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**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 3, 2002**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Krol, Matthews, McCarthy -4

EXCUSED: Ald. Herzog

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; T. Wontorek, City Admin.; Ald. Kopischke

Ald. Krol in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

**Request for No Parking Restrictions on N. 70th Street North of W. State Street**

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reported that he has been contacted by a representative of Pick 'N Save, 6950 W. State Street, regarding problems with cars parking too close to the west driveways of their parking lot. The parked cars obstruct trucks trying to enter the lot and obstruct the view of drivers as they exit the lot. The problem is exacerbated if the parked vehicles are any type of truck or SUV. A 20-foot no parking zone on either side of the driveways is requested. Three signs would be required at an estimated cost of \$150—one on each side of the south driveway and one on the south side of the north driveway. There is currently no parking north of the north driveway. Mr. Kappel noted that the city-wide standard is no parking within 4 feet of a driveway. He recommended a 90-day trial of the requested restrictions.

Ald. Kopischke reported that he informed representatives of Outpost Foods of tonight's meeting regarding the proposed no parking restrictions. Given that no one from Outpost was present, he assumed that they do not oppose the change.

Moved by Ald. Becker, seconded by Ald. Matthews to approve a 90-day trial of no parking for a distance of 20 feet on either side of the 70th Street driveways of Pick 'N Save –

Ald. Matthews raised the possibility of asking Pick 'N Save to assume the cost of the signs if the restrictions are made permanent. Mr. Kappel noted that that has been done in some other situations involving the needs of a commercial entity, specifically for more costly traffic signals.

With consent of Ald. Becker, Ald. Matthews amended the motion to direct that if the restrictions are made permanent after the 90-day trial, Pick 'N Save would be invoiced for the cost of the signs –

Ald. McCarthy asked that the question of charging for the installation be reviewed with the City Attorney before any permanent installation is approved by Council. He felt that it would be appropriate to include something in next year's budget and said he would restrict any charges to commercial entities.

Mr. Kappel indicated that he would look into developing a policy for Council review for charging commercial entities for special installations beginning next year.

Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 4

**Request for No Right Turn at W. Lloyd Street and Martha Washington Drive**

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reported that over a period of time members of the Highlands Association have requested stop signs at the intersection of Martha Washington Drive and Washington Circle and at Martha Washington Drive and Upper Parkway North. Those intersections, however, do not have sufficient traffic volume or accident history to meet the warrants for stop signs. Association members have complained of speed and traffic, especially during the morning rush hour, in connection with drivers who use Martha Washington Drive to get to Milwaukee Avenue rather than traveling east to N. 60th Street. In an effort to deter traffic from using that route during the morning rush hour, Mr. Kappel recommended a 90-day trial of no right turns from 6 to 9 a.m. for eastbound W. Lloyd Street traffic at Martha Washington Drive.

Asked about other areas where turns are restricted only during certain hours, Mr. Kappel cited Blue Mound Road at 109th Street and Capitol Drive west of Mayfair Road.

Mr. Kappel indicated that Capt. Bozicevich has confirmed that a break-in period would be allowed while drivers become accustomed to the restriction, but there would be some enforcement effort before the end of the 90-day trial. He was confident that the Highlands Association is aware of the proposed restriction through his recent conversations with their representative.

Moved by Ald. Becker, seconded by Ald. Matthews to approve a 90-day trial of no right turns from 6 to 9 a.m. for eastbound W. Lloyd Street traffic at Martha Washington Drive –

Ald. McCarthy reported that similar concerns in his district were resolved through use of the speed reader board and unmarked squad cars. He asked about other measures used here by the police. Mr. Kappel said that placement of the speed detector yielded 85th percentile results well within the speed limit.

The Chair was reluctant to support the proposal without more input from area residents. Based on the speed detector results, he felt that the problem seems to be more with traffic driving through the area than with speeding.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 3; Noes: 1 (Krol)

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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