



Wauwatosa, WI

Transportation Affairs Committee

Meeting Agenda - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

6:30 PM

Committee Room #1 and Zoom:
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Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

TRANSPORTATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial of a fifteen-minute parking zone from noon to five p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the north side of North Avenue from 90-feet west of 85th Street to 130-feet west of 85th Street [23-633](#)
2. Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial to eliminate parking restrictions on the west side of 122nd Street from the alley south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue, and on the east side of 122nd Street from 100-feet south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue [23-634](#)
3. Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial of a two-hour parking zone from nine a.m. to six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebvre Avenue from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue [23-635](#)
4. Request from Senior Traffic Engineer to prepare an ordinance to prohibit parking along the west side of Ludington Avenue from Jackson Park Boulevard to approximately 84-feet north of Jackson Park Boulevard [23-636](#)
5. City Clerk overview of new City Meeting Portal [23-655](#)

ADJOURNMENT

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Staff Report

File #: 23-633

Agenda Date: 9/12/2023

Agenda #: 1.

Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial of a fifteen-minute parking zone from noon to five p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the north side of North Avenue from 90-feet west of 85th Street to 130-feet west of 85th Street

A. Issue

Parking turn-over on the 8500 block of North Avenue.

B. Background/Options

Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of North Avenue from 85th Street to a point 30-feet west, and from 86th Street to a point 30-feet east. Between these no-parking zones exists a two-hour parking restriction between nine a.m. and ten p.m. except on Sundays and legal holidays.

The owner of Homestead Clocks & Accents, located at 8512 West North Avenue, approached the City to inquire about ways to encourage parking turn-over of in front of the business. The business does not have a dedicated parking lot and has a very narrow residential-like driveway. Customers of the business rely on curb parking to drop off and pick-up large clocks at the door for repair. Overlapping business hours with nearby properties results in the area in front of the 8512 West North Avenue being parked for long periods of time, which impedes customer access for drop-off and pick-up of the large clocks.

In review of Homestead Clocks & Accents business hours and the hours of nearby businesses, the following is recommended.

- Initiate a 90-day trial of a fifteen-minute parking zone from noon to five p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the north side of North Avenue from 90-feet west of 85th Street to 130-feet west of 85th Street.

This change will impact one on-street public parking space abutting 8512 West North Avenue. If approved, City staff would post temporary signs for a 90-day trial period. This period would conclude 90 days after all sign changes have been completed at which time this issue will return to the Committee for a final decision.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Priority 1: Economic Development and Financial Resilience, Goal 3 - Promote and support local businesses and anchor institutions

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for in-house creation and installation of signs as well as removal of existing signs where applicable. Existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to initiate a 90-day trial of a fifteen-minute parking zone from noon to five p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the north side of North Avenue from 90-feet west of 85th Street to 130-feet west of 85th Street.

Exhibit: Proposed 90-Day Parking Regulation along North Avenue





Staff Report

File #: 23-634

Agenda Date: 9/12/2023

Agenda #: 2.

Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial to eliminate parking restrictions on the west side of 122nd Street from the alley south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue, and on the east side of 122nd Street from 100-feet south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue

A. Issue

Access to street parking for properties along 122nd Avenue between North Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

B. Background/Options

Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of 122nd Street from the alley south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. Parking is currently prohibited on the east side of 122nd Street from North Avenue to 100-feet south of North Avenue; restricted from 100-feet south of North Avenue to 154-feet south of North Avenue with one-hour parking between nine a.m. and six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays; and restricted from 154-feet south of North Avenue to 67-feet north of Garfield Avenue between eight a.m. and six p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

In review of the parking history, it was found that the parking restrictions along the west side of 122nd Street were put in place in 1979 when Fisher Elementary was open. Fisher Elementary closed in 1982. The restrictions on the east side of 122nd Street were put in place in 1984 after the building was changed to a school administration office. Wauwatosa Montessori School opened in the building around 2011. Surface parking for Wauwatosa Montessori School is located on the east side of the building.

Wisconsin State Statute 346.53 prohibits parking where designated by official traffic signs. The statute provides an exception "...temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may promptly be moved in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic." A property owner along 122nd Street currently boards and alights a person who uses a wheelchair, and must leave the vehicle unattended to do so. By leaving the vehicle unattended, the owner is parking illegally.

After reviewing the history of why parking restrictions were placed along 122nd Street, after observing parking demands on 122nd Street, and to find a solution to allow parking, the following is recommended.

- Initiate a 90-day trial to eliminate parking restrictions on the west side of 122nd Street from the alley south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue, and on the east side of 122nd Street from 100-feet south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue.

Staff will observe parking during the trial period. Should the trial inadequately address concerns for on-street parking, staff will return to the Transportation Affairs Committee to modify the trial.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Priority 2: Public Safety, Goal 2 - Proactively address pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety.

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for in-house removal or covering of existing signs where applicable. Existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to initiate a 90-day trial to eliminate parking restrictions on the west side of 122nd Street from the alley south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue, and on the east side of 122nd Street from 100-feet south of North Avenue to Garfield Avenue.

Exhibit: Proposed 90-Day Trail along 122nd Avenue





Staff Report

File #: 23-635

Agenda Date: 9/12/2023

Agenda #: 3.

Request from Senior Traffic Engineer for a 90-day trial of a two-hour parking zone from nine a.m. to six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue

A. Issue

The North Avenue Parking Study recommended a two-hour parking zone from nine a.m. to six p.m. except on Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from 150-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue.

B. Background/Options

A two-hour parking zone exists from nine a.m. to six p.m. except on Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from Garfield Avenue to 155-feet south of North Avenue. No parking restrictions exist from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue.

BB's on North, located at 7237 West North Avenue, requested that the City extend the two-hour parking zone to North Avenue from its current termination point 155-feet south of North Avenue. The request was made to encourage turn-over of parked vehicles in the commercial district.

In review of the September 2016 North Avenue Parking Improvement Plan and based on discussions with the Director of Public Works, it was the intent that a two-hour parking zone would be signed from nine a.m. to six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue.

Therefore, the following is recommended:

- Initiate a 90-day trial of a two-hour parking zone from nine a.m. to six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue.

If approved, City staff will post temporary signs for a 90-day trial period. This period will conclude 90-days after all sign changes have been completed at which time this matter will return to the Committee for a final decision.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Priority 1: Economic Development and Financial Resilience, Goal 3 - Promote and support local businesses and anchor institutions.

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for in-house creation and installation of signs as well as removal of existing signs where applicable. Existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to initiate a 90-day trial of a two-hour parking zone from nine a.m. to six p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays on the west side of Lefebber Avenue from 155-feet south of North Avenue to North Avenue.

Exhibit: Proposed 90-Day Trail along Lefebber Avenue



Staff Report

File #: 23-636

Agenda Date: 9/12/2023

Agenda #: 4.

Request from Senior Traffic Engineer to prepare an ordinance to prohibit parking along the west side of Ludington Avenue from Jackson Park Boulevard to approximately 84-feet north of Jackson Park Boulevard

A. Issue

Parking along the west side of Ludington Avenue to the north of Jackson Park Boulevard blocks a safe line of sight for motorists exiting Jackson Park Boulevard.

B. Background/Options

This item is a follow-up to a 90-day trial authorized by the Transportation Affairs Committee on May 9, 2023.

Parking is currently prohibited along the east side of Ludington Avenue. The west side of Ludington Avenue is currently restricted to two-hour parking from 9:00am to 6:00pm except Sundays and holidays.

Increased on-street parking demand has resulted in a higher frequency of vehicles parking along Ludington Avenue. Staff received a request from a resident along Jackson Park Boulevard to prohibit parking along a portion of the west side of Ludington Avenue due to poor lines of sight toward oncoming traffic at the intersection.

State statute already prohibits parking within 15-feet of a crosswalk. Due to the angle of the intersection, and due to a small buffer between parking lanes and travel lanes, staff has determined that additional parking should be prohibited along the west side of Ludington Avenue, north of Jackson Park Boulevard, to provide for safe lines of sight. More specifically, staff is recommending the parking changes as shown in the attached exhibit and summarized as follows.

- Prohibit parking along the west side of Ludington Avenue from Jackson Park Boulevard to approximately 84-feet north of Jackson Park Boulevard.

This change will result in a reduction of approximately two on-street public parking spaces abutting 2263 Ludington Avenue. A letter was mailed to the 2263 Ludington Avenue property owner in advance of the May 9, 2023 meeting for the 90-day trial as well as in advance of the September 12, 2023 meeting recommending an ordinance change.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Priority 2: Public Safety, Goal 2 - Proactively address pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety.

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses were incurred during the authorized 90-day trial for in-house creation and installation of signs as well as removal of existing signs where applicable. Existing sign budget accommodated these expenses. No additional expenses necessary to approve the parking changes.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to prepare an ordinance for introduction at Council prohibiting parking along the west side of Ludington Avenue from Jackson Park Boulevard to approximately 84-feet north of Jackson Park Boulevard.

Exhibit: Proposed Parking Prohibition along Ludington Avenue