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**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, September 14, 2004**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Krol, Maher; McCarthy -5

ALSO

PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Administrator; W. Wehrley, City Engineer

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. -5

**Temporary Crossing Guard at N. 91st and W. Clarke Streets**

Mr. Wontorek reported on a request by the principal of Christ King School, 2646 Swan Boulevard, for a temporary crossing guard at the intersection of N. 91st and W. Clarke Streets. Due to the ongoing reconstruction of W. Center Street, all traffic exiting the school grounds travels south on N. 91st Street, adding heavy vehicular traffic to the intersection of N. 91st and W. Clarke Streets where there is also significant student pedestrian traffic. Traffic counts on September 1st and 2nd indicated 103 pedestrians and 142 cars crossed the intersection between 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. and only slightly less between 2:50 and 3:45 p.m. Lunchtime numbers are significantly less, and those young children generally are escorted by an adult.

Mr. Wontorek said that work on Center Street is expected to be completed by the end of October, so a crossing guard would be needed for only about six weeks. The cost for covering the morning and late afternoon time periods would be just over \$1,000. Other options for separating vehicular and pedestrian traffic were investigated but found to present other difficulties because of the number of vehicles involved. If this committee recommends approval, the Committee on Budget and Finance would discuss funding.

Richard Profio, 2421 Pasadena Boulevard, displayed a diagram of the school grounds and adjacent streets. He said that adult volunteers have been stationed at the subject intersection to assist student crossing cadets. He emphasized that this is a temporary situation since many cars are expected to travel northbound rather than southbound on 91st Street once Center Street reopens.

John Horky, 2551 N. 84th Street, said that he has been at the intersection some mornings as a parent volunteer and found conditions to be especially intense for a duration of about 20 minutes. He noted that many students walk from the neighborhood to the southeast. He was concerned that adult volunteers or 8th grade cadets may not have the appropriate experience or training to avert problems.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend to Council approval of a temporary crossing guard at N. 91st and W. Clarke Streets for a period of approximately six weeks until W. Center Street is again open to traffic at N. 91st Street –

Asked about the possibility of continuing problems, Mr. Wontorek agreed that traffic should revert to normal patterns once Center Street work is complete, and he noted that a crossing guard wasn't needed here prior to this. A crossing guard is assigned at Swan Boulevard and Clarke Street for both Christ King and McKinley Elementary students. A City of Milwaukee crossing guard normally assigned to 91st and Center has been temporarily moved to Swan Boulevard and Center Street.

**Temporary Parking Change on N. 91st Street between W. Center and W. Clarke Streets**

Mr. Wehrley reported that Christ King School requested a 15-minute parking zone on the west side of N. 91st Street between W. Center and W. Clarke Streets to facilitate drop-off or pick-up of students as well as parents who need to park briefly to run into the school. There currently is no parking on both the east and west sides of this entire block. The Director of Public Works granted the request under his authority to make temporary changes in connection with construction projects, but he recommends a concurrent 90-day trial so that the change can be made permanently if found to be acceptable.

Richard Profio, 2421 Pasadena Boulevard, said this parking area is helpful from 11 a.m. to shortly after noon when morning kindergartners are being picked up and afternoon students are arriving. In the afternoon, the area provides additional safe parking for pick-ups, and it also facilitates brief visits to the school.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Maher to approve a 90-day trial of 15-minute parking on the west side of N. 91st Street between W. Center and W. Clarke Streets. Ayes: 5

**Report on 90-Day Trial of No Parking on N. 99th Street**

Mr. Wehrley reported that there have been no complaints during the 90-day trial of no parking at any time restrictions on the west side of N. 99th Street between W. Blue Mound Road and W. Wisconsin Avenue. The change was requested by residents, and representatives of both the nearby Heart Hospital and Grede Foundry's business office had no objections.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance to implement a permanent change. Ayes: 5

**Report on 90-Day Trial of Removal of No Parking at 10627 W. Hibbard Avenue**

Mr. Wehrley reported that the resident at 10627 W. Hibbard Avenue had requested removal of the no parking restriction in front of his home. There have been no complaints during the 90-day trial period.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance to implement a permanent change. Ayes: 5

**Report on 90-Day trial of No Parking in area of 12017 Watertown Plank Road**

Mr. Wehrley reported that a no parking zone was created to the west of 12017 W. Watertown Plank Road at the request of the residents at that address, who complained of difficulty exiting their driveway when cars were parked in that area. Staff has received no complaints during the 90-day trial. Ald. McCarthy added that he has not received any complaints from neighbors or from Hawk's Nursery, which is adjacent to this property.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend to  
Council introduction of an ordinance to implement a permanent change. Ayes: 5

**Request for Removal of Parking Restrictions at 2544 Wauwatosa Avenue**

Mr. Wehrley reported that the Sisters of Divine Savior, 2544 Wauwatosa Avenue, have requested removal of the parking restrictions in front of their residence. This area is at the "T" intersection with Livingston Avenue. The current restrictions prohibit parking from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., which allows space for northbound vehicles to swing around any vehicles that are turning left onto Livingston. Mr. Wehrley said that when he drove through at about 4:15 p.m. today, he observed at least 12 cars using the curb lane to safely get around a left-turning vehicle. Had parking been allowed there, traffic would have stacked up and created an unsafe condition. He noted that this property has a three-car garage with a driveway that could accommodate 3-4 additional vehicles. He recommended denial of the request.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to hold this request until the next meeting and invite the applicants to appear to discuss their request. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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