

**Parking & Traffic**  
**June 28, 2021**

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, Spencer Gustafson and Dennis Statz were present. Also present: Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, City Engineer Chad Shefchik, Mayor David Ward and Municipal Services Assistant Colleen DeGrave.

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

1. **Roll call.**
2. **Adoption of agenda.**
3. **Public comment.**
4. **Consideration of: Potential future sidewalk additions at the following locations:**

- Rhode Island Street: North side of the roadway in gaps between S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Memorial Drive: North side of the roadway in gaps between S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue: East of the roadway from Rhode Island Street to Memorial Drive
- N. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue: West side of the roadway from Egg Harbor Road to Bluebird Street
- S. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue: West side of the roadway from Rhode Island Street to Memorial Drive
- N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue: West side of the roadway from Michigan Street to Georgia Street

5. **Consideration of: Eliminating parking on the North side of Oregon Street between S. 4<sup>th</sup> and S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**
6. **Discussion of: Preferred detour routes for Bayview Bridge closures.**
7. **Discussion of: Placing a 4-way stop at the intersection of S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Pennsylvania Street.**
8. **Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

**Public comment.**

No public comment.

**Consideration of: Potential future sidewalk additions.** City Engineer Chad Shefchik gave a presentation on the sidewalk areas mentioned, explained the options, costs and what the most favorable location for each planned sidewalk was. He stated any costs for removal of trees, moving of fire hydrants etc. is accounted for in the total cost listed for the project. He explained when determining which sidewalks to complete first, consideration is usually given to what makes the most sense, finishing off any gaps, what else is located in the area (i.e. schools, etc.) and how heavily they are used. Discussion took place by committee members.

Moved by Ald. Statz to recommend the Board of Public Works review the top 5 for consideration, excluding N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Ald. Statz, seconded by Ald. Gustafson to recommend the Board of Public Works review the top 5 sidewalk additions, placing N. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. as the priority, and excluding N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. All in favor. Carried.

**Consideration of: Eliminating parking on the North side of Oregon Street between S. 4<sup>th</sup> and S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** Discussion took place regarding how many accidents have occurred at this location, how many parking spaces would be lost, etc. Motion by Ald. Gustafson, seconded by Ald. Statz to table this item until further information can be obtained from the Police Department. All in favor. Carried.

**Discussion of: Preferred detour routes for Bayview Bridge closures.** City Engineer Chad Shefchik gave an overview of three different routes that could be used during Bayview Bridge closures. The committee will consider the best route at the next Parking & Traffic meeting in August.

**Discussion of: Placing a 4-way stop at the intersection of S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Pennsylvania Street.** Ald. Gustafson explained this intersection had been brought up by the SBVC as a concern. He explained due to increased usage of Graham Park it might be an area to consider. Ald. Gustafson asked staff if placing temporary stop signs there would be an alternative. City engineer Shefchik stated those can be dangerous and make the situation more of a hazard. Discussion took place and no action was taken at this time.

Moved by Ald. Statz, seconded by Ald. Gustafson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave  
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