

Public Property & Safety Committee

June 12, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Scott McMeans, Alderman Tyler Martell, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Brennan, Fire Chief Manis, Deputy Fire Chief Blaser, City Engineer Val Mellon, Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel, Glenn Gilbert, Terry Welnicke, Anton Doneff Sr., Ben Kraynek, Jesse L. Hardrath.

Alderman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Terry Welnicke, business owner of Manitowoc Heating spoke regarding parking south of Buffalo St. and south of York St. Terry requested all day parking on these streets. Mr. Jesse Hardrath, 2350 S. 23rd St. spoke regarding his concern of lack of parking at his business at 220 N 9th St., the Chrome Shop. Mr. Anton Doneff, 5160 Expo Dr. spoke regarding parking for his tenants at the Schuette Building. Mr. Glenn Gilbert, 2614 Wollmer St. spoke regarding citations received for his vehicle(s) parked over the sidewalk in City right-of-way.

Alderman Sitkiewitz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2012 meeting of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderman McMeans seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

(12-336) Glenn and Connie Gilbert, 2614 Wollmer Street, requesting an exemption to the “blocking the sidewalk” city ordinance to allow them to park in their driveway. DC Brennan stated there is a neighbor situation going on here. DC Brennan suggested to park one car in the garage and angle park the other in the driveway. Mr. Gilbert stated his vehicles won’t fit that way. Assistant City Attorney McDaniel and DC Brennan stated they have a concern of setting individual precedent if allowed to park on the setback area. Other parking alternatives may have to be persuaded by Mr. Gilbert. Alderman Sitkiewitz made motion to deny the request. Alderman Brey seconded the motion. The motion passes 4 – 1. Alderman Brey, Alderman McMeans, Alderwoman Hennessey, Alderman Sitkiewitz – yea, Alderman Martell – nae.

(12-334) Doneff Companies relative to the S. 9th and Jay Street parking lot and possibilities for parking for future occupants of the Schuette Building. Discussion. Mr. Anton Doneff spoke regarding his parking needs at the Schuette Building for future tenants. Discussions were possibly to purchase the City parking lot at S. 9th & Jay streets, have the first right of refusal if leased spaces open up. Alderman Sitkiewitz asked if there is a count of spaces used. There was no specific number. DC Brennan stated the lot is generally full. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to lease ten spaces to Mr. Doneff and have the first right of refusal. Seconded by Alderman Sitkiewitz. The motion passed unanimously.

(12-332) Communication from MPO Ben Kraynek relative to building a new training structure at 3820 Dewey Street (document referred to Plan Commission). Ben explained the request to construct the building. The project will be at no cost to the City as all construction costs will be from donations. Ben stated this training center will be an asset training firefighters with 'hands on' training and critical thinking procedures. Ben also stated this is a need, not a want. There will be no plumbing and no electrical in the building. Materials used are preferred to be of high quality products to enable the City to have minimal maintenance for many years. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to authorize the MFD to begin the fundraising process for the Training Center project at Station #3. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The City Attorney's office will look into legal formalities regarding fundraising.

(12-297) Dale and Wendy Schroeder, to have signage installed at 30th and Lindbergh and 29th and Coolidge. Alderman Brey read a letter from the Schroeder's stating their request. The committee was unsure of the specific traffic patterns of the trucks. Alderman Brey will contact the Schroeder's to acquire more specific routes by the trucks. Discussion will be brought back to this committee. Val Mellon, City Engineer will produce mapping of the area to distinguish the streets and routes.

(12-348) Salvation Army for special parking dispensation from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm every weekday in front of Jefferson School. A brief discussion. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

(12-294) Gustavo and Tammi Gags, 815 Hawthorne Terrace, relative to the purchase of parcel no. 681-001-010 Brief discussion. Alderman Brey made a motion to approve the request of the Gags and instruct the Attorney's office to negotiate a sale price and the parcels are required to be combined through the process required by City departments. The motion was seconded by Alderman McMeans. The motion passed unanimously. Assistant Attorney McDaniel stated she will bring the negotiated sale price to the committee.

(12-328) Create Section 14.200 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code prohibiting graffiti and requiring property owners to abate graffiti when requested by the Police Department. Discussion. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to allow the creation of the aforementioned Section. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sitkiewitz. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman McMeans to allow discretion by the Police Chief of the seventy-two hour time period in the ordinance, due to inclement weather or unanticipated circumstances. Alderman Brey seconded the amended motion. The amendment to the motion passed unanimously. The original motion passed 4 – 1. Alderman Brey, Alderman McMeans, Alderwoman Hennessey, Alderman Sitkiewitz – yea , Alderman Martell – nae.

Discussion and possible action on downtown parking. Chairman Brey asked Mr. Terry Welnicke and Mr. Jesse Hardrath for their input to the discussion. Several ideas were discussed, such as diagonal parking, east/west streets having 2 hour parking and north/south streets having all day parking, employee permitted parking with tag in or on the vehicle. There was a suggestion of having a dedicated public input meeting. It was stated that a parking study was not feasible at this time. The Engineering Department will attain information regarding diagonal parking. The consensus of the committee is that more information is needed. Future meetings and discussions will be necessary.

There being no further business, Alderman McMeans made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Sitkiewitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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