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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2005

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Herzog (7:50 p.m.), Krol, Maher -4

EXCUSED: Ald. Purins

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; Ald. Stepaniak, 5th Dist.

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. -3

Completion of 90-Day Trial of Right Turn Restrictions at N. 115th Street and Watertown Plank Road

Mr. Kappel reported that the 90-day trial of right-turn restrictions for southbound 115th Street traffic at Watertown Plank Road was instituted at the suggestion of former Ald. McCarthy and a police lieutenant. It has created the intended breaks in Watertown Plank traffic to accommodate trucks that exit to Watertown Plank Road from 113th Street. There have been no complaints, and there has been no evidence of congestion at 115th Street. Mr. Kappel recommended instituting a permanent change, at least until traffic signals are installed at 113th Street.

Ald. Becker expressed concern that traffic from the new apartment development on 115th Street was supposed to be directed northbound only, but he noted that the exit there doesn't seem to be curved enough to enforce that restriction. Mr. Kappel felt that the effect of that additional traffic on the total volume of traffic at this intersection would be minimal.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Maher to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance to prohibit right turns on red at the southeast corner of N. 115th Street and Watertown Plank Road between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Ayes: 3

(Ald. Herzog present. -4)

Completion of 90-Day Trial of Turn Restrictions at N. 62nd and W. Clarke Streets

Mr. Kappel reported that the 90-day trial of no left turns from southbound 62nd Street to eastbound Clarke Street and no right turns from westbound Clarke Street to northbound 62nd Street has expired. The trial was proposed by the local alderpersons as a means of reducing speeds and volumes in this neighborhood. Although police issued several warning tickets during the trial, they didn't observe any great volumes of

traffic. Police reported that neighbors saw the restrictions as an inconvenience to them, and they observed that the signs were obeyed only when officers were present.

Ald. Stepaniak said this was an attempt to deter drivers who were trying to avoid the intersection of Lisbon, Center, and 60th Street, but it was not really successful and he cannot say it should be continued. Since problems occur mainly during the morning and evening rush hours, he will ask police to step up enforcement during those periods.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Krol to end the trial and place this matter on file. Ayes: 4

Proposed Ordinance – Removal of Parking Restrictions on Portion of Wauwatosa Avenue

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance, which amends Section 11.32.080 of the Code to remove evening rush hour parking restrictions on the east side of Wauwatosa Avenue from 200 feet south of W. Clarke Street to a point 103 feet south thereof.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend to Council adoption of the ordinance. Ayes: 4

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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