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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Aids. McBride, Meaux, Pantuso - 3

EXCUSED: Aids. Jay, Wilke

ALSO PRESENT: W. Kappel, Public Works Dir.

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

Change two-hour parking restriction on both sides of the 2300 block of N. 90th Street to school days only

Mr. Kappel reported that he had received a petition requesting a change in the parking restriction at McKinley School the location in question is at the end of the block. He recommended a 90 day trial and because it is for school days only he suggested a little more time in the fall.

Sara Meyer, 2337 N. 90th Street, noted that she has been getting tickets for parking in front of her house Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is difficult for visitors and others to park in the vicinity of their home.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to approve a 90-day trial to change the two-hour parking restriction on both sides of the 2300 block of N. 90th Street to school days only --

Ald. Pantuso asked if changing hours in school zones was unusual. Mr. Kappel responded that schools have no parking by state law, but there are some exceptions and Council can preclude state law. Ald. McBride asked if other people are likely to make this request. Mr. Kappel responded that it was a possibility.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 3

No Parking Anytime restriction on the south side of W. Clarke Street from N. 62nd Street to approximately 25 feet to the east

Mr. Kappel noted that there was already a pole in place for a sign which would indicate no parking to corner.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. McBride to approve a 90-day trial for no parking anytime restriction on the south side of W. Clarke Street from N. 62nd Street to approximately 25 feet to the east --

Mr. Kappel commented that this issue came up because someone moved into the area and started parking in that spot. He explained that the water department needs access all the time to the equipment located there. It is a huge water main and it is critical that the area be kept clear.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 3

Letter opposing the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of State Highway 100 from W. Capitol Drive to West Hampton Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported that when the state repaves Mayfair Road in 2012 they will put sidewalks on the west side of the street. All of the properties along the west side in that area do not exit onto Mayfair Road. He noted that the homes on the west side of the street all have backyards that abut the highway. There is a similar situation between Congress and Ruby Avenue where, in agreement with the property owners, the Common Council would treat those sidewalks as public walks and remove any liability and assessments to property owners. He explained that at the federal and state level there is a real drive to have walkable communities. He added that the city would pay for most of the projects in agreement with the property owners.

Ald. Birschel commented that he was contacted by Mr. Swiderski regarding this matter.

Robert Swiderski, 4581 Parkside Court, noted that this issue has come up before. He spent some time watching pedestrian traffic on the west side of the street and noticed only two people using the sidewalk.

Nick Deutsch, Associate Pastor, 4400 N. Mayfair Road, was concerned that this project would bring additional costs to the church which has been at that location since 1997. No one walks by because there is nothing to go to. The west side of the sidewalk accommodates pedestrian traffic. He also was concerned about the safety of the people using the sidewalk.

Clyde Rupnow, Pine Lawn Cemetary, 10700 W. Capitol Drive, felt this project would be a hardship for the cemetery especially maintaining the sidewalk.

Mr. Swiderski noted that there was an informational meeting on June 21st. They asked a number of questions and could not get any answers. He also called the City Engineer and was told that former Ald. Maher from the eighth district had advised while he was still on the Council that there would be sidewalks on both sides of the street. Mr. Swiderski felt the state was trying to push this on the residents

Mr. Kappel advised that it would be better to submit a letter to the state sooner rather than later. He was unable to find the plans for the project and he also has some questions. He will try to reach the budget manager with the state.

Moved by Ald. Meaux, seconded by Ald. McBride to hold this item for further information --

Ald. McBride asked for more input as well as a traffic history.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 3

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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