

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Public Protection and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Schell on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:47 P.M.

Members present: Antoine, Eggleston, Schell, Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Ald. Kilgas, Ald. Moore, Ald. DeCoster, Ald. Coenen, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Asst. Police Chief Sanderfoot, Fire Chief Carrel, Planner Stephenson, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence - None.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Proposed Yield Sign at Janet Street/Walter Street Intersection.

The City maintains an official traffic map that indicates the location of all stop and yield signs (Sec. 7.03). The common council may make additions or deletions to the map from time to time. The current geometry of the intersection of Janet Street at Walter Street has the potential to be confusing for local traffic and school pick-up/drop-off. In the opinion of Engineering Department, the wide, sweeping intersection does not provide a clear directive on which street would have the right of way, and can create poor vision of cross traffic and pedestrians crossing. We feel a yield sign is warranted to provide direction to drivers and help demand more attention from drivers to look for cross traffic and pedestrians before entering the intersection.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Antoine to direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary ordinance authorizing the installation of a new "Yield" sign on Janet Street and the Walter Street Intersection.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Proposed Flashing School Zone Speed Limit Signs – Lawe Street.

In conjunction with the Police Department, Engineering has been looking at safety within the school zone for Park School, located near Lawe Street (STH 55) and Taylor Street (STH 96). PD has requested that the existing school speed limit signs be enhanced to provide better awareness and help slow traffic at this intersection, which is congested regularly at school drop-off and pick-up times. We have looked at a few options and are recommending a temporary improvement of flashing LED School Zone Speed Limit signs. See attached photo. Engineering and Planning Departments are also working on grants through East Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission to look at potential improvements to the intersection for traffic and pedestrian safety.

Motion by Antoine, seconded by Eggleston to direct the Engineering Department to order and install Flashing School Zone Speed Limit signs on Lawe Street.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

An informational sheet on traffic and safety was provided to the Committee members.

3. General Matters – None.

4. Adjourn.

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Antoine to adjourn.
All members voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Sally Kenney, Clerk