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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, July 31, 2012 Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Alds. McBride (7:03 p.m.), Moldenhauer, Pantuso, Roznowski, Wilke – 5

ALSO PRESENT: Alds. B. Ewerdt, J. Tilleson; J. Archambo, City Admin.; W. Porter, Public Works Dir.

Ald. Wilke as Chair called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Ordinance amending Chapter 11.32.080 of the city code to add a 3-hour parking zone on the west side of N. 85th Street at W. North Avenue

Mr. Porter recommended that the existing signage be made permanent and that the Traffic Code of the city be modified to reflect this change. The restriction will run 110 feet north from the corner of North Avenue and 85th Street on the west side. There had been discussion that parking on the east side of 85th Street at North Avenue could be modified as well, but the consensus was to make the change to the west side and revisit the issue regarding the east side after the 90-day trial. There was no feedback from the residents regarding the issue.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to recommend adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 11.32.080 of the city code to add a 3-hour parking restriction on the west side of N. 85th Street at W. North Avenue – 4

Ordinance amending Chapter 11.32.080 of the city code to add Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on-street parking at the Latvian Lutheran Church, 1853 N. 75th Street

Mr. Porter recommended that the committee approve amending the city's traffic code to make this change permanent. There were no comments regarding this issue.

Moved by Ald. Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to recommend adoption of adding ADA on-street parking at the Latvian Lutheran Church located at 1853 N. 75th Street – 4

Resolution amending the official stop sign map of the city by adding stop signs at the intersection of Cedar Street, Maple Terrace, and N. 67th Street

Mr. Porter recommended that the committee authorize the official stop sign map to be modified to add stop signs at the intersection of Cedar Street, Maple Terrace, and 67th Street. There is no fiscal impact and there has been no feedback from the public regarding this issue.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer to recommend approval of the resolution amending the official stop sign map of the city by adding stop signs at the intersection of Cedar Street, Maple Terrace, and N. 67th Street – 4

90-day trial of parking restrictions on the south side of W. Center Street from N. 67th to N. 68th Streets from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in front of the Concordia University School – Pilgrim Campus, 6717 W. Center Street

Mr. Porter noted that the parking restrictions were requested by Concordia University – Pilgrim campus in order to ensure the safety of students during the pickup and drop off times. He recommended a 90-day trial for the parking restrictions between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days during the school year. The 90-day trial was proposed now before the start of classes.

Chuck Moore, 6717 W. Center Street was there representing the school.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to approve a 90-day trial of parking restrictions on the south side of W. Center from N. 67th to N. 68th Streets from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days during the school year – 4

Restriping of pavement markings on Wauwatosa Avenue from North Avenue to Center Street

Mr. Porter commented that adding the markings and signage is estimated to cost around \$10,000. There is a chance that Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) would either pay for the striping, or reimburse the city for the cost if the city waited until agreements could be executed in 2013. There is still a chance that something could be worked out to do this work in 2012, but it is not certain at this time. If the committee is satisfied that the plan as presented is worth a try, staff would seek approval to take the necessary steps to get the work done before school opens.

Ken Voigt, Ayres Assoc., N17 W24222 Riverwood Drive, Waukesha, noted that the striping will be done to reinforce the traffic patterns. He noted that signs take precedence over pavement markings which fade over time. He added that there have been some changes the DOT has made to signage in school crossings.

Members of the public present: Sarah Lerand, 2125 N. 90th Street
Jim Price, 861 N. 60th Street

The people present asked about the feasibility of installing islands in the street as a refuge for pedestrians. They also asked about the problem of motorists passing on the right.

Mr. Voigt stressed that although there will be the same volume of traffic the pavement markings will slow things down.

Other comments made by committee members were regarding the use of a bicycle lane as a traffic tool that will calm the traffic. They also felt that the bicycle lanes were good for the safety of the bikers.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. McBride to recommend approval of the project as designed and consistent with the safety improvements discussed in committee also including, if necessary, a study on the inclusion of the Meinecke and Clarke Streets lane crossings with a report back to the committee in October – 5

State/municipal agreement for State Highway 100/Watertown Plank Road to I-94 and a discussion regarding the use of color concrete for crosswalks on the Mayfair Project – Walnut Road to Burleigh Street

Mr. Porter commented that the issue is whether or not color concrete crosswalks should be installed at the intersections of Mayfair Road /STH 100, and Watertown Plank Road, Blue Mound Road, and Wisconsin Avenue. This would be part of the planned 2013 construction. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) advised that the section of Mayfair Road/STH 100 currently under construction is an asphalt pavement surface and; therefore, the construction technique is different. They would have to saw out a portion of the asphalt for a crosswalk, and then form and pour the concrete. The curing time would take several weeks. The addition of color concrete would cost \$213,000. This would be a Change Order not a bid so the cost would be at the city's expense.

Mr. Archambo didn't recommend using color concrete at this time. He added that color concrete on asphalt, because of the dark color, would not provide much contrast.

Ald. Brian Ewerdt, 6th District, 9226 Beverly Place, commented that the price for the color concrete is too high. As far as any safety advantage, the Mayfair intersection is not used like the ones near schools.

Ald. Joel Tilleson, 5th District, 7915 W. Clarke Street, noted that the use of color concrete could be attractive to businesses.

Ald. Pantuso commented that he would like to see a brand identity for Wauwatosa in the future.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to recommend to WisDOT that they move forward with the striping and hold the color concrete for the future. Vote on the motion was Ayes: 4, Noes: 1 (Wilke)

90-day trial for a 4-way stop sign at N. 91st Street and Meinecke Avenue

Mr. Porter recommended the installation of a four way stop at the intersection of Meinecke Avenue and 91st Street for a 90-day trial period. This period will cover one month of the summer school recess so that cars can become accustomed to the change and it will be two months into the school year before the 90-day trial will be completed.

Terry Suchy, 2457 N. 91st Street, noted that kids and cars are the problems in this intersection and there are a large number of kids in the area. It is unsafe.

Sarah Lerand, 2125, N. 90th Street, was in support.

Ald. Ewerdt supported the 90-day trial.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Roznowski to approve a 90-day trial for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of N. 91st Street and Meinecke Avenue – 5

90-day trial for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of N. 73rd Street and Hillcrest Drive

Mr. Porter recommended the 90-day trial to help cut down on accidents and to increase the safety for students at Wauwatosa East High School. He noted that there was a slight view obstruction with a pine tree close to the high school.

Moved by Ald.Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer to approve a 90-day trial for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of N. 73rd Street and Hillcrest Drive – 5

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk

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