

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

January 19, 2015

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Chairperson Schlicht in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Bob Schlicht and Ron Vandertie were present. Member Ed Ireland was absent. Also present: City Administrator Steve McNeil, Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak, City Engineer Tony Depies, Alderman Jerry Stults and Municipal Services Assistant Jennifer Lenius. Arleigh Porter entered at 3:45 p.m.

Moved by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Schlicht to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from 8/18/2014.
4. Consideration of: Review of conceptual plans for Duluth Ave (CTH C).
5. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Schlicht to approve the minutes from 8/18/2014. Carried.

Consideration of: Review of conceptual plans for Duluth Ave (CTH C).

Mr. Depies presented the Duluth Avenue plan which is a joint project between the County and City and has received 80% grant funding by the DOT. The construction is proposed to take place in 2018 and needs to follow state and federal guidelines. The project covers all of Duluth Avenue from north of the Hwy 42/57 intersection to Elm Street. The plan would require parking restrictions since the pavement area is not wide enough for parking with the proposed sidewalks and bicycle facilities as required by the federal standards. The project will also reconstruct the Maple Street / Duluth Avenue intersection which is currently offset by approximately 60'. Doing this would require purchasing one full property and two partial properties. The reconstruction allows for the addition of sidewalks on Maple Street west of Duluth Avenue in the future. Mr. Depies explained that if the City asks to place the additional sidewalks on Maple Street into the plan it would be possible to receive 80% grant funding for this as part of the project.

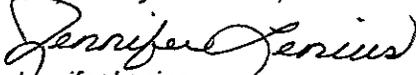
Discussion took place on the need for parking by residents in the area. Mr. Depies explained that most properties in this area have ample parking so there are not many vehicles that park on Duluth Avenue.

The committee requested that Mr. Depies ask the engineering firm, Donahue and Associates, to add sidewalks to Maple Street west of Duluth Avenue into the plan.

Motion by Ald. Schlicht, seconded by Ald. Vandertie to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Lenius

Municipal Services Assistant