

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

May 21, 2018

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 4:29 p.m. by Chairperson Catarozoli in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Kelly Catarozoli, Kelly Avenson and David Hayes were present. Also present: City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak and Municipal Services Assistant Colleen DeGrave.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Hayes to adopt the following agenda:

- 1. Roll call.**
- 2. Adoption of agenda.**
- 3. Approval of minutes from 9/18/2017.**
- 4. Public comment on Agenda items and other issues related to parking & traffic in the City of Sturgeon Bay.**
- 5. Consideration of: Updating the bike shield on the main page of the city website to match the bike shield on the Bicycle and Pedestrian page.**
- 6. Consideration of: Ordinance change to the Bike and Pedestrian Board.**
- 7. Consideration of: DOT signage request – no truck signage for the Michigan Street Bridge.**
- 8. Consideration of: Designated truck route.**
- 9. Consideration of: Intersection of 4th Ave. & Louisiana St. – Address visibility issues.**
- 10. Discussion of: Installing a four way stop sign on the corner of 7th & Florida St.**
- 11. Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Hayes, to approve the minutes from 9/18/2017. Carried.

Public comment on Agenda items and other issues related to parking & traffic in the City of Sturgeon Bay.

Hans Christian, 370 N. 3rd Ave., spoke regarding agenda item #8, creating a designated truck route, stating he would like to see large delivery trucks rerouted away from 3rd Ave. Paul Anschutz, 221 N. 6th Ave., agreed that it was unsafe to have these trucks travelling down 3rd Ave. He suggested the City work with Fincantieri's corporate office on a solution. He also requested the committee check with the DOT to see if the intersection on Hwy. 42 and Gordon Rd. would qualify as a recommended truck route. Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama St. spoke regarding the visibility issues at 4th Ave. & Louisiana St. Chris Sullivan-Robinson entered at 4:47 p.m.

Consideration of: Updating the bike shield on the main page of the city website to match the bike shield on the Bicycle and Pedestrian page.

Ald. Catarozoli reported the cost of updating the bike shield on the City's website would cost approximately \$95.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Avenson to recommend to Council to update the bike shield on the main page of the city website to match the bike shield on the Bicycle and Pedestrian page. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Ordinance change to the Bike and Pedestrian Board.

Ald. Catarozoli explained this request had been made to allow a quorum of the Bike and Pedestrian Board to be met more often.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Avenson to recommend to Council to change the number of committee members on the Bike and Pedestrian Board to 7, with one being from administration, and 4 being citizens. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: DOT signage request – no truck signage for the Michigan St. Bridge. City Administrator Josh VanLieshout explained that the DOT had made a request that the City place No Trucks Ahead signage at the City's expense, to eliminate some of the past problems with bridge strikes by larger vehicles, causing bridge closings for repairs. He stated two disadvantages would be the cost, and effectively enforcing that would be difficult. He estimated the cost would be about \$400-\$500/sign to install. Ald. Catarozoli asked if placing the signage on the highway would be more advantageous to keeping trucks away from 3rd Ave. Mr. VanLieshout said the DOT was only requesting signage on the Michigan St. Bridge. Ald. Hayes asked if two signs were standard and Mr. VanLieshout said yes. Ald. Hayes recommended placing "Historic Bridge" downtown as a way of

detering trucks from the Michigan St. Bridge. He also stated he would like to see the signs be placed well ahead of the Michigan St. Bridge, as there is limited room to turn around if they see the sign near the bridge. Ald. Hayes also thought adding more signage was not desirable for aesthetic reasons and congestion of signs already in place. Ald. Catarozoli stated she had spoken with Police Chief Arleigh Porter and City Engineer Chad Shefchik and they thought the Michigan Street Bridge is designed to handle these trucks. She stated she doesn't feel the City should have to pay for these signs, and agrees with Chief Porter and Mr. Shefchik.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Avenson to recommend to Council to deny the DOT's request for signage for the Michigan Street Bridge. All in favor. Carried.

Ald. Avenson asked if the City felt this needed to change later on, would the City still have that option. Mr. VanLieshout said he believed the DOT would entertain that request at any time.

Consideration of: Designated truck route.

Ald. Catarozoli said she has heard from a lot of people regarding delivery trucks travelling on 3rd Ave. She suggested no trucks be allowed access by 3rd Ave. except local delivery trucks between Michigan St. and Jefferson St. Mr. VanLieshout agreed that allowing local deliveries would be beneficial, but enforceability is a concern. Mr. Olejniczak said even with a designated truck route, a truck can deviate from that and he didn't think the City could prohibit them. He stated getting DOT input would be important, so as not to transfer the problem from one area to another. He also thought placing signs on the highway would need to go through the Door County Highway Planning Commission. Ald. Hayes recommended going forward with rerouting truck traffic. Ald. Avenson suggested contacting the DOT first, and asked staff they could contact the DOT regarding the corner of Highway 42 and Gordon Rd. Mr. VanLieshout said he would follow up with the DOT.

Moved by Ald. Hayes, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli to recommend to Council to designate a restricted truck route between Jefferson St. and Michigan St. for 3rd Ave. except local deliveries with a signage location to be determined by staff.

Ald. Catarozoli amended the motion, seconded by Ald. Hayes to recommend to Council to create a restricted truck route on 3rd Ave. between Michigan St. and Jefferson St. to allow local deliveries only, with a signage location to be determined by staff. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Intersection of 4th Ave. & Louisiana St. – Address visibility issues.

Ald. Avenson explained that due to signs already in place, and parking in addition to the bush and fence located at the Post Office, you would almost have to go out in the intersection before you can see oncoming traffic. She asked if we could require the Post Office to plant something that would make it easier to see at that corner. Mr. Olejniczak said having a discussion with the Post Office would be a first step. Discussion took place on removing one or two parking spaces on the NW side of the intersection. Mr. VanLieshout agreed removing parking would be a best first option and help with visibility.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Hayes to recommend to Council to remove 2 parking spaces on the NW corner of 4th Ave. & Louisiana St. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Installing a four way stop sign on the corner of 7th & Florida St.

Ald. Catarozoli said speed is a concern in this area and that there is no stop sign on Florida St. from 8th Ave. to 5th Ave. She said Chief Porter has a speed board up there now as well as traffic counting. She will wait for input from Arleigh on this and will place this item on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Hayes. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave
Municipal Services Assistant