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TO: Alderperson Dana Davis and Committee Members
FROM: Stacy Winkelman
DATE: January 30, 2024
RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting on February 7, 2024

The following agenda items are for the above referenced Committee meeting:

1. Review and take possible action: Additional “Do Not Block Driveway” signage on the north side of Milwaukee Street, east of S. Church Street. (Driveway entrance to Shell Gas Station)

BACKGROUND:

A request was made from the owner of the Shell Gas Station on the corner of S. Church and Milwaukee Street for additional signage stating to not block their driveway. The request is to put an additional “Do Not Block Driveway” sign on the existing sign, but lower down the pole as well as an additional signpost with a “Do Not Block Driveway” sign on it on the west side of the Milwaukee Street entrance. MUTCD does not allow signs to be on posts lower than seven feet from the pavement, so the first part of this request is not a viable option. We could however install an additional sign on the west side of the driveway as well as add new orange flags to the two poles to catch drivers’ eyes.

2. Review and take possible action: “No Parking from Nov 15 – March 31” on the east side of Harvey Avenue between Western Avenue and Livsey Place

BACKGROUND:

This request came from a Street Division plow driver. He comes off Livsey Place heading north on Harvey Avenue to Western Avenue and cannot wrap that intersection or get anywhere near the curb in this area due to cars parked along here. This is not only an issue during plowing operations because the truck can barely fit through there but causes the street to narrow due to snow along the parking lane that would only get cleaned up during a snow emergency.

From: Inderjeet Singh <msmech83@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Wanda Fredrick <WFredrick@watertownwi.gov>
Cc: Andrew Beyer <ABeyer@watertownwi.gov>
Subject: Re: 423 S. Church Street, Watertown Shell Gas Station

Yes, that is correct. Thank you so much. I attached picture of two places where i am thinking.
Thanks again.

On Thu, Jan 25, 2024, 11:01 AM Wanda Fredrick <WFredrick@watertownwi.gov> wrote:

Tony,

As we discussed the voice message you left for Andrew Beyer, I understand you would like extra signage placed by the Shell gas station at 423 S. Church Street's driveway on W. Milwaukee Street.

1. You stated (and have video clips) that traffic on Milwaukee Street is very heavy (busy) and many vehicles block the driveway when at the stop light. It is frustrating for your customers trying to enter and exit the gas station and is hurting your business.
2. You would like to request another "Do Not Block Driveway" sign placed on the same pole as the current "Do Not Block Driveway" sign, perhaps 3 feet up from the ground. As you stated, the sign that is currently posted is placed quite high on the post and drivers do not seem to see it. Another sign at eye level may bring more attention to drivers to not block the driveway.
3. Also, you are requesting that an additional sign be placed at vehicle driver's eye level, perhaps 3 feet from the ground, *on the other side* of the driveway apron to bring more attention to the issue of customers trying to enter or exit the business at the W. Milwaukee Street driveway.

Is this what you are requesting? Is so, please respond to this email. I have included Andrew Beyer in this email so click on "Reply All" to include him in your response.

Sincerely,

Wanda Fredrick

Administrative Assistant

Engineering and

Building, Safety & Zoning

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NOT
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DRIVE**

**NO
PARKING
THIS SIDE
OF STREET**

