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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 25, 2006

PRESENT: Aids. Donegan, Grimm, Herzog, Sullivan, Treis

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Director of Public Works; Chief B. Weber, Police Dept.

Ald. Sullivan as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Loading Zone at 6913 W. North Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported that there is an existing loading zone at 6913 W. North Avenue for a business, Cranky Al's that just moved out. That loading zone was established in 2004 and is in effect Wednesday through Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. Mr. Michael Feker, the owner of a new restaurant to be opened here, would like to retain the loading zone but change the hours to daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chief Weber indicated that he is not in favor of this loading zone. He noted that it caused a real problem with some of the other North Avenue businesses when it was originally granted because parking on the street is very tight, especially on Friday nights. It is hard for officers to enforce the loading zone because it is difficult to determine if someone is loading or unloading or parking illegally. He also questioned whether Cranky Al's would be requesting a loading zone for their new location just to the east in this same block.

Mr. Kappel said that he did send letters to each of the businesses between 69th and 70th Streets to inform them of the current request, as was done with the previous request. The owner of Walter's called to express his continued opposition to the loading zone. Mr. Kappel felt that Cranky Al's probably would not have given up this loading zone if they still needed one for the new site. He clarified that, under the new request, this loading zone area would be open for parking after 5 p.m.

The Chair said that Mr. Feker's business, J'ami, will operate until 11 p.m. but he wants the loading zone only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. because he feels that deliveries generally will not take place after that time.

Ald. Grimm said this seems to be a long zone. If Cranky Al's asks for an equal zone, the two zones would eliminate parking for a total of four cars, which is a concern. Mr. Kappel responded that the 30 ft. length is fairly standard and is generally set to accommodate a truck so that it doesn't have to double-park. There is a base fee for 30 feet and an additional charge for every foot thereafter.

Ald. Treis questioned the volume of deliveries to warrant tying up that much space on North Avenue and asked if they could be accomplished just in the morning. He said he has not seen enough facts to warrant this request.

The Chair said that restaurants have multiple deliveries every day because their products are perishable, but he suggested that the back door might be used. Ald. Donegan indicated that there may not be any rear access. He noted that Cranky Al's has an entrance off of 69th Street, which may be where they would handle deliveries.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Treis to hold this matter to the next meeting. Ayes: 5

Mr. Kappel indicated that he will find out if a back door is available for deliveries and will also request that the applicants be present at the next meeting.

Truck Engine Braking Sign on Mayfair Road South of W. Mt. Vernon Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported that when the engine braking ordinance was passed last year, the primary concern was STH 100/Mayfair Road near the north city limits between W. Hampton Avenue and W. Capitol Drive. The state, however, requires a sign at each entrance along this highway. Mr. Kappel recommends resubmitting the permit application with a request for a second "No Engine Braking" sign on the east side of STH 100/Mayfair Road 400 feet south of W. Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Donegan to approve a request for a second "No Engine Braking" sign on the east side of STH 100/Mayfair Road 400 feet south of W. Mt. Vernon Avenue. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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