

## PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

July 20, 2015

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Ireland in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Kelly Catarozoli, Ron Vandertie and Ed Ireland were present. Also present: City Engineer Tony Depies, Police Chief Arleigh Porter, Public Works Crew Supervisor Chad Shefchik, Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak and Municipal Services Secretary Colleen DeGrave.

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

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from 04/20/2015.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items.
5. Consideration of: Speed/child safety issues in the alley between S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from Nebraska St. to Michigan St.
6. Consideration of: Painting parking spaces along the west side of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Iowa St. and Florida St.
7. Consideration of: Extension of sidewalks on Michigan Street in coordination with the construction of the Roundabout on STH 42/57.
8. Consideration of: Repair of potholes on city streets.
9. Consideration of: Placing Bike Friendly and Tree City designation logos on the City of Sturgeon Bay website homepage.
10. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Vandertie, to approve the minutes from 04/20/2015. Carried.

### **Public comment on non-agenda items.**

Linda Cockburn, 153 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. spoke regarding the sidewalks in the city being very uneven and in need of repair, and difficult for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially the elderly and children.

Scott Moore, 947 Pennsylvania St. stated he would like to see more parking stalls painted on the north side of Jefferson St. across from Ace Hardware, near 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Chief Porter supported that idea.

### **Consideration of: Speed/child safety issues in the alley between S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from Nebraska St. to Michigan St.**

Chief Porter reported the alley in this area has become a safety concern, particularly with the Boys & Girls Club located there. He explained they have placed fencing there as a temporary fix. With high traffic volume in that alley and speed being an issue, Chief Porter would like to see seasonal speed bumps installed, information posted on the website or social media to educate the public, and police enforcement in that area.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli, to install seasonal speed bumps in the alley between S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from Nebraska St. to Michigan St., and if necessary, paint a ladder safety grid pattern, and any other safety measures deemed necessary by staff. All in favor. Carried.

### **Consideration of: Painting parking spaces along the west side of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Iowa St. and Florida St.**

Stewart Fett, 1324 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Pl., Alderman of District 6, and Production Manager at Bay Ship stated he felt the parking along the west side of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Iowa St. and Florida St. could be better utilized if the spaces were painted. Chief Porter supported that idea.

Motion by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Vandertie, to paint parking spaces along the west side of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Iowa St. and Florida St.

Tony Depies recommended painting a center line also.

Amended motion by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Vandertie, to paint a center line and parking spaces along the west side of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Iowa St. and Florida St. All in favor. Carried.

**Consideration of: Extension of sidewalks on Michigan Street in coordination with the construction of the Roundabout on STH 42/57.**

Tony Depies reported the roundabout construction at STH 42/57 is set to begin in the Spring of 2016, and would include bike and pedestrian lanes. He is recommending a connection to the roundabout by placing sidewalks on the north side of Michigan St. by the YMCA to the highway. He stated placing sidewalks on the south side of Michigan St. would be another possibility, but there are some grading issues that would be costly, both to the city and property owners.

Randy Watermolen, 314 N. Hudson Ave., T.J. Walker Middle School Principal, stated the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Board that he is a member of, was initially in favor of sidewalks on the south side of Michigan St., but were not aware that residents would be responsible for a portion of that cost, and it no longer seemed feasible. He would like to see the City look for grant opportunities, as it is a heavily travelled street and he thought it should be a natural consideration.

Ralph Olson, 112 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Pl. stated placing sidewalks on the south side of Michigan St. would be a substantial expense for him, and that in his opinion, most people currently use the north side of Michigan St.

Lynn Lacrosse, 1605 Michigan St. spoke. He said he is concerned with putting sidewalks on the south side of Michigan due to all the guide wires, trees, and the school track, and thought it would be safer and cheaper both for the residents and the city to keep the sidewalk on the north side.

Janelle Peoter, 109 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Pl. stated she does not believe the benefit to the public would outweigh the cost of putting sidewalks on the south side of Michigan St.

Joseph Kohlbeck, 1613 Michigan St., did not feel there was enough foot traffic to warrant sidewalks on the south side of Michigan.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Ireland to extend the sidewalk on the north side of Michigan St. past the YMCA parcel to STH 42/57. All in favor. Carried.

**Consideration of: Repair of potholes on city streets.**

Ald. Catarozoli asked Public Works Crew Supervisor Chad Shefchik to explain the current pothole procedure. Mr. Shefchik explained complaints are received through the City of Sturgeon Bay website, alderpersons notifying the Street Dept., as well as phone calls from citizens to the Street Dept. It is then checked out and if it needs repairing it is taken care of. No action was taken.

**Consideration of: Placing Bike Friendly and Tree City designation logos on the City of Sturgeon Bay website homepage.**

Motion by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Vandertie to place Bike Friendly and Tree City designation logos on the City of Sturgeon Bay website homepage. All in favor. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave  
Municipal Services Secretary