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## **TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, July 30, 2013  
Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Aids. Wilke, McBride, Moldenhauer, Pantuso, Roznowski – 5

ALSO PRESENT: B. Porter, Public Works Director; E. Miller Carter, Asst. City Attorney

Ald. Wilke as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **45-day report on parking restriction trial around Madison School and approval of a new 90-day trial**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works reviewing the completed 45-day parking restriction trial and requesting approval of a new 90-day parking restriction trial around Madison School.

The Traffic & Safety Committee has previously made modifications to parking restrictions around Madison School based on the Ayres School Safety Study. Staff has been requested to modify these restrictions for a 90-day trial before school starts.

Earlier this year several changes were made to the parking restrictions around Madison School based upon the recommendations of the Ayres Study. The Ayres study was also vetted by two public input sessions.

Mr. Porter explained the safety aspects that the consultant looked at. As part of the 90-day trial being recommended are minor changes to the Ayres proposal that are designed to better define the parking on the east side of 100<sup>th</sup> Street along Madison School frontage during the school day. The requested changes are to erect 'no stopping, standing, parking anytime, school days' from the bus stop north to the corner of Glendale Avenue; erect 'no parking, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., school days' signs from the bus stop south to the sidewalk; erect '2 hour parking 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. school days' only from the school sidewalk south to Ruby Avenue on the east side of 100<sup>th</sup> Street. Adjustments were made to the parking aspects and suggested implementation now before school starts. An additional recommendation was made to enact a 15 mile-per- hour school speed limit on 100<sup>th</sup> Street from Glendale Avenue to Ruby Avenue.

Jason Kauflin, 4124 N. 110<sup>th</sup> St., said he appreciates the compromise the city is making. He expressed concern regarding the downsizing of the morning drop-off zone. He didn't feel it was a large enough area for the hug- and-go zone. He said he will keep suggesting and proposing to keep that entire area no parking in a.m. and p.m.

Ald. McBride asked if it had been considered creating a cut-out there for a drop off lane. Mr. Porter said the consultant did recommend that for a long term improvement. This would be the responsibility of the school to design and pay for. Ald. McBride requested that the trial be extended further into the school year, up to Thanksgiving in order to properly address the impact of the changes.

Ald. Wilke noted that these are short term goals that are being addressed currently. He felt it is a good compromise. He said that there needs to be better law enforcement. However, there needed to be some leniency for people helping their children getting out of and into the car. Ald. Wilke reviewed the recommendations being made. He suggested 15 minute parking instead of the two-hour parking recommendation.

Moved by Ald. Wilke, seconded by Ald. Pantuso  
to approve of the parking restriction  
changes for a trial period ending by November 30, 2013.

Ald. Wilke requested a change be made to recommendation #3 for 15 minute parking sign.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: 5

Ald. Wilke said he would be working with the school to get this new parking information out.

### **90-day report on parking restriction at 9898 W. Blue Mound Road recommendation**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director reviewing the completed 90-day parking restriction trial at 9898 W. Blue Mound Road and recommending enactment of the restriction.

The area adjacent to the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) building at 9898 W. Blue Mound Road was formerly a loading zone. At CVMIC's request, it was posted No Parking at Any Time to increase visibility for their employees entering and exiting their parking lot.

Mr. Porter recommended that this be made permanent.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer  
to recommend an ordinance amendment to  
Council for introduction. Ayes: 5

### **45-day report on parking restriction on Hillside Lane**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director reviewing the completed 45-day parking restriction trial on Hillside Lane and recommending enactment of the restriction.

At the request of the residents on Hillside Lane, the City has made several changes to the parking restrictions. Initially, surveys were conducted that determined parking restrictions on one side of the street were acceptable to allow for service and emergency vehicles to reach the end of the street. Based on residential input, parking was first restricted on the south side of the street, and then 45 days ago, the restrictions were modified to restrict parking on the north side of the street.

Present: Kathy and Dean Gates, 6603 Hillside Lane  
Elizabeth Bickhart, 6731 Hillside Lane  
Mark Schnell, 6632 Hillside Lane

Comments made by these residents included making a decision and sticking with it in regards to what side of the street parking will be prohibited. A suggestion was made to allow parking on one side on the east end of the street and opposite side parking on the west end of the street. Speeding cars are problematic and more signs to slow down were suggested. There are issues with people parking on

Hillside Lane who are going to Jacobus Park who speed down the lane. There must be ample room for garbage trucks, plows, and emergency vehicles to get through in a timely manner without having to back up down the road.

Present in favor of parking on the north side of the street:

Bill Gardner, 6667 Hillside Lane  
Damon Bickhart, 6731 Hillside Lane  
Tyrrell Hughes, 6754 Hillside Lane  
Tony Balistreri, 6663 Hillside Lane  
Alfred Anderson, 6654 Hillside Lane  
Kevin and Debbie Hood, 6764 Hillside Lane  
Alfred Anderson, 6654 Hillside Lane

The people appearing in favor of parking on the north side of the street commented that there is more space available as lots are bigger on the north side, safety and convenience needs to be considered more than for 'cosmetic' reasons for those living on the north side of the street not wanting parking in front of their homes, hard to maneuver around parked cars getting in and out of driveways, keep the no-parking restriction at the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> Street by the apartment complex, cars get parked in, the best way to keep the neighborhood children safe would be to allow parking on both sides to keep traffic moving slowly, but if this isn't possible the north side made the most sense; safer for the whole street to park on the north side.

Present in favor of parking on the south side of the street:

Mike and Deborah Kildoo, 6666 Hillside Lane

Those appearing in favor of parking on the south side of the street, commented that the original survey results were in favor of no parking on the north side, which was the original suggestion of the City. It was suggested that there would be parking issues in front of the two fire hydrants on the north side of the street. The committee noted that this would be an enforcement issue. Can a speed bump be installed to slow traffic down?

Numerous comments were made asking for help with the speeding cars problem. More diligence needs to be done during the week to ticket cars for parking and speeding violations.

Ald. McBride agreed that there are a lot of problems on this narrow street and where people park to go to the pavilion. However there does need to be room for emergency vehicles and service vehicles. When you limit parking to one side of the street you speed up traffic. Speed needs to be controlled and the city can't put speed tables everywhere, although this would be a good candidate for one down the road. Ald. McBride said there is never going to be a resolution to this and all sides of the story have been heard.

Mr. Porter replied to a question that the street could be signed for parking half on one side of the street and half on the other. He noted that people would have to read the signs and comply. Enforcement would be the issue. There would be confusion with parking on one side of the street halfway and parking on the other side halfway.

Ald. Wilke expressed concern that parking half and half would be hard to enforce although it probably would slow down traffic.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso

to recommend an ordinance amendment to Council  
restricting parking on the north side of Hillside Lane. Ayes: 8

Some residents in attendance voiced displeasure. Ald. McBride suggested the neighbors get together to discuss this some more and if there is a change in their original opinions to email their alderperson. This item will come back to committee since it is an ordinance amendment. There will be another opportunity for everyone to express themselves.

**90-day parking restriction trial on State Street at 70<sup>th</sup> Street**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director requesting a 90-day restriction trial on State Street at 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

The City has received complaints from the resident at 7018 State Street indicating that an unsafe situation is occurring when she attempts to exit her driveway. The resident has stated that her visibility is blocked by cars parking in front of her property and in front of the Outpost store. Cars turning north onto State Street from 70<sup>th</sup> Street after exiting the Outpost store, as well as through traffic on State Street all funnel past this driveway. When cars are parked along the State Street frontage by her property, the resident has complained that the parked cars create a view obstruction and a safety problem.

Mr. Porter said to help alleviate this problem staff is proposing a ‘No Parking Here to Corner’ sign be installed to clearly mark this area as off limits to parking.

Moved by Ald. Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald. Pantuso  
to recommend approval of a 90-day trial of a no parking  
here to corner parking restriction on State Street at this address. Ayes: 8

**Portable speed tables purchase for the Traffic Calming Pilot Program**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director requesting direction on the purchase of portable speed tables for the Traffic Calming Pilot Program.

Staff is requesting approval from the Committee regarding the purchase of portable speed tables for the City’s Pilot Traffic Calming Program.

At previous meetings, it was determined that the pilot program for traffic calming would take place on 103<sup>rd</sup>, 104<sup>th</sup>, and 106<sup>th</sup> Streets between Blue Mound Road and Wisconsin Avenue. To meet the demands of the study would require installation of five portable speed tables. Based on conversations with the supplier, the estimated cost to purchase five speed tables is approximately \$25,000.

Mr. Porter explained that only one bidder responded. Their bid was \$7,457 each, or \$37,735 for five sets. This came in higher than originally suggested. Mr. Porter followed up with the bidder as to the price discrepancy and due to miscommunication of the different sized speed tables necessary, the bidder came back with a revised price of \$26,189.

Mr. Porter responded to a question that he hoped to have the speed tables installed by Labor Day if approved. This would give them about a two month trial period.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Roznowski  
to recommend approval to the Budget & Finance Committee. Ayes: 8

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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