

## MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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Following are the agenda items for the above referenced Committee meeting:

- Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4<sup>th</sup> Streets

### BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4<sup>th</sup> Streets: Alderperson Davis received a concern from a resident as it pertains to visibility at the above referenced intersection. This intersection has come before this committee several times since 2013 (June 2021, November 2020, May 2019, March 2014, and April 1997). Below are the minutes from those meetings. The City will need to budget funding to purchase the house at 513 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, so that the intersection can be improved as well as site distance. Until then, this item will continue to come up and nothing will be resolved. An site map is attached for your use.

### Intersection of Division and N. Fourth Streets - Background

#### June 2, 2021:

9. Review and take action: results of stop sign study at the intersection of E. Division Street and N. Fourth Street. Beyer provided a traffic study of this intersection which included the recommendation from the Wisconsin Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Section 26.07 which recommends that no action be taken. This intersection has been an issue at many meetings for several years. No viable and acceptable solution has been suggested. The MUTCD cites low vehicle volume, no evidence of traffic slowdown, vehicle conflicts or pedestrian conflicts during the traffic study. Motion to Deny Romlein. Second Licht. Unanimous.

#### Nov. 18, 2020:

Agenda item 4: Discuss speeding North Fourth Street and Division.; Chief K: discussion about accidents 3 in 4 years in the area in question. Intersection has come up yearly with different issues. Andrew: asked about 4 way stop or 3 way stop and yield sign. Recommend a study (TBD) on the intersection. Action: Karen Wendt 2nd by Bob Wetzal to have engineering to move forward on the study, carried 3-0.

May 8, 2019:

7. [Agenda Item 7] *Visibility at the Intersection of N. Fourth Street and Division Street: Alderperson Ruetten has asked that the intersection of N. Fourth and Division Streets be brought forth for review as to any possible solutions to increase visibility at this intersection. City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway provided additional information to the committee on previous reviews of this intersection by the Public Safety and Welfare Committee from 1997 to 2014. Previous actions had included the Police Department asking residents in the area to refrain from parking high profile vehicles in the line of sight for vehicles waiting to enter Fourth Street from Division Street. The configuration of this intersection, with buildings from the south and the angle and a tree to the north all contribute to restricting visibility. Police Chief Kaminski provide the crash data from this intersection in the last 2 plus years as 3 accidents occurred at this location. Chief Kaminski stated that the visibility restraints on this intersection were not directly responsible for the accidents but agreed that this location is a concern. Discussion occurred regarding possible actions such as restricting high profile vehicles parking, requesting residents again to not park high profile vehicles. The number of accidents at this intersection does indicate that this issue should be reviewed further. It was agreed to look towards using the current visibility standards ordinance and review if this intersection met the standard of the ordinance. Alderperson Ruetten made a motion to have the City Engineering Department evaluate the intersection in compliance with the visibility standard ordinance and report this information back to the Committee for further action, motion seconded by Alderperson Mudler and motion carried unanimously. Engineering provided a verbal update the without the removal of 513 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, not a lot can be done to improve sight distance at this intersection.*

March 26, 2014:

4. *Visibility at the Intersection of N. Fourth Street and Division Street—This is a difficult intersection, especially because of the bend in N. Fourth Street, obscuring visibility from the south. However, concern has arisen about poor visibility for those turning right as well, partially from cars parked on the east side of the street as well as a large tree. The Committee asked the Engineering Department to review this intersection and make recommendations at the next meeting. Engineering provided a verbal update that a full study would be needed, but not in the budget. The house at 513 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street would need to be removed to improve visibility.*

April 22, 1997:

3) *N. FOURTH ST. & DIVISION ST. INTERSECTION: A citizen concern about this intersection has been received. Pete presented accident data for the intersection for the past seven years. Sixteen incidents have been reported during the past seven years. Most were of the inattentive driving variety and none involved serious injury. The committee recommends no action at this time.*

## ATTACHMENTS

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4<sup>th</sup> Streets:

- Site Map