

### **Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 5:15pm, in the Birch Room at City Hall  
Members Present: Abitz{C}, Winters {VC}, Kellbach, Mielke (Nutting absent)  
Others Present: Lt. Graham, Tara Alfonso, Allen Wesolowski, Jennifer Friday, Elizabeth Field, Edward Magrecke, David Larsen

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 5:17 pm.

#### **(1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting – 11/19/2015**

Motion by Mielke, second by Winters, to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

#### **(2) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the west side of the 2100 block of Zimmerman St.**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham indicated that a resident brought this item to him. The resident expressed concerns about the roadway width of the 2100 block of Zimmerman St and the ability of the City busses to navigate the street when cars are parked on both sides. Lt. Graham recommended that parking be prohibited on the west side of the 2100 block of Zimmerman St.

Resident Edward Magrecke who resides on the 2100 block of Zimmerman St. also expressed his support for prohibiting parking on the west side of the street.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to accept Staff recommendation to prohibit parking on the west side of the 2100 block of Zimmerman St.

Motion carried 3-0

#### **(3) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the north side of the 300 block of W Randolph Street, Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that officers have been called to the intersection of N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and W Randolph St. several times for traffic concerns and have identified an issue on the north side of W Randolph St. The implementation of this measure would affect 3-4 parking spaces during the times indicated. Traffic congestion arises during school pick-up and drop off hours.

Motion by Winters, second by Kellbach to prohibit parking on the north side of the 300 block of W Randolph Street, Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Motion carried 4-0

**(4) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the south side of the 1000 block of Graves Avenue**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that he received a request from a resident of this block to propose the parking restriction due to the narrowness of the street. The resident's concern was mostly about emergency vehicles being able to get through when cars are parked on both sides. Lt. Graham noted that resident MaryAnne Groat sent him an email in support of this. Resident Jennifer Friday also expressed her support.

Wesolowski read an email from resident Tonia Speener in which she expressed her support for the parking restriction. She did state that she would prefer that parking be prohibited on the north side rather than the south side because she occasionally has a visitor who utilizes a wheelchair and it would be easier for him.

Resident David Larsen noted that it is not a heavily traveled street and inquired as to why this issue was brought to the committee. He also inquired as to how enforcement would be handled. Lt. Graham explained that residents could call in to the Police Department to report an illegally parked vehicle and also that officers could ticket an illegally parked vehicle during the course of their normal patrol.

After additional discussion the committee voted 4-0 to table the item until March to give residents time to discuss it and possibly attend the next meeting to express their opinion.

**(5) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and W Thomas Street (to the south) as follows:**

- 1. No parking here to alley on the east side of Cleveland Avenue 53 feet south of W Thomas Street**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham said that DPW had contacted him to express concerns about City snowplows and larger vehicles being able to turn from W Thomas Street onto Cleveland Avenue when vehicles are parked on the east side of the roadway. He also indicated that 1-2 parking spaces would be vacated with the implementation of this measure. Lt. Graham contacted the owner of Cheers bar and she stated that she did not have any objection to implementing this.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to prohibit parking at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and W Thomas Street (to the south) as follows:

1. No parking here to alley on the east side of Cleveland Avenue 53 feet south of W Thomas Street

Motion carried 4-0

**(6) Discussion: Do Not Enter signs at N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Jefferson Street**

Discussion:

Elizabeth Field was approached by the property manager for the company who owns the majority of the properties on 300 block N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. His concern is that having two Do Not Enter signs is unsightly and unnecessary and tarnishes the look of this historic block especially when photographing for marketing purposes. He would like to have one of the signs removed or have both signs replaced with one-way signs.

After discussion about appropriate signing and consistency in signing in the downtown area the committee directed Wesolowski to have one of the Do Not Enter signs removed.

**(7) Future Agenda Items:**

- 1) Disbanding the Parking and Traffic Committee and transferring the duties to CISM
- 2) Installation of flashing or push-button pedestrian signs on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue near Eastbay
- 3) Discussion of possible restrictions to vehicles exiting the Tobacco Outlet parking lot on S 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue eastbound onto Thomas Street

**(8) Communications:**

None

**(9) Adjournment:**

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM