

Public Safety Committee
Councilor Chambers
February 18, 2015
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor Donald Hamann

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Jake Collins
Councilor Peter Lachapelle (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bezanson, PE City Engineer
Councilor James Gray
Brian Sylvester, Library Director
Captain Paul Toussaint, PD
Paul Spencer, 49 Sheepboro Road

Minutes

Councilor Walker brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Public Input

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Paul Spencer was present to discuss the school bus stop concerns on Sheepboro Road. Mr. Spencer went to the last school committee meeting regarding this issue. He said Mary Moriarty, assistant superintendent of schools, said she checked with the bus company to see if they would reconsider the bus going down Sheepboro Road. The bus company said the road was not wide enough for the school bus. Officer Murphy has been doing a directed patrol in the area. Mr. Spencer said most of the traffic occurs during the grammar school pick up 7:30 AM to 7:40 AM. Councilor Walker stated that he visited this area back in December for a couple of days. He said the people at the bus stop do not have a problem in fact they were a little upset that this was becoming an issue. Councilor Walker said that the city has no jurisdiction with this issue. Councilor Gray asked how much land the city owns. He said that maybe the side of the road could be graded so the vehicles could park off the road. Councilor Walker suggested he contact his school rep. He stated he did and she was shot down as well. Councilor Walker suggested he go to the regular school board meeting which is the second Thursday of each month. Councilor Gray suggested getting a petition signed by everybody on the street that has concerns with the bus stop and Mr. Spencer can bring

the petition to the school board meeting with him. Mr. Bezanson will look at the area to see if it can be graded in the spring.

2. Rochester Public Library-One Way Entrance Signage

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Brian Sylvester Director of the Rochester Public Library was present to talk about a one way entrance sign. There have been a couple of near misses because there is nothing at the end of the road stating it's a one way. Councilor Gates made a motion to install a "do not enter" sign at the entrance way of library by corner near trees at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

3. Street light Request-Harry Street, Gonic-Pole 930/2(constituent request through Mayor Jean)

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He stated that it does meet the street light policy if it is on the Corner Harry Street and Brickyard Drive, if it is on Harry Street in does not meet the street light policy. Councilor Gates made a motion to install a street light at the corner of Brickyard and Harry Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

4. Timing of Lights at Airport Drive/Rt. 108

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He sated a couple of people have had problems with the lights when there have been no vehicles coming. This was kept in committee for Mr. Bezanson to review the timing and sensor of the lights.

5. Other

No other requests.

Councilor Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hamann. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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