

# PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

September 7, 2022

The Committee met at 5:30 p.m. in Room 2044 of the Municipal Building. Members present were Alderpersons Dana Davis, Eric Schmid, Will Licht and Fred Smith. Also in attendance was Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, Assistant City Engineer Andrew Beyer, Alderperson Dan Bartz, and Stacy Winkelman from the Street Department. The following citizens were present: Larry Salas, William Ebert, Dawn and Connie Wiedenfeld, Scott and Wendy Kaufmann, and David Fair.

1. **Roll Call:** All Committee members were present.
2. **Receive comments from the public:** No person wished to speak at this opportunity in the agenda, but preferred to wait until their items of interest (B & C) were being considered.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting had already been presented to the City Council without correction so those minutes were simply noted at this point in the agenda.

Agenda Item 4.B and C were moved up for the convenience of those attending the meeting and considered together.

**4.B and C Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9A. Parking prohibited in specified places – Dayton Street and Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9A. Parking prohibited in specified places – West Main Street.** As part of the 2022 Annual Street & Utility Project, the block of Dayton Street between Clement Street and West Main Street was widened to accommodate semi-truck turn patterns. The design engineer has recommended pavement marking installation on West Main Street & on Dayton Street. Installing pavement marking will result in the loss of parking on both Dayton Street and West Main Street. Several citizens were present and were greatly concerned about the loss of parking on West Main Street (no one was affected by the proposal to remove parking on Dayton Street and no one spoke in opposition to that). The concerned citizens spoke to a variety of matters affecting safety, home valuation, and the importance of parking to their long-standing neighborhood way of life. Every person that spoke was opposed to removing the parking on West Main Street. The estimate by the city was that approximately 40 parking spaces would be lost. Assistant Police Chief Olsen reported that there were only two accidents on West Main Street over the preceding five years. After substantial discussion by the Committee members and additional comments by the citizens present, two motions were made, one relating separately to each street. **FIRST MOTION:** Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Licht, to recommend removing the parking on Dayton Street on both the east and west sides, from Clement Street to West Main Street. This motion was unanimously approved. **SECOND MOTION:** Ald. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to disapprove removing any parking from West Main Street. This motion was also unanimously approved. **ACTION:** An Ordinance will be submitted that will remove parking from both sides of Dayton Street from Clement Street to West Main Street. **In addition**, in furtherance of the Committee decision, all pavement markings that were mistakenly but prematurely placed on West Main Street will be expeditiously removed.

**4.E Review and take possible action: Possible improvements to on-street parking on Dodge Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets:** Ald. Bartz forwarded a letter from a resident who was concerned about parking in and around Dodge Street, especially about those vehicles blocking or encroaching upon area residents' driveways. The city no longer paints curb lines on either side of driveways but in problematic areas does place orange/pink painted lath on either side of driveways as a reminder to people that parking is being monitored in the area and that they should avoid parking within four feet of a driveway. Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to install lath in the area. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: Lath will be installed within this area.**

**4.A Review and take possible action: Speeding concern on South Church Street between Stimpson and Boomer Streets.** Several citizens have expressed to Ald. Wetzel concerns relating to their observing many vehicles speeding on South Church Street, especially between Stimpson and Boomer Street. There have been very few accidents in this area and the police recommend initially trying enhanced monitoring/enforcement. The Committee consensus was to endorse this approach as the next reasonable step. **ACTION: Nothing additional.**

- 4.D Review and take possible action: Remove South Water Street between Main and West Milwaukee Street as a designated truck route.** As part of the Town Square project, the north portion of South Water Street is being reconstructed as a curbless concrete street while much of this portion is also being narrowed. The street is currently a truck route but there are other nearby designated truck routes on South First Street and South Church Street. The city is recommending that South Water Street from Main Street to Milwaukee Street no longer be designated as a truck route. Ald. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ald. Licht, to remove South Water Street from Main Street to Milwaukee Street, as a truck route. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: An Ordinance will be presented.**
- 4.E Review and take possible action: Consider pavement marking installation on South Concord Avenue between East Main Street and Western Avenue.** A resident has requested that the PS&W Committee reconsider adding pavement markings between East Main Street and Western Avenue. In 2017, the Committee reviewed this issue and sought cost estimates but it was not added as a project in the 2018 budget. The cost today for marking a double yellow centerline would be about \$3,000. The police are recommending against the marking, believing it will cause more accidents with parked cars that actually prevent crashes, of which there are few on this street. Ald. Licht made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to deny adding pavement markings on South Concord Avenue. The motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: Nothing required.**
- 4.G Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge Street and South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.** Ald. Davis received a concern from a resident pertaining to the limited visibility at the above-referenced intersection. The concern is that when traveling west on Dodge Street and attempting to turn left (south) onto South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, cars parked in front of 311 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street block their view. The police believe the only improvement will come if the city is willing to remove parking in front of the business at 311 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and was not recommending that be done. There had been only one accident at that intersection in five years. Ald. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to table this matter indefinitely. The motion passed unanimously. **ACTION: Nothing required.**
- 4.H Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division Street and North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.** Ald. Davis received a concern from a resident regarding visibility at the above-referenced intersection. The PS&W Committee has reviewed this intersection several times in the recent past (in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2014, and 1997). The only way this intersection will be improved as to its limited site distance is to purchase the house at 513 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to table this matter indefinitely. The motion passed unanimously. **ACTION: Nothing required.**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Alderperson Schmid, seconded by Alderperson Davis, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Smith, Chairman