



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
3635 4th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

PRESENT: Scott Hinton
Chris Mathias
Laura Klauer
Sergeant Chris Pickens
Jim Versluis

OTHERS: Alderman Waldron
Darrin Norin

STAFF: JD Schulte
Heather Hurley
Matt Moore

Scott Hinton called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Traffic Engineering Committee meeting of June 6, 2017.** Motion to approve minutes by Versluis, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Request to lower the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on 51st and 52nd Streets between 44th and 47th Avenue.** Resident Darrin Norin on behalf of Heritage addition stated that the current posted speed limit of 30 mph does not make sense considering the posted speed limit on 44th and 47th Avenue is 20 mph. Norin stated that residents in Heritage would like the speed limit to stay at 20 mph for safety purposes. Hinton explained that records do not show why these Avenues are posted at 20 mph and that there's a possibility that it could be due to the width of the street. 44th Avenue has a width of 25 feet which is narrow for two way traffic and may have been the reasoning in lowering the speed limit to 20 mph; however 51st and 52nd Streets are narrow as well but are one ways and would not warrant reducing the speed limit due to the width of the road. Norin explained that posting the speed limit at 30 mph is a big risk to take as children are present in this area. Sergeant Pickens stated that we would need to look at the data in order to justify lowering the speed limit. The traffic data report shows that cars are driving slower than the posted speed limit of 30 mph. Sergeant Pickens explained that even if a lower speed limit is posted it does not mean it will be followed and would result in needing further enforcement. Alderman Waldron urged the committee to consider keeping all roads in this area consistent at 20 mph. Hinton stated that consistency is important and feels that the streets need to stay the same speed limit of 30 mph as this is the speed limit for all residential streets. Committee discussed the traffic report results showing the average speed reported in this area is 24 mph. Norin stated that data is inaccurate due to the

placement of the sign being too close to a stop sign. Hinton explained that there are a total of four streets in addition to 44th and 47th Avenues that are currently under the ordinance for non school roads set at 20 mph. Versluis motioned to approve lowering the speed limit to 20 mph on 51st and 52nd Streets between 44th and 47th Avenue. Mathias stated that the issue with this request is the consistency factor and residential streets have a speed limit of 30 mph and therefore 51st and 52nd Streets should stay consistent with all other residential streets. Motion failed for lack of a second.

3. Request to extend persons with disabilities parking space at 403 43rd Street.

Sergeant Pickens explained that that the resident utilizes a bus service that picks him up three times a week. The issue is that the bus is unable to pull up far enough within the persons with disabilities parking space in order to meet the sidewalk. Residents do utilize the on street parking in this area more in the evenings; however the bus could pick up on the corner of 43rd Street and 4th Avenue as the sidewalk is ADA compliant. Hinton stated that we've always followed the regulation that the persons with disabilities parking spaces are for resident's vehicles and not pick-up services. If a request were currently made for a persons with disability parking space it would be denied for lack of a vehicle. Committee discussed the issue of restricting on street resident parking for a pick-up service for only three times a week. There is also the issue of the sidewalk not being usable during inclement weather if the resident was to utilize the ADA compliant sidewalk for pick-up at the corner of 43rd Street and 4th Avenue. Mathias suggested inquiring with the bus service in order to see what their practice is in these situations. Sergeant Pickens suggested tabling the request until next month in order to collect further data on vehicles utilizing the on street parking in the evenings. Klauer motioned to approve request to extend persons with disabilities parking space at 403 43rd Street 10 feet south of its current location, seconded by Mathias. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to install two persons with disabilities parking spaces at 1727 18th Avenue.

Sergeant Pickens explained that both residents meet the medical criteria and did list C.O.P.D and heart complications on their application. Residents only have on street parking in front of the property as there is no garage or parking off of the alley located in the rear of the property. Hinton asked if both resident's vehicles have placards. Sergeant Pickens stated that yes, both vehicles do have placards. Versluis motioned to approve two persons with disabilities parking spaces at 1727 18th Avenue, seconded by Klauer. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for two-hour parking restrictions in front of Top Ten Nails and Hair Salon at 826 18th Avenue.

Mathias inquired about the history of this area, some businesses have 15 minute parking posted and others don't? Hinton stated that there have been multiple issues in this area with residential parking competing with businesses customer parking. Committee discussed enforcing two hour parking Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Klauer questioned what the business would do about their weekend customers? Hinton also questioned what residents would do if they parked in this area after 5:00 pm? Would residents have their vehicles moved by 8:00 am the following day? Alderman Waldron stated that Council would be more concerned with supplying the business with parking as the landlords of the residential properties in this area have yet to do anything for tenant parking. Versluis motioned to approve two hour parking restrictions Monday through

Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for two parking spaces in front of Top Ten Nails and Hair Salon at 826 18th Avenue, seconded by Mathias. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Other. Schulte questioned if we had a method in place to know when a resident that has a persons with disabilities parking space vacates the property. Hinton explained that we did go through all of our persons with disabilities parking spaces a few years ago in order to uninstall those that were no longer needed. Sergeant Pickens added that there is a renewal process in place and is stated on the application.

Motion to adjourn by Versluis, seconded by Sergeant Pickens. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hurley
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering