



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Mike Waldron
Michelle Mangelsdorf
Shawn Christ
Todd Allen

OTHER: Scott Raes
Dick Brown
Kevin Irby

STAFF: Andrea Peterson

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes of the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of March 4, 2014.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to reconsider placement of the Handicap Parking Space located in Parking Lot I at 6th Avenue & 13th Street.** Committee members discussed that our fleet does not haul snow from City parking lots. Winter conditions in the Midwest were particularly harsh this year. Public parking has been difficult for all of our City lots. Christ commented that the current sign is placed so that handicap parking users are more accessible to businesses located nearby. Committee discussed that they had not heard of any issues prior to this year and believe that the amount of snow we received this year may have been the reason for the request. Motion to deny request by Christ, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request to make the left lane a left turn only lane, westbound, at 1st Street & 19th Avenue.** Mr. Hinton sent Engineers to do a traffic study at 1st Street & 19th Avenue. The Engineers concluded that this intersection does not warrant a left turn only signal. However, committee members discussed that there is a sign located at this intersection stating that the left turn lane is a left turn only lane. Motion to stripe lanes accordingly with no change to the signals by Christ, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request for removal of two-hour parking signs located one block east on 5th Avenue at the intersection of 19th Street.** Scott Hinton expressed that Traffic Committee has tried to make a conscious effort to stay out of issues pertaining to downtown parking. Hinton stated that parking is in most instances prohibited under structures such as a bridge. Years ago, the City requested to the Illinois Department of Transportation that parking be allowed under I-74 so businesses in area had ample amounts of parking. At the time these two-hour parking signs were installed there were bars and restaurants downtown. This is no longer the case. This location is now home to Deere & Company. Motion to remove signs and approve request by Waldron, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Waldron, Allen, Hinton, Mangelsdorf. Nays: Christ.
- 5. Request for a no parking sign at the intersection of 16th Avenue & 54th Street Court.** Battalion Chief, Kevin Irby, spoke on behalf of the Fire Department about the difficulties of the fire call they received at 16th Avenue & 54th Street Court. Scott Hinton questioned the amount of snow located on the corners of the intersection and whether that could have been a factor in the difficulty of this fire call. Hinton stated that the City does not place signs like these if the issue involved snow. Christ mentioned that parking is already banned on the north side of the road. Motion to table request until fire department attempts to make this turn with their vehicle during normal weather conditions by Waldron, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Request that 5th Avenue between 14th Street and 15th Street is included as an emergency snow route requiring drivers to move vehicles when more than two inches of snow fall has occurred. Waldron stated that it has been difficult task to enforce emergency snow routes. As you can imagine, many other issues in need of police assistance occur during heavy snowfalls requiring parking to be a last priority. Hinton stated that we have increasingly started taking these parking signs down. Allen questioned whether any of the rest of downtown was a snow emergency route. Removal of snow in parking spaces downtown is a last priority for the Public Works Department and installing these signs would not resolve any problems. Motion to deny request by Waldron, seconded by Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Raes brought a request from a doctor who works at multiple hospitals in the Quad Cities. The doctor stated that a patient passed away because they could not get to the hospital in a timely manner. The doctor requested that he be given a sticker or something giving him the right to drive faster on the streets of Moline. Mangelsdorf stated that this will only open liability issues. For example, Mangelsdorf stated that if this individual was in an accident due to the City allowing them to drive faster the City may then be involved in a legal dispute. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Hinton received a request that the "no parking from here to corner" sign at 1st Street and River Drive be moved 25 feet north of current location. Empty semi trailers are being left on the street adjacent to the MetroLINK entrance making it difficult for delivery trucks and buses to make the turn. Allen stated that there was a similar situation at 24th Street and 5th Avenue. Hinton stated that this parking sign may be removed in the future when a possible bike path is installed. Motion to approve request by Waldron, seconded by Mangelsdorf. Motion carried unanimously.

Hinton received a request for a "no parking sign from here to corner" on 24th Street near the intersection of 5th Avenue allowing cars to safely enter 5th Avenue. Vehicles are parking too close to the intersection causing line of sight issues. Alderman Brown questioned whether we place these "no parking from here to corner" signs around the City because drivers tend to park too close to the corner or do we place them around the City to identify the ordinance requiring you to park 30 ft from an intersection. Mangelsdorf stated that the signs are placed when there has been a frequent issue with people parking too close to the intersection. Mangelsdorf suggested that we monitor this intersection and see if there are issues with drivers who frequent business located here prior to putting up the sign. Motion to table request and see if we can solve the problem with the police force by Allen, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Hinton, seconded by DeVrieze. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering