

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

June 17, 2019

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

Members Kelly Avenson, Kirsten Reeths and Gary Nault were present. Also present: City Engineer Chad Shefchik, Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak, Police Chief Arleigh Porter, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, City Administrator Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Assistant Colleen DeGrave.

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

- 1. Roll call.**
- 2. Adoption of agenda.**
- 3. Approval of minutes from 3/18/2019.**
- 4. Public comment on Agenda items and other issues related to parking & traffic in the City of Sturgeon Bay.**
- 5. Consideration of: Street Closure of S. 14th Ave. between Rhode Island St. and Michigan St.**
- 6. Discussion of: Time of future meetings.**
- 7. Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Reeths, to approve the minutes from 3/18/2019. Carried.

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

No public comment.

Consideration of: Street Closure of S. 14th Ave. between Rhode Island St. and Michigan St.

Sturgeon Bay Elementary School Principal Brian O'Handley spoke regarding a street closure on S. 14th Ave. between Rhode Island St. and Michigan St. He stated there are a lot of kids that walk through this area and suggested that it be closed to through traffic. Police Chief Porter thought further discussion should take place before anything would be decided on the closure, but thought that the suggestion to close it was feasible. Mr. Shefchik said he first became aware of this request when he saw it on the agenda, but he said the road is in bad shape and it would make sense to close that road. He said there were quite a few things that should be considered first such as parking for Jaycee Field, would there be a trail placed there and if so, would it be paved or just grass, the storm sewer situation, would the City want to keep the right of way, a consultation with the Sturgeon Bay Utilities, and the boundaries of the closure. Marty Olejniczak mentioned considering what the access to Memorial Field would be. Mike Barker stated for the 2-3 hours when school traffic is heavier and the occasional sporting event that takes place there, he did not think it would be a good idea to close the road entirely, and thought gating that road would be a better option. He had concerns with routing the traffic through neighborhoods and thought it would be exchanging one hazard for another. Mr. VanLieshout said he thought staff covered what should be considered well. Ald. Avenson asked if it was originally meant to be a street, and no one knew the history of that. Mr. O'Handley stated he would be fine with gating this street near Michigan St. and that a full closure was not necessarily needed. Ald. Avenson asked if it was gated, who would pay for that and who would maintain it. Mr. VanLieshout said that would be deferred to the Sturgeon Bay School District. Mr. Olejniczak asked Mr. O'Handley if the school district was looking to have it done this year and Mr. O'Handley stated they would be fine with the City's timeframe needed.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Nault to direct staff to consult with the school to come up with a plan on gating S. 14th Ave. between Rhode Island St. and Michigan St. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Time of future meetings. Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Reeths to schedule Parking & Traffic meetings every other month, on the last Monday of the month, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Reeths. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave
Municipal Services Assistant