

Parking & Traffic
October 26, 2020

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Reeths in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Kirsten Reeths, Gary Nault and Spencer Gustafson were present. Also present: City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, Police Chief Clint Henry, and Municipal Services Director Mike Barker.

Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Gustafson to adopt the following agenda:

4 and #5 from original agenda was swapped

1. **Roll call.**
2. **Adoption of agenda.**
3. **Public comment.**
4. **Consideration of: UTV/ATV City street trails to CP&S Committee for further consideration**
5. **Consideration of: “No Parking Zone” on the south side of W. Walnut Drive between S. Elgin and S. Fulton Ave.**
6. **Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Public comment. None

Consideration of: UTV/ATV City street trails to CP&S Committee for further consideration:

Jeff May offered his support on helping come up with a route through the city for UTV/ATV riders. He stated that he helped Nasewaupée develop their plan to allow UTV/ATVs on their roads. He stated that there is great interest from folks from within the City and outside the City to connect Sturgeon Bay to the rest of the trail systems. Ald. Gustafson stated that from his dealings with his constituents he would like to see them kept out of neighborhoods. He also mentioned that he had mixed responses when he posted this topic on social media. Ald. Nault spoke of his support and how this would be a nice thing for the residents as long as we could come up with the safest routes. Ald. Reeths spoke about different laws that the DOT and WI DNR have for UTV/ATV riders and that they could be good tools for the City to use to develop our own rules and routes. Police Chief Henry mentioned that use of the Highway 42/57 bridge may be the best option to be able to keep the UTV/ATVs out of neighborhoods. City Administrator stated that no ad hoc committee is needed to help with this; the Parking and Traffic committee should continue to research and determine if this should be allowed. He also mentioned that it should really be determined if this is what the City wants, also mentioned that the public safety departments should have input on their concerns/ideas. Jeff May said that he would meet up with other citizens that are in support of this and get some ideas on paper prior to next meeting. This will be discussed at next meeting.

Consideration of: “No Parking Zone” on the south side of W. Walnut Drive between S. Elgin and S. Fulton Ave.:

Ald. Gustafson proposed a “No Parking Zone” as outlined due to a high amount of large vehicles parked in the area. There are often large trucks, trailers, and vans parked on W. Walnut on both sides of the street thus leaving the street just wide enough for one vehicle to pass at a time. Ald. Nault mentioned that a small portion of that area already had two “No Parking Between Signs” posted and that we could simply extend the no parking area. Mike Barker mentioned that there was a complaint earlier this summer from a resident of the abundance of parking and how children were entering the street between the cars and it was a safety concern. He also verified that there was an unusually high amount of large vehicles and trailers parked this summer.

Moved by Ald. Gustafson, seconded by Ald. Nault, to “**Extend existing No Parking Zone to the corner of S. Fulton and add an additional sign in the middle of the extended No Parking Zone**”. All in favor. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by Ald. Gustafson, seconded by Ald. Nault. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Barker
Municipal Services Director