

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
January 21, 2019

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chairperson Catarozoli in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Kelly Catarozoli and Kelly Avenson were present. David Hayes was absent. Also present: City Engineer Chad Shefchik, Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, Police Chief Arleigh Porter, Alderperson Barb Allmann and Municipal Services Assistant Colleen DeGrave.

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

1. **Roll call.**
2. **Adoption of agenda.**
3. **Approval of minutes from 11/19/2018.**
4. **Public comment on Agenda items and other issues related to parking & traffic in the City of Sturgeon Bay.**
5. **Update and Consideration of: Contract & memorandum of agreement between the DOT and the City of Sturgeon Bay dated October 24, 2008.**
6. **Consideration of: 3rd Ave. Delivery Truck Ordinance.**
7. **Consideration of: Additional signage & roadway painting at the intersection of S. Oxford Ave. and Tacoma Beach Rd.**
8. **Discussion of: Winter Parking Ban**
9. **Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli, to approve the minutes from 11/19/18. Carried.

Public comment on Agenda items and other issues related to parking & traffic in the City of Sturgeon Bay.
No public comment.

Update and Consideration of: Contract & memorandum of agreement between the DOT and the City of Sturgeon Bay dated October 24, 2008.

Ald. Catarozoli asked Mr. Olejniczak to give an update on any progress that had taken place with Tim Ruenger regarding his property and the sale of the right of way for the extension of Sawyer Drive. Mr. Olejniczak shared an email from City Administrator Josh VanLieshout stating that in his conversations with Mr. Ruenger, he has decided that he will only sell all of the land or none of it, he does not wish to part with just the right of way. Given this information it was stated that the City is left with three choices: 1. See if TTX Leasing wants to make a deal on right of way 2. Begin the eminent domain process for the right of way 3. Begin a purchase for the entire parcel. If the City were to acquire just the right of way, an appraisal would be necessary. Likewise, if the City is to purchase 30+ acres, an appraisal would be needed. Mr. Olejniczak stated the City has reached out to TTX Leasing and they are not interested in selling, which Mr. Olejniczak thought was not the best option anyway, as it would route traffic from the development further west from the city. He stated the City could start the eminent domain process, but explained that is usually something to avoid and used as a last resort.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli to recommend Council to direct staff to start the appraisal process for both the eminent domain and purchasing the whole parcel owned by Tim Ruenger. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: 3rd Ave. Delivery Truck Ordinance.

Arleigh Porter gave an update on creating an ordinance regarding delivery trucks on 3rd Avenue. He explained that the current signage for delivery trucks using 3rd Avenue can be enforced due to a traffic statute that covers failure to obey traffic signals or signage, however, he stated that was not a best practice and an ordinance should be drafted. He has been working on this with Attorney Kalny. Until Attorney Kalny has an ordinance ready, it is enforceable.

Consideration of: Additional signage & roadway painting at the intersection of S. Oxford Ave. and Tacoma Beach Rd.

City Engineer Chad Shefchik informed the committee that in October of 2018, a vehicle traveling on S. Oxford Ave. failed to navigate a curve at the transition to Tacoma Beach Rd., went through a yard and struck a home. After reviewing the location, staff determined that it would be appropriate to change signage and painting at this location.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli to recommend to Council to approve additional signage and roadway painting at the intersection of S. Oxford Ave. and Tacoma Beach Rd. as recommended by staff. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Winter Parking Ban.

Ald. Avenson asked what the current procedures are for the winter parking permits. Chief Porter and Mike Barker outlined the current procedures and felt it was the most conducive to snow plowing operations.

Items to be placed on March 18, 2019 agenda: Consideration of the 3rd Avenue Delivery Truck Ordinance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave
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