

AMENDED
PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
November 25, 2019

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 4:31 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: 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 amend the following agenda. Item # 7 was moved to item #5:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from 8/26/2019.
4. Public comment.
5. ~~Consideration of: Ordinance to create section 7.16 of the City of Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinance, Restricted streets (i.e. 3rd Avenue Truck Ordinance).~~
Discussion of: Update regarding the possible street closure for the street in front of Sunrise School.
6. ~~Consideration of: Seasonal transferable parking passes for short term rental hosts.~~
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7. ~~Discussion of: Update regarding the possible street closure for the street in front of Sunrise School.~~
Consideration of: Seasonal transferable parking passes for short term rental hosts.
8. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Reeths, seconded by Ald. Nault, to approve the minutes from 8/26/2019. Carried.

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

Scott Moore, 947 Pennsylvania St., ~~spoke in favor~~ was not in favor of closing the street in front of Sunrise School. He stated he felt there was sufficient safety measures in place, such as sidewalks and crosswalks in that area. Dan Lenius, 1160 N. 5th Ave., presented an unsubmitted plan regarding the future of the athletic fields in the area near the street closure being discussed. Mr. Lenius explained there is a plan being developed by a group of citizens to reconfigure the sports fields that Sturgeon Bay High School currently uses, and the plan proposes taking away that road. He stated the SBHS track team has not held a home track meet in over two years due to it not being the proper material. Todd Maas, 3026 Cty. Rd. S and Sturgeon Bay Clipper Boys Soccer head coach, stated he would like to see a turf field in that area, which would take away that road. He stated the current traffic and parking there shines headlights onto the soccer playing field during games, etc.

Discussion of: Update regarding the possible street closure for the street in front of Sunrise School.

Ald. Avenson stated the possible street closure was brought to her as a safety concern. She asked if the plan Mr. Lenius had spoken about had been brought to the Sturgeon Bay Schools and asked whether they were working on it as well. Mr. Lenius explained that the school district was aware of the plan, but the group he is working with still had to develop and price the plan, at which time it would be discussed with the school district and the City to see what could be contributed and how they could work together. He stated the Athletic Director at SBHS does have a copy, but that it had not been formally presented to the school district yet. Ald. Nault asked if there was funding and Mr. Lenius stated there was not due to the plans not being finalized yet. Mr. VanLieshout explained that the process would be the school placing an item on a referendum, then the City could have a conversation with the school to put together a plan for the field improvements, and work together with this group.

Consideration of: Ordinance to create section 7.16 of the City of Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinance, Restricted streets (i.e. 3rd Avenue Truck Ordinance). Chief Porter informed the committee that signs were put up on Michigan St. and Jefferson St. to restrict semi-truck access to the third avenue area on the recommendation of the committee. In order to enforce those traffic signs an ordinance needed to be created, and he had worked on this ordinance with the City Attorney Kalny. Both Chief Porter and Ald. Avenson felt the signs had helped already. Discussion took place regarding enforcement, education of alternate route, etc.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Nault, to create section 7.16 of the City of Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinance, Restricted streets.

More discussion took place as to what types of trucks this ordinance would include or exclude.

Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Nault to amend the motion to create section 7.16 of the City of Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinance, Restricted streets and to include a (3) c. Municipal vehicles would be exempt. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Seasonal transferrable parking passes for short term rental hosts.

Ald. Avenson reported she had a request from Alisa Landman, 330 N. Joliet Ave., to address parking for the guests that she rents to. Ms. Landman said the current parking situation does not work at her rental properties, so she would like to be able to have her guests park on the street. Parking in the driveway currently would mean a vehicle has to park across the sidewalk. Ald. Avenson thought miscellaneous vehicle passes should be offered to her for one year. Ald. Nault thought it should continue as it does currently, and be reviewed by the Municipal Services Director on a case by case basis. Ald. Reeths thought issuing miscellaneous passes could become a problem, and stated they could perhaps use Otumba Park parking lot. She thought parking on that narrow roadway could be dangerous, and suggested we leave it to the Municipal Services Director for this particular address, and table a discussion on the winter parking permits until the January Parking & Traffic Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen DeGrave
Municipal Services Assistant

January agenda items: Parking permits, handicapped parking, Bridgeport Resort parking