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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French
Alderman Mollie Jones*

Monday, March 19, 2018

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Robert Mozol, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran, Charles French and Mollie Jones

EXCUSED: 2 - Dave Wohlgemuth and John Heckenlively

Also Present: John Rooney, Jim Palenick, Diane Anderson

Approval of Minutes for the January 15, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[0219-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 2nd District, on behalf of Mrs. Diane Anderson - 1638 Main St., requesting to modify parking in the 1600 block of Main Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-19-18: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Diane Anderson appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested to modify parking in the 1600 block of Main Street. She specifically requested no parking on the east side of Main Street at all times. She believes there is a safety issue there for vehicular traffic as well as issues related to snow plowing and people parking on the way down to the park in that area, particularly after park hours and into the night.

Secretary Rooney noted the roadway width is 30 feet and that does not create a substantial problem for traffic flow with vehicles parked on both sides of the street. He noted that for the low volume of traffic that uses that roadway, there should be little

to no issue of bi-direction traffic moving through there with cars parked on both sides of the roadway.

Diane Anderson questioned the Commissioner of Public Works regarding her 18 years being on the street as to why no parking would be a benefit to snow removal operations.

Alderwoman Jones also questioned why some of the restrictions were posted on Main Street, between 14th Street and 16th Street.

Mark Yehlen replied the two blocks to the north are narrower by 2 feet and noted that the narrowness of the road is what prompts the parking restrictions and felt that DPW could adequately maintain Main Street south of 16th Street as is.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file.

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Mozol, Yehlen, Tran

Members voting naye: Jones

Motion passed 3:1

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0253-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District, on behalf of residents of Melvin Avenue, requesting No Parking signs be placed on the north side of the 700 block of Melvin Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-19-18: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Secretary Rooney read the request of Alderwoman Lemke to the Traffic Commission. He noted from an e-mail conversation earlier that day, it appears Alderwoman Lemke's request is to install parking restrictions on the north side of the 700 block of Melvin Avenue as to restrict trailer parking on that side of the roadway. She noted, in her e-mail, that residents were complaining and that she believed this had been looked at by RPD, but she thought a new parking regulation may be needed to enforce this.

Secretary Rooney read an e-mail reply back to Alderwoman Lemke and the Traffic Commission members noting that an ordinance already exists to deal with trailer and large vehicle parking. He said if the trailers that are parked out there meet the ordinance then it is permitted to park on the street. If it does not, then RPD should enforce the large vehicle parking restrictions which are those vehicle/trailer combinations greater than 30 feet with the weight of more than 10,000 lbs. If it meets the requirements to be parked on-street, then he indicated that perhaps, Alderwoman Lemke may want to consider the limitations for large vehicles be reduced. He didn't suggest that, but that is the mechanism to deal with large vehicle parking restrictions. He noted this issue had come up before to the Traffic Commission in years past.

Chairman French noted a similar issue arose with some breadbox trucks parking in a neighborhood, where people simply didn't like the look of those vehicles parking on the street.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date - April 16, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

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