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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 31, 2006

PRESENT: Alds. Donegan, Grimm, Herzog, Sullivan, Treis -5

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public works

Ald. Sullivan as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Left Turn Prohibition on Watertown Plank Road

Mr. Kappel reported that a left-turn prohibition is needed for westbound traffic on Watertown Plank Road at N. 86th Street, which is adjacent to the entrance to the new Medical College parking structure. Although vehicles should not turn left there due to an island for right entry and exit only, drivers have been creating backups and hazards in efforts to turn into the structure. Mr. Kappel said that he was unaware that this type of signage was specified when the parking structure was reviewed by the Plan Commission or Community Development Committee. He is in the process of working with the Medical College and MRMC on a traffic study for a left-turn arrow at 87th Street, which would be the proper place to turn into the parking structure.

William Hatcher, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center (MRMC), supported placement of the signage to prevent inappropriate left turns and improve safety at that intersection. He said that it will also enhance the speed of getting in and out of the structure as drivers become accustomed to entering at the proper place and the 86th Street intersection operates as it was intended.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Grimm to approve a 90-day trial
of no left turns for westbound traffic on Watertown Plank Road at N. 86th
Street. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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