

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, November 17, 2014
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Bryan Lipke, Alderman Mark Steuer, Victoria Kassab, and Daniel Theno

ABSENT: Lieutenant Karl Ackermann (excused) and Charles Karow (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Alderman David Nennig and Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer David Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to approve the November 17, 2014 Traffic Commission agenda.

2. Approval of the modified minutes from the October 20, 2014 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to approve the modified minutes from the October 20, 2014 Traffic Commission meeting.

INITIAL REQUESTS

3. Request by Ald. Nennig to review the parking restrictions on the west side of Bornemann Street between Brook Street and Mills Street to accommodate a new business.

David Hansen, City Traffic Engineer, presented aerial and street view images of the request location. He stated that Crosby Heavy Duty Wrecker Service (CHDWS) moved into the building once occupied by Green Bay Building Supply (GBBS) on Bornemann St across from Bornemann Nursing Home. CHDWS contacted him, reporting that they have had difficulty entering and exiting their driveways as vehicles from Bornemann Nursing Home are parking too close to their driveways. Since they have 4 driveways, CHDWS requested a NO PARKING zone along the entire west frontage of their property. Eng. Hansen stated that when GBBS ran their business from that location that there was a NO PARKING zone in this same area. Nursing home staff requested the NO PARKING condition be removed after GBBS moved out and vacated the premises. Traffic Commission approved of that request on September 17, 2012. Eng. Hansen supports the request to reestablish the NO PARKING zone.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to suspend the rules.

Ald. Nennig spoke in favor of the request. He spoke with the administrator of the nursing home who understands the needs of the previous and new business owners.

Wendy Crosby (2960 Durham Rd), co-owner of CHDWS, spoke in support of the request. She provided photos of the existing parking issues and of their wreckers and haulers, explaining how the presence of the parked vehicles makes it very difficult for them to operate their business.

A brief discussion took place about the other businesses along Bornemann St, parking restrictions on Mills St (city vehicles only parking on the S side and unrestricted on the N side next to nursing home).

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to return to regular order of business.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on the west side of Bornemann Street from a point 185 feet north of Mills Street to a point 140 feet south of Brook Street.

4. Request by Ald. Scannell on behalf of nearby businesses to remove the 15 MINUTE DELIVERY ONLY zone on the east side of North Broadway just north of Dousman Street and replace it with a 2 HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone. **(Ald. Scannell – District 7)**

Eng. Hansen presented aerial and street view images of the request location. He stated he met Ald. Scannell and the owners of Chefusion and Titledown Brewing at the request site. During that meeting, it was noted the existing delivery zone was established to accommodate deliveries to the former Shopko Express store. That store was located on the NE corner of Dousman St and N Broadway in the Chamber of Commerce building. The delivery zone was initially approved by Traffic Commission in January 2009. Eng. Hansen supports the request to remove the delivery zone since it's no longer needed, and that the 2-hour zone would simply be an extension of the parking zone north of the existing delivery zone.

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

- A. Remove the 15 MINUTE LOADING DELIVERY ONLY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 180 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street.
 - B. Remove the 2-HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 335 feet north of Dousman Street.
 - C. Establish a 2-HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 180 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 335 feet north of Dousman Street.
5. Request by Ald. Steuer for a parking regulations study of Fellows Drive, Gary Lane, and Sundale Drive in the residential areas between Taylor Street, Dousman Street, St. Mary's Hospital, and Shawano Avenue.

Eng. Hansen presented aerial and street view images of the neighborhood and requested streets. The streets do not have parking restrictions except Sundale Dr, which is posted 2-HOUR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM TO 7 PM in its entirety on both sides. He noted on the aerial image the parking lot that is located due west of Sundale Dr. He stated that 2-hour parking was added to Sundale Dr in January of 2006 on behalf of the request by a majority of residents and the alder to eliminate parkers using the street all day.

Ald. Steuer presented photos of vehicles parking in the Gary Ln cul-de-sac. He stated that vehicles park over piles of leaves placed for fall leaf pickup. The two property owners closest to the end of the cul-de-sac have lived there since the 1960s and say that the parking problems have worsened over the years, and the parkers are employees from St. Mary's Hospital. He compared the Gary Ln east of Fellows Dr as being identical to Sundale Dr. Both are cul-de-sacs of similar width and length. The primary difference is that Sundale Dr has a 2-hour parking restriction and

Gary Ln does not. He questioned if residential permit parking could be established on Gary Ln. Eng. Hansen responded that permits zones are installed over large areas like neighborhoods and not small street segments. Ald. Steuer questioned if special permits could be issued to residents in a time-limited zone. Eng. Hansen responded that only under very extenuating circumstances has that ever been done, which requires approval by the Improvement & Service Committee and Council. Ald. Steuer stated that Fellows Dr is the only connection between Dousman St and Shawano Ave between Taylor St and Military Ave, and is becoming more traveled. Eng. Hansen stated that Fellows Dr was studied during the closure of Taylor/Shawano for roundabout construction, and operated acceptably during that time frame. V. Kassab questioned if other residents along Gary Ln have concerns with the parking situation. Ald. Steuer responded that the hospital owns many properties in the neighborhood, some with staff living in them, but was not sure which ones were owned by the hospital. The pros and cons of permit zone parking was discussed. Ald. Steuer asked to establish a similar zone as established on Sundale Dr. Discussion followed over the proper distance of zone. Eng. Hansen stated all parking zones are established first under a 90-day trial, and adjustments can be made during that trial to best suit the needs of impacted parties while reporting those adjustments back to the Commission at the expiration of the trial for their final approval.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a 2-HOUR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM TO 7 PM on both sides of Gary Lane from a point 180 feet east of Fellows Drive to its easterly terminus.

POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6. Request by Ald. Danzinger, on behalf of the residents along Seventh Street and Mennen Court, for a traffic study and consideration of installing traffic signals at the intersection of Seventh Street and Military Avenue. (Postponed from the October 20, 2014 Traffic Commission meeting)

The item was postponed last meeting since the requestor could not attend. Nobody showed up to speak about the request.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to receive and place on file the request for a traffic study and consideration of installing traffic signals at the intersection of Seventh Street and Military Avenue.

TERMINATION OF TRIAL PERIODS

7. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a 1-WAY STOP condition on Northland Avenue at Washington Street.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a 1-WAY STOP condition on Northland Avenue at Washington Street.

8. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Northland Avenue from Washington Street to a point 50 feet east of Washington Street.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Northland Avenue from Washington Street to a point 50 feet east of Washington Street.

9. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Northland Avenue from Adams Street to a point 45 feet west of Adams Street.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Northland Avenue from Adams Street to a point 45 feet west of Adams Street.

10. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish METERED PARKING on both sides of Northland Avenue from a point 50 feet east of Washington Street to a point 45 feet west of Adams Street.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance METERED PARKING on both sides of Northland Avenue from a point 50 feet east of Washington Street to a point 45 feet west of Adams Street.

11. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO STOPPING OR STANDING BUS LOADING ONLY 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on the north side of Doty Street from Monroe Avenue to Quincy Street.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO STOPPING OR STANDING BUS LOADING ONLY 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on the north side of Doty Street from Monroe Avenue to Quincy Street.

12. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Potts Avenue from Ashland Avenue to South Broadway.

A motion was made by V. Kassab, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on both sides of Potts Avenue from Ashland Avenue to South Broadway.

A discussion took place regarding the next meeting date, with consideration of canceling the December meeting if no communications to Traffic Commission are made between today and the December meeting. A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to cancel the December 2014 meeting except for if the Chair decides to meet.

There being no other items of discussion, a motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to adjourn from the regular order of business. The meeting ended at 6:25 P.M.

The next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 207.