

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
February 20, 2013
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor Peter Lachapelle, Vice Chairman
Councilor Stephen Hervey
Councilor Julien Savoie
Councilor Brian LaBranche

OTHERS PRESENT

Peter Nourse, City Engineer
Captain Triano, PD
Stacey Price ,Rochester Housing
Frank Glidden, Rochester Housing

Minutes

Councilor Walker brought meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Public Input

The public that were present were there for items already on the agenda.

2. Wellsweep Circle -No Parking Sign

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Stacey Price the Executive Director of the Rochester Housing Authority and Frank Glidden who serves on the commission and is also a tenant of Wellsweep Circle were present to discuss the safety issues in the area. Ms. Price stated that there are a lot of elderly and disabled tenants that live in Wellsweep Circle. She would like to see this area become one -way; it would be easier for the tenants. When Wellsweep was built in the 1960's the road was built to the standards that were required at the time, but do not meet current standards. Mr. Glidden stated he has lived at Wellsweep Circle for 8 years and feels the best option would be to make this area a one- way. He doesn't like the "no parking" signs and would like to see limited parking instead. He said it is worse in the winter because of the snow. Ms. Price said she has weekly meetings with the police and that they have ticketed vehicles. Councilor Savoie stated it would be easy access if there was one way out. Councilor Lachapelle asked Captain Triano if one-way parking would work. Captain Triano said yes it is a narrow road, if cars are parked legally, it would be difficult for two-way traffic. Councilor Lachapelle said if you are coming down Olde Farme Lane, having the "no parking" signs on the right would make sense. Mr. Nourse said there are too many signs. Councilor Lachapelle asked what vehicle is used to plow this street. Mr. Nourse said one of the big trucks, and that there were a few concerns with plowing if the street becomes one-way. Councilor Walker said "no parking" inner circle may have an emergency in the back and the emergency vehicle cannot get in the back of

Wellsweep Circle. Councilor LaBranche wanted to know where visitors parked. Ms. Price said near the office; if the tenant does not have a vehicle they can use there spot. Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to make area a one-way coming from Olde Farme Lane counter clock wise, move the “no parking” signs to inner circle and eliminate outer “no Parking” signs, signs are to “no parking between signs” at the discretion of Public Works, seconded by Councilor Savoie. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

3. Corner of Third & Fourth Street-Street Light Request

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Councilor Walker said it did meet the street-light policy. Mr. Nourse cannot recall there every being a light on the pole in this area. Councilor Lachapelle does not feel there needs to another light there. This was kept in committee until next month so the members of the Public Safety Committee can check the area out.

4. Exit 14/ Ten Road Road-Industrial Park Concerns

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. This was kept in committee until next month. Councilor Walker asked Mr. Nourse to put together a complete list of signs and lights with a total cost. They will ask Karen Pollard to be present at the next public safety committee meeting to explain what the city is looking for.

5. Other

Sidewalk Complaints

Councilor Hervey asked if the sidewalk on Olde Farme Lane goes all the way through. Mr. Nourse said yes and it is a city sidewalk. Councilor Hervey said it was not all done. Mr. Nourse said he would look into it.

Sidewalk-Corner of Summer and Kimball

Councilor Hervey said the Corner of Summer and Kimball is not plowed. He said he knows the Housing Authority plows some of it. Mr. Nourse said he would look into it.

Brock Street

Councilor Walker said there have been problems with people going the wrong way on Brock Street. It happens early in the morning and after 5:00 PM. He said he hasn't seen any directed patrols for a while. Captain Triano said in the beginning it's a learning curve for people. They have been doing directed patrols and will continue to them. Councilor Lachapelle said it's more of an enforcement issue. Captain Traino stated they would start issuing fines for violators.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hervey. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary II, DPW