

Minutes of Committee
Monday, May 26, 2009
7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Liquor License Request: Team Spirit Shell
- 4) Review Request for 10-Minute Parking Spot at York and Adelaide
- 2) Presentation by Engineering Department on Traffic and Parking Policies and Procedures
- 3) Yield Sign request: Linden and Niagara Avenues
- 5) Skunk Related Problems
- 6) Elmhurst Wireless Radio Alarm Network
- 7) Other Business

Members Present: Wagner (part), Nybo, Pezza (part)

Elected Official Present: Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp (part), Doherty, Bacidore, Mahoney, McGrew, B. Coulter (engineering consultant) Trosien, Panico

Guest: Abraham Pallivathukkal (representing Peter Geather,) Tom Paravola, Peter Matthew

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. P. Matthew manager of Team Spirit Shell addressed the Committee regarding his request for a liquor license. Subsequent to his presentation, Chief Neubauer expressed concerns regarding sales of alcohol from gas stations. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee signed the report supporting Staff's recommendation to deny the liquor license request.
4. Subsequent to Chief Neubauer's request, Item 4 was taken out of order to accommodate Paravola who was present for this item. Trosien addressed the Committee providing a review of 10 minute parking in the central business district analysis conducted in 2008. Trosien reviewed the request for two (2) 10 minute parking spaces, one on York Rd, north of Adelaide, and one on Adelaide, west of York Rd. Trosien worked with Paravola, Executive Director of the City Centre, reviewing the request and surveying businesses. This review and survey revealed a number of businesses would benefit from 10 minute parking spaces. Therefore it was the recommendation to have one 10 minute parking space on north bound York, north of Adelaide, and one 10 minute parking space on west bound Adelaide, west of York Rd. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to prepare a report for phone in signatures for the next council meeting.
2. City Engineer, McGrew and the City's traffic consultant, B. Coulter, addressed the Committee providing an overview of the Engineering Department's policies and process regarding traffic and parking requests. McGrew provided the Committee members with engineering forms, materials, and flow charts detailing the analysis process. Coulter gave further explanation of his background and expertise as a traffic consultant, and his role in assisting the City's Engineering Department. During further discussion, both McGrew and Coulter responded to the Committee's questions.
3. McGrew addressed the Committee providing a review of Staff's findings regarding the yield sign request for Linden and Niagara Avenues. Subsequent to discussion, the Committee agreed with Staff's recommendation that yield signs met the warrants for northbound and southbound Linden Ave and signed the report.
5. The Chairman deferred this item to the next Committee meeting date.
6. Chief Kopp addressed the Committee and responded to questions regarding an overview and history of the Wireless Radio Alarm Network proposal/project. During subsequent discussion, Chief Kopp provided the Committee with prior reports and materials detailing the project. The discussion focused on costs and benefits of the system to both the City and alarm customers. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to begin the request for proposal (RFP) process and report back to the Committee with the results.

7. Reports of the following traffic studies were provided to the Committee that did not require Committee action.

7a. West Avenue and Alexander Boulevard Safety Review. Mr. Coulter recommends future changes to the West Avenue geometry, which will allow for coordinated striping improvements, when the roadway is resurfaced. In the interim, staff will proceed with installation of a stop bar and skip dash striping to delineate the turning path from southbound West Avenue to eastbound Alexander.

7b. West Avenue and Third Street Stop Sign Study. The warrants for additional stop signs were not met. Staff will proceed with installation of “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” plaques under the Third Street stop signs and continue to monitor accident history at this intersection.

7c. Berkley Avenue and Randolph Street Stop Sign Study. The existing two-way stop control is appropriate for conditions.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief