Remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Henry Street from a point 200 feet south of Morrow Street to Brook Street.
- B. Establish a 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Henry Street from a point 280 feet south of Morrow Street to Brook Street.

TERMINATION OF TRIAL PERIODS

- 5. 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.

Discussion on Items 5 and 6 took place together. Eng. Hansen explained that these parking restrictions are in place as part of an agreement with St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) staff for their request of a midblock crosswalk between their main store entrance and their parking lot. The intent of the parking restriction is to open up the sight lines for vehicles to see crossing pedestrians at the new midblock crosswalk. The parking zone is necessary for the success of the midblock crosswalk. He displayed photos of the new crosswalk and the 8 disabled parking stalls in the STDP parking lot. He stated that loading and unloading of goods and passengers can still occur in the NO PARKING zone.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to remove and adopt by ordinance 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.

- 6. 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.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Weise Street from Leo Frigo Way to Van Buren Street.

There being no other items of discussion, a motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, 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, October 19, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 207.

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