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**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2005**

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Herzog, Krol, Purins -4

EXCUSED: Ald. Maher

ALSO PRESENT: W. Kappel, Director of Public Works

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Report on 90-Day Trial of Parking Changes on Dewey Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported that last September St. John's Lutheran Church requested changes in parking restrictions on Dewey Avenue to address new pedestrian and traffic patterns that developed following the opening of their new school building two years ago. Under a 90-day trial, the east side of Dewey Avenue from 210 feet south of Harwood Avenue to Harwood Avenue was signed for no parking on school days between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The west side of Dewey Avenue from Harwood Avenue to the end of the southernmost driveway on the property was signed for no parking at any time. There have been no complaints during the trial period. Mr. Kappel recommended making the changes permanent.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Purins to recommend introduction of an ordinance implementing the recommended changes on the east and west sides of Dewey Avenue. Ayes: 4

Report on 90-Day Trial of No Parking on the South Side of Glendale Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported on the 90-day trial of changes in school-day parking restrictions on W. Glendale Avenue between N. 100th and N. 101st Streets. Restrictions were initially placed on both sides of the street but were later removed from the north side. A majority of parents who responded to a parent survey felt that the restrictions should remain in place on the south side of the street. Mr. Kappel reported that Ald. Maher concurred with that conclusion.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend introduction of an ordinance implementing the recommended changes on the south side of W. Glendale Avenue between N. 100th and N. 101st Streets. Ayes: 4

Request from the Village of Elm Grove to Temporarily Allow Truck Traffic on Watertown Plank Road

The committee reviewed a letter from the Elm Grove Village Manager requesting authorization for construction trucking on Watertown Plank Road between N. 124th Street and Mayfair Road or Highway 45 in connection with work on their flood management project.

Mr. Kappel reported that the Common Council has the authority to temporarily suspend the no trucking restriction if they so desire. The section of roadway between 124th Street and Mayfair Road is scheduled for repaving in 2010. Trucks will primarily be bringing in supplies such as pipes, although some truckloads of excavated materials may be transported. If the request is granted, Mr. Kappel recommended requesting that the Village of Elm Grove distribute information on the project to property owners along Watertown Plank Road so that they understand why some trucking is being allowed on the street.

Rebecca Finn, Elm Grove Planning Administrator/Assistant to the Village Manager, said that this project will last no more than a year with the majority of the work occurring in February, March, and April when the pipe will be installed. She said that they have considered providing a letter for truck drivers to carry in their trucks for identification purposes as they use Watertown Plank Road.

Responding to questions from Ald. Herzog, Mr. Kappel said that the projected 2010 paving of Watertown Plank Road would be an asphalt overlay, probably preceded by pulverization of the existing roadway. The section east of Mayfair Road is scheduled for potential widening in 2008. He did not feel that there would be much degradation to the pavement in connection with the proposed trucking, which would be limited to that related to the Elm Grove project. Existing no trucking signs would remain in place. The only trucking normally allowed on Watertown Plank Road would be for deliveries to specific destinations. There should be no problem with hours of operation since the project's stipulated hours of work are actually stricter than what the city would normally allow.

Ms. Finn said that if the contractor requests a change in work hours, they would not change the hours for trucking. With the exception of a small section, all excavated materials will remain in the park at an elevated level.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend approval of the request to allow trucking traffic on Watertown Plank Road in connection with the Elm Grove flood management project contingent upon Elm Grove notifying property owners along Watertown Plank Road of the project and the reasons for the trucking --

Ald. Herzog noted that this project is also beneficial to Wauwatosa; it is a win-win situation for both municipalities.

Asked about broadening the notification area, Mr. Kappel felt that residents on Watertown Plank Road would be the first to notice any trucking and be the most affected by it. Most others would not experience that much noise but would probably call if they had concerns.

The Chair suggested adding an engine braking prohibition.

With consent of the second, Ald. Herzog amended the motion by adding that trucks shall be prohibited from using engine braking devices within the city limits. Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 4

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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