

Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2013, 5:30 p.m., in the Birch Room City Hall
Members Present: Abitz{c}, Kellbach, Keene, Mielke, Nutting
Others Present: Lt. Pekarske, Gehin, Alfonso, Schildt, Patty Kennedy, Ronald Rothenberger, Jeanette Rothenberger, David Picka

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Abitz at 5:30 pm.

(1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting(s) – (04/18/13)

Motion by Winters, second by Kellbach to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion approved 5-0.

(7) Discussion and possible action to eliminate parking on the west side of South 1st Avenue from Sherman Street to Stewart Avenue.

Sean Gehin explained 1st Avenue has two lanes of travel that are 12' each, with a 6' parking lane. The East lane is in rough shape and is dangerous to use for large trucks. Therefore, 3M is requesting to have the parking lane eliminated so the trucks can use the West lane of travel, as the lane stands, there is not enough room for vehicle to park and the trucks to use the West lane. Residents voiced concerns of removal of the parking lane. They need to be able to park on the road because of the lack of room to park by their homes. They did understand the need for 3M trucks to use the West lane of travel due to the dangerous shape of the East lane, but they also stated they needed the parking. Gehin suggested they patch the road, keep an eye on the how the road holds up, and keep the parking as it currently is. If the road patch does not help then they will bring the request back to the committee for further review. He also stated that the Engineering Department is aware of the shape of the road and the project is on the list of roads to be fixed in the next two years.

Motion by Winters, second by Nutting, to eliminate parking on the West side of South 1st Avenue from Sherman Street to Stewart Avenue. Motion failed 0-5.

(8) Discussion and possible action for parking restrictions on East Kent Street from Grand Avenue to Curling Way.

Gehin explained with the construction on E Kent Street, they would like to request that parking From Coal Boulevard east to Curling Way be eliminated. They would like to keep parking as it currently stands in the area 400' east of the Grand Avenue median to Coal Boulevard.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke, to eliminate parking on E Kent Street on both the North and South side of the road, from Coal Boulevard East to Curling Way. Motion approved 5-0.

(2) Discussion and possible action to change the parking stalls on the East side of the 700 and 800 blocks of North 3rd Street from 1 hour to 2 hour parking(omitting the 3 fifteen minute parking stalls on the corner of Grant Street and North 3rd Street.)

(3) Discussion and possible action to eliminate the metered parking on the West side of the 700 and 800 blocks of North 4th Street, changing all parking spots to 2 hour parking.

(4) Discussion and possible action to eliminate the metered parking in the 200 block of Franklin Street, changing all parking spots to 2 hour parking.

Abitz suggested todiscuss items 2, 3, and 4 as a group, since they were all pertaining to request by the YMCA for parking around the facility to be changed to 2 hour parking. Abitz indicated after talking to business owner's downtown in this area, she found they were not in favor of having their side of the road changed to 2 hour parking. She also stated the YMCA has plenty of parking options in the location without the need to change the current parking. Pekarske explained DPW Sign Department has told him the cost of pulling out the meters and replacing the signage would cost the City quite a bit of money. Abitz questioned the requests the committee has been getting from various businesses to change the parking to accommodate their needs. She suggested the committee review parking as a whole in the downtown area, to see if there are changes that really need to be address.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke, to take no action on items 2, 3 and 4 at this time. And to request

data on all the parking in the downtown area for the committee to discuss and review as a whole and at that time verifies the parking is marked adequately. Motion to table items 2, 3 and 4 approved 5-0.

(5) Discussion and possible action to remove the 2 hour parking restrictions in the 300 block of Quaw Street.

Pekarske explained that over the past years previous parking attendants had not had issues in this area, and there were no complaints or concerns from business's or residents in the area for parking. He is requesting the removal of the 2 hour restriction in this area.

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke, to remove the 2 hour parking restrictions in the 300 block of Quaw Street between N 3rd Avenue and N 4th Avenue, on both the North and South side of the street. Motion approved 5-0.

(6) Discussion and possible action to remove the 2 hour parking restrictions on the 300 block of Norton Street.

Pekarske explained that over the past years previous parking attendants had not had issues in this area, and there were no complaints or concerns from business's or residents in the area for parking. He is requesting the removal of the 2 hour restriction in this area.

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke, to remove the 2 hour parking restrictions on the 300 block of Norton Street between N 3rd Avenue and N 4th Avenue on both the North and South side of the street. Motion approved 5-0.

(9) Discussion and possible action to rescind the proposed amendments to the bicycle ordinance, W.M.C. 10.40, with regards to motor bicycles, and W.M.C. 10.43.030 and 10.43.040 requiring registration of motor bicycles from the March 21, 2013, Parking and Traffic Committee meeting.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke, to rescind the proposed amendments to the bicycle ordinance, W.M.C. 10.40, with regards to motor bicycles, and W.M.C. 10.43.030 and 10.43.040, requiring registrations of motor bicycles voted on at the March 21, 2013, Parking and Traffic Committee. Motion approved 5-0.

(10) Discussion and possible action on the bicycle ordinance (W.M.C. 10.40.010, 10.40.020, and 10.40.030) pertaining to registration requirements, fees, and the issuance of registration tags.

Motion by Mielke, second by Winters to remove requirements for payment to register a bicycle or motor bicycle and to remove the requirements to have a registration tag on bicycles and motor bicycles. And to accept the changes to the W.M.C. 10.40.010, 10.40.020, and 10.40.030 as submitted to the committee. Motion approved 5-0.

(11) Future Agenda Items:

- * Sherman Street speed study – Gehin
- * 1st Avenue update – Gehin
- * 400 Block of Scott Street – Pekarske
- * 3rd Street handicap parking stall – Alfonso

Nutting exited the meeting.

(12) Next Scheduled Meeting: June 20, 2013

Adjourn

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Parking and Traffic Committee
Sherry Abitz, Chair