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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, June 29, 2010 Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Aids. Jay, McBride, Meaux, Pantuso, Wilke

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; W. Wehrley, City Engineering

Ald. Meaux as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Extension and revision of 90-day trial of no parking changes on N. 70th Street

The committee reviewed a request to extend the current 90 day trial to assign no parking on the west side of N. 70th Street between Blanchard Street and Milwaukee Avenue removing the day of the week restrictions and adding a No Parking Any Time area to the southeast corner of N. 70th Street and Milwaukee Avenue.

Father Alvaro Nova, 1510 N. 70th Street, commented that he had met with the neighbors on June 1st and they had come to an agreement. After 90 days they don't see any changes and were interested to know what will happen next. He admitted that this will affect the church, but they will try to see how it will work.

Ald. Meaux asked how the city was going to evaluate the success of the trial over the next 90 days. Mr. Wehrley responded that they would like to look at the traffic patterns and interview the neighbors to see if the parking restrictions work. At the end of 90 days they could amend the parking ordinance or rescind the no parking signs.

Ald. McBride noted that this is actually a 60-day trial. This section of N. 70th Street is the steepest hill in Wauwatosa. When cars are parked on both sides of the street there is a blind spot. Neighbors have complained that sometimes their driveways are blocked by people parking on the street. Ald. McBride mentioned that the neighbors were appreciative of the church's efforts. He recommended the complete parking restriction with the addition of the southeast corner of N. 70th Street and Milwaukee Avenue because it is very tough to navigate. The church is used heavily for weddings. There has been a year of work and cooperation between the church, the neighbors and the Public Works Director.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. McBride to approve the 60-day trial period for the "no parking at anytime" restriction on the west side of N. 70th Street between Blanchard Street and Milwaukee Avenue and adding a no parking to corner sign for about 25 feet east of N. 70th Street on the south side of Milwaukee Avenue – 5

Change from 30-minute to 15-minute parking for two parking spaces on Underwood Avenue

Mr. Wehrley commented that there are five 30-minute parking stalls on the west side of Underwood Avenue just north of the Menomonee River Parkway. They would like to take two of those stalls and designate them for 15-minute parking.

Kathy Ehley, 7437 Kenwood Avenue, Village Business Improvement District was approached by Noodles and Company about where they could have short term parking to accommodate people picking up food orders. The Public Works Director suggested asking Robertson Hardware. This solution will accommodate two businesses. Ald. Pantuso commented that he is all for this, but he can't tell which spots are which. He would also like to see more visible signs. Mr. Wehrley was hesitant to place the sign at windshield level in order to keep pedestrians from walking into the sign. Ald. Jay suggested painting the ground to say 15 minute parking.

Ald. McBride asked if two spaces would be enough. Ms. Ehley noted that with regard to the signs anytime you have a difference in signs people will make assumptions that are wrong and end up getting tickets. She added that they are hesitant to do more now because they are beginning their master planning and will be looking at the 15 minute parking issue again.

Moved by Ald. Jay, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to approve a 90-day trial changing two 30-minute parking spaces to 15 minutes on the west side of Underwood Avenue immediately north of Menomonee River Parkway – 5

Proposed parking changes on the east and west side of Underwood Avenue

Mr. Wehrley reported that due to the relocation of the driveway for Fire Station #1, they are proposing no parking at any time on the east side of Underwood Avenue directly across from the new Fire Station #1. The prohibition would be starting at the driveway north of the northern most store so fire engines can make wide swings to get in and out. He added that one stall in the front of the fire station administrative office would be designated for 15 minutes. He would also like to waive the 90-day trial and bring this issue straight to the Common Council.

Kathy Ehley, 7437 Kenwood Avenue, Village Business Improvement District, commented that this has been a very challenging area. They regret losing parking spots, but they understand having seen the challenges of the fire trucks getting in and out of the fire station driveway. Right now, this is a reduction of parking and all along they were told that parking would not be affected.

Ald. McBride asked about adding parking once the old fire station is torn down. Mr. Wehrley responded that they will have to assess how much parking will fit in that area. They might not recover the 145 feet taken from the east side of the street, but there will be some gain. Ald. McBride observed that the coming and going of the engines from the station will impact the church parking lot that is directly across from the fire station driveway.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Jay to recommend Introduction of an ordinance designating that no parking at any time signs be posted on the east side of Underwood Avenue directly across from the new Fire Station #1 and that one 15-minute parking spot be designated outside the administration entrance on the west side of Underwood Avenue --

Ald. Meaux noted that short term there will be a net loss of some parking, but in the longer term there will be a net gain by adding new spots in the new parking lots. Mr. Archambo commented that construction is expected to be finished in October.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 5

Request for one-hour parking restrictions on the west side of N. 103rd Street

Mr. Wehrley asked that this item be held.

It was the consensus of the committee to hold this item.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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