

MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, November 3, 2015



PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Mike Waldron
Jim Versluis
Chris Mathias
Chris Pickens

OTHERS: Lupe Tapia
Scott Raes
David Parker
Tom Conrad

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 October 6, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to permit parking on 26th Avenue, between 34th Street and 41st Street.** Conrad attended on behalf of agenda item. Conrad stated that eight residents live at 3605 26th Avenue. Due to the lack of on-street parking, residents living at 3605 26th Avenue are not able to have visitors. Committee could not find a reason why parking was prohibited on 26th Avenue. Hinton informed Committee that 26th Avenue is wide enough to permit parking on one side. If approved, Mathias addressed adding bike lanes on 26th Avenue. Hinton stated that bike lanes can be discussed during the pavement marking program next year. Motion to allow parking on the north side of 26th Avenue, from the west property line of 3605 26th Avenue to the west property line of 4015 26th Avenue by Pickens, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously. After motion was carried, staff agreed that student parking needed to be addressed. Motion to amend previous motion and prohibit vehicles from parking for more than two hours on 26th Avenue, between the west property line of 3605 26th Avenue and the west property line of 4015 26th Avenue, during school hours by Waldron, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Request for a residential handicap parking space at 3605 26th Avenue.** Committee agreed that handicap parking was necessary at 3605 26th Avenue. Motion to install two on-street handicap parking stalls by Versluis, seconded by Pickens. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Request to install additional signage on 4th Street, between 24th Avenue and 29th Avenue, to prevent speeding.** Alderman Parker informed Committee that residents would like stop signs installed due to speeding and increased traffic on 4th Street. Parker added that 70 concerned residents signed a petition to install stop signs on 4th Street. Due to high traffic volumes, residents find it difficult to back out of driveways. Parker added that the area has seen an increase in pedestrians since the new Hamilton Elementary School opened. Parker felt that a stop sign would help slow traffic down on 4th Street. Hinton stated that traffic code rejects the use of stop signs to prevent speeding. Pickens performed a traffic study in said location and presented the study. Pickens found the average speed of vehicles traveling on 4th Street to be less than 30 miles per hour. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Mathias. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Request for a residential handicap parking space at 915 ½ 4th Avenue.** Pickens reported that the homeowner of 915 ½ 4th Avenue does not drive. The visiting nurse has requested a space to pick up the resident living in said location. Waldron stated that the visiting nurse has access to the property in the alley. Hinton stated that residential handicap parking spaces are not typically given to someone who does not live in the home. Motion to deny by Waldron, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Request for a residential handicap parking space at 155 4th Avenue.** Tapia attended on behalf of agenda item. Due to health issues, Tapia needs a parking space within a short distance of 155 4th Avenue. Tapia stated that a business nearby is taking all of the parking spaces near 155 4th Avenue. Mathias investigated the location and could not find parking near 155 4th Avenue. Motion to install a residential handicap parking space at 155 4th Avenue by Mathias, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Request to prohibit parking on the east side of 48th Street, between 44th Avenue and 46th Avenue, for the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Pickens reported that it is difficult for students to cross 48th Street during school hours. Butterworth Elementary School has requested that parking is prohibited on the east side of 48th Street to prevent an accident from occurring. Motion to prohibit parking on the east side of 48th Street, between Avenue and 46th Avenue, for the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. by Pickens, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Request to prohibit parking on the north side of 25th Avenue A, from 29th Street west to the dead end.** Waldron stated that 25th Avenue A is a narrow road. Mathias agreed that the road is not wide enough for parking on both sides. Versluis added that it may be difficult to get a fire truck down the avenue. Motion to prohibit parking on the north side of 25th Avenue A, from 29th Street west to the dead end by Mathias, seconded by Versluis. Motion carried with the following votes: Aye: Waldron, Versluis, Mathias, and Pickens. Nay: Hinton.

Other:

Motion to adjourn by Versluis, seconded by Pickens. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Peterson
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering