CITY OF DELAWARE PARKING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH CISCO WEBEX 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held October 19, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a. JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING: To provide live public comment please email emccloskey@delawareohio.net or call 740-203-1013 to sign up by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting. Name and address are required for public comment. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.
 - b. <u>EMAIL, LETTER, PETITION:</u> Emails, letters, and petitions received by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting will be presented to the Committee and submitted into the record. These items will not be read aloud during the meeting but will be available on the website following the meeting at the end of the next business day. **Name and address are required.**
 - c. <u>FACEBOOK:</u> Comments received on Facebook will not be presented during the meeting and will be addressed by staff subsequent to the meeting as appropriate.
- 4. UPDATE on Permanent Dynamic Speed Feedback Signs
- 5. DISCUSSION of Memo Regarding Traffic Calming Measures
- 6. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION regarding the Franklin Street Parking Lot
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS
- 8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
- 9. ADJOURNMENT
- ** This meeting will be a virtual meeting. Residents are encouraged to view online through the City of Delaware Facebook page. To comply with the CDC recommendation prohibiting group meetings, no in person attendance by Council, staff, or the public will be available.

PARKING AND SAFETY MOTION SUMMARY October 19, 2020

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairwoman Keller called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Drew Farrell, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller and Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: John Donahue, Fire Chief, Rob Penrod, Captain, Jessica Ormeroid, Project Engineer, Bill Ferrigno, City Engineer and Public Works Director

ITEM 2. ELECTION of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion: Mrs. Keller motioned to nominate Mr. Shafer as Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Farrell. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

Motion: Mr. Farrell motioned to nominate Mrs. Keller as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Chairman Shafer. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held August 17, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Councilman Farrell moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held August 17, 2020, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 2-0-1 (Shafer) vote.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Kellie Dawson Via Cisco Webex Delaware Counseling Services, LLC 21 West Central Avenue Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Dawson discussed difficulty accessing her parking spaces due to temporary parking in the alley by Brinks to the bank for deliveries. The issue arose in 2017 with the paving of the parking lot by a restaurant owner. The current signate of

No Stopping in Alley is not enforceable by law. Mr. Ferrigno discussed that staff has worked on this issue and provided a recommended solution but would need the restaurant owner to agree. Staff to reach out to neighbors to discuss the recommended solution by staff.

Tom Cahill Via email 401 Gwinnet Street Delaware, Ohio

The Clerk read into the record an email provided by Mr. Cahill in which he requests the consideration of low-speed vehicles on public roadways. Mrs. Keller discussed that this had been requested prior and concerns before from the Chief of Police were related to safety issues and the use on State Routes. Captain Penrod voiced safety concerns related to the vehicles. The Committee requested that staff provide a more formal report at the next meeting.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION of private purchase and installation of speed feedback signs for locations that do not meet all the Traffic Calming Guidelines

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the current policy for speed feedback signs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tim Adams Via Cisco Webex

Mr. Adams discussed the position of the HOA to purchase the signage. He voiced concerns of speeding in Cheshire Crossing.

Sunny Koo Via Cisco Webex 431 Braumiller Crossing Drive Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Koo discussed concerns of speeding in Braumiller Woods and Estates of Braumiller. He questioned what can be done after explored all traffic calming measures.

Mr. Ferrigno reviewed the speed studies for the areas and that based on the data they would not recommend the use of speed feedback signs. He also discussed that overuse of the signs can cause them to become less effective, especially in areas where it is not warranted. Another concern Mr. Ferrigno voiced was the responsible party for maintenance. Chairman Shafer recommended that staff and Police work on education programs relating to neighborhood speeding. Chief

Donahue discussed the use of speed humps instead of speed humps. Mr. Ferrigno provided information on grant funding that has been applied for the repaving of Hawthorn Blvd and the ability to use the funding to add in traffic calming measures.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION of parking restriction evaluation for Kesselbrooke Station

Ms. Ormeroid reviewed the concerns and that upon investigation it was found that twelve No Parking signs had been removed. This was replaced by staff upon the discovery.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Luke Poljak

Via Cisco Webex

Mr. Poljak voiced concerns over the recommended changes and that neighbors don't obey parking signage regardless. He discussed that the roads are not wide enough as is for school buses and snow plows and that many neighbors do not utilize their garages for parking of vehicles.

Motion: Mr. Farrell motioned to make the changes as recommended by staff, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 7. STAFF COMMENTS

ITEM 8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to adjourn the meeting. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Dear Residents

Speeding drivers on our residential streets are frustrating for all of us. While many responsible drivers obey posted speed limits, most neighborhoods experience a certain percent of motorists who drive over the posted speed limit, posing a safety risk to other motorists and pedestrians travelling along the streets. We all want to feel safe while walking or driving within our neighborhood; however, experience demonstrates that most speeding violations are committed by neighbors travelling within their own neighborhood.

City of Delaware data shows a majority (85%) of motorists travel within 5 mph of a posted 25-mph speed limit. Speed enforcement has little impact on these motorists and the City does not view this condition as a speeding issue. Attaining 100% compliance among drivers in any neighborhood is unrealistic. Delaware's 5 mph tolerance standard was developed with safety in mind. Some communities do not address speed concerns until the 85th percentile speeds approach 10 mph over the posted speed limit.

Speed feedback signs have a marginal impact because motorists travelling less than 5 mph over the speed limit are less inclined to modify their behavior by the presence of a feedback sign. For this reason, the City limits use of the speed feedback signs to only those streets with the highest verifiable speeding issue. The City does not support the private installation of speed feedback signs in the public right of way for reasons including liability, uniform operation, maintenance costs, and loss of effectiveness through overuse.

The City often receives request for Stop signs to 'slow' drivers down. Stop signs are regulated by state statute and may only be installed when traffic volumes become very heavy making it unsafe to enter a road from a side street. Improper use of Stop signs reduces safety by introducing a false sense of security to pedestrians expecting a vehicle to fully stop. Experience shows motorists eventually disregard Stop signs placed at locations where it is unlikely they will encounter side street traffic, and roll through the intersection without stopping.

Because enforcement has its greatest impact when 85% speeds exceed 30 mph in a residential area, the police department prioritizes enforcement on these priority streets. We understand that neighborhoods can feel ignored in their complaints when documented speeds are under 30 MPH. In these cases, the City encourages neighborhoods to initiate their own speed awareness program. One effective means is through positive messaging displayed on yard signs positioned near the road by residents. These signs are relatively inexpensive but can be a highly visible means in presenting a unified message concerning neighborhood safety over an extended period. Residents are also reminded that dangerous driving can be reported directly to the City Police by providing basic information like date, time, license plate and vehicle description when speeding was witnessed.

Sincerely,

Bruce Pijanowski, Chief of Police William Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer



Memo

TO: Parking and Safety Committee

FROM: R. Thomas Homan, City Manager

SUBJECT: Parking Space Reduction

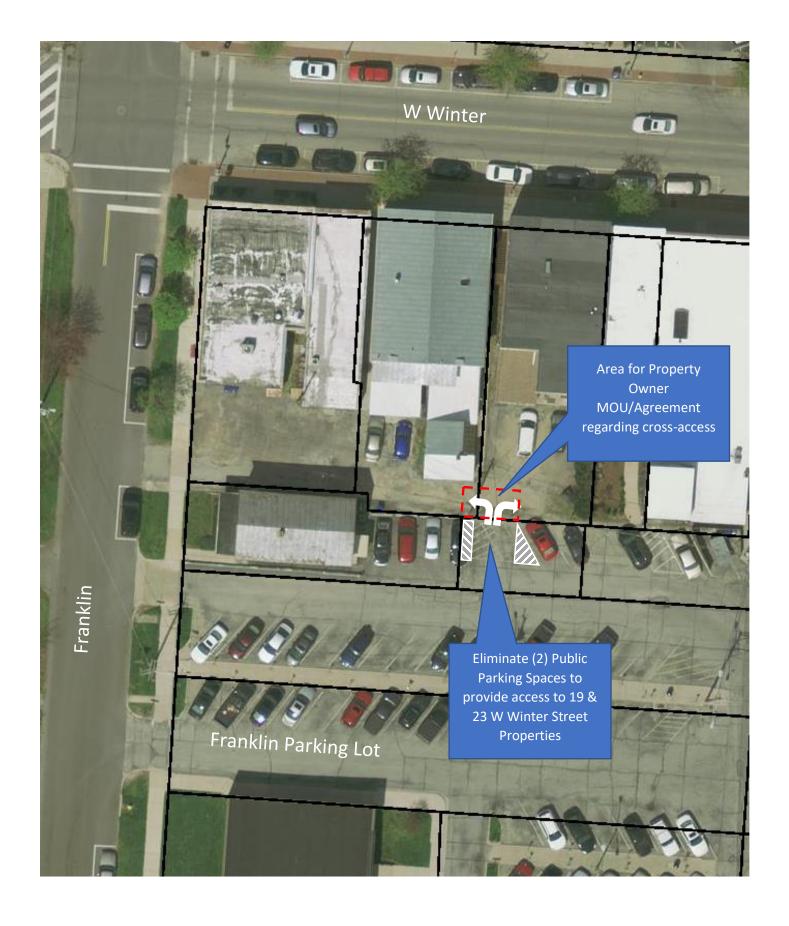
DATE: February 10, 2021

The Rittenhouse Trust, which owns 19 W. Winter Street, and the Furlongs, who own 23 W. Winter Street, approached the City and requested assistance in gaining rear access to their respective properties after the typical means by which they accessed their property was terminated by the owners of Staas Brewery at the corner of W. Winter and N. Franklin Streets. The December 23rd, 2020 email from the Furlongs and a map that shows where each property is located are attached as exhibits.

Both the Furlongs and Rittenhouse seek a reliable means by which to access their properties and have requested the City provide each of them a non-exclusive ingress-egress easement to their respective properties. The map exhibit also shows the area where the easement would exist.

To provide the requested easement, the City would need to remove two metered parking spaces that currently exist behind 19 and 23 W. Winter Street.

Section 353.03 of the Delaware Codified Ordinances provides that "Parking meter zones and free parking zones shall be established, extended or reduced by Council by ordinance or resolution." Consequently, this matter is being presented to this Committee for review and recommendation prior to being submitted to City Council.



Fred and Tami Furlong 10 Hillside Drive Delaware, OH 43015 740 815-8877

December 23, 2020

The City of Delaware City Hall Delaware, OH 43015

To Whom It May Concern:

We own the building at 23-25 West Winter Street, which houses a successful (and until recently two successful) long time businesses in downtown Delaware. Previously we also owned the business housed within for 30 years. We sold the business in 2018, and the current owners of the business now wish to purchase and renovate the building. However, recent developments have raised a few questions, and an issue that we need to address before the sale can go through.

Access to the rear of the building for deliveries and employee parking is critical to the businesses there, as well as the business next door, Gibson the Florist, 19 West Winter Street, (another long-time downtown business). Access to these areas has been (as long as I've been involved, 32 years) from a drive entering off of North Franklin. With the addition of the patio at Staas on the corner, access to the rear of both businesses via this entry has been impacted.

We are requesting access to our properties through the City of Delaware public parking lot behind the businesses. Please let us know what we need to do to get this request in front of the proper people to hopefully get this resolved. I cannot stress enough how important this access to these businesses is, especially in these challenging times.

With a closing date of January 20 for the sale of the building, we'd especially like to see a quick solution to this issue. If there's any possibility it could be resolved before that date, we would be very appreciative. Should you need more information, or anything else from us, please contact us ASAP.

Thank you for your time,

Fred and Tami Furlong