



MINUTES
Traffic Engineering Committee
Tuesday, December 4, 2012

PRESENT: Todd Allen
Shawn Christ
Scott Hinton
Mike Waldron

STAFF: Rhonda Bartz
Andrea Peterson

OTHER: Alderman, Scott Raes

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 November 6, 2012.** Motion by Christ to approve minutes, seconded by Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Request to review the parking spaces on 5th Avenue in front of 1514 5th Avenue.** Committee discussed the fire hydrant located on the south side of the street near La Flama restaurant. The Code of Ordinances requires no parking within 15 feet of a hydrant. When 5th Avenue was recently reconstructed two parking spaces were placed in front of fire hydrant. The public continues to park in these marked places causing enforcement and adjudication issues. The Fire Department confirms that parking vehicles in this area would not hinder firefighting efforts. Committee discussed changing the ordinance regarding the 15 feet in front of a hydrant or just changing this location. Staff will notify Legal and discuss how to proceed with Council.
3. **Request to place a warning sign on northbound 36th Street, north of 8th Avenue to warn of the Morning Star entrance/exit at 36th Street and 6th Avenue.** Committee discussed placing a warning left arrow sign at this location since it appears to be a speed issue versus line of sight. No accidents have been reported at this location. Motion to install left arrow warning sign, northbound, on 36th Street by Waldron, seconded by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Request to relocate the painted, 48th Street crosswalk at Wilson Middle School from the south side of the exit to the north side of the exit.** Relocating the painted crosswalk to the north side of the exit will allow students to cross at 48th Street without interfering with traffic exiting the school. Committee in favor of relocating the crosswalk, but agreed that the City needs to receive something in writing from the school that they approve this before we change the pavement markings. Motion by Waldron to re-stripe the 48th Street crosswalk at Wilson Middle School from the south side of the exit to the north side of the exit in Spring 2013 through the annual pavement marking program after we receive a letter from Wilson School, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Request to install a northbound left turn arrow on 48th Street at the 12th Avenue intersection.** The intersection at this location is currently signalized, but traffic backs up for morning and afternoon school traffic. Committee discussed the cost to change the traffic signal would be approximately \$6,500 and there is no funding for this project. City Engineer recommends installing northbound/southbound left arrow at the same time. Motion by Waldron to install northbound/southbound left turn arrow on 48th Street at 12th Avenue if the School District will pay for it, seconded by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Alderman Raes received a request from a citizen to remove a speed limit sign located on 18th Street , south of Avenue of the Cities, on the west side as you cross 35th Avenue. Motion to remove speed limit sign by Waldron, seconded by Allen.

Motion to adjourn by Waldron, seconded by Hinton. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Bartz
Administrative Secretary, Public Works - Engineering