

Public Safety Committee  
Councilor Chambers  
September 16, 2015  
7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor David Walker, Chair  
Councilor Jake Collins  
Councilor Robert Gates  
Councilor Donald Hamann  
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Councilor James Gray  
Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer  
Scott Dumas, Deputy Chief P.D.  
John and Kathy Bozak, 20 Woodman St.  
Donald Tetu, 45 Pine Street  
Kevin Hart, 2 Ledgeview Drive

Minutes

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

1. Public Input

The people present at the meeting were there for items already on the agenda.

2. Traffic Flow around William Allen School

Residents were present for this item, the committee agreed to change the order of the agenda. Councilor Walker summarized the issue. John and Kathy Bozak of 20 Woodman Street were present to discuss the traffic flow around William Allen School. Mr. Bozak said there was little improvement. Councilor Gray asked if the route of the Waste Management trash trucks had been changed. Mr. Bozak stated they are coming after the morning drop off. Councilor Collins said he went by William Allen School on Monday and it was passable, whereas a year ago it was not. He also wanted to thank the Rochester Police Department for the good police presence they have had around this area.

***This was kept in committee until next month, so Michael Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools could attend.***

3. Traffic Flow around Maple Street School

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Donald Tetu from 45 Pine Street was present to discuss the issue. He stated people are parking in front of his driveway and he can't get out. School drop off is not the issue. The parking all night long by residents of Maple and Pine is

the problem. The only time there is not a problem is when he puts his trash toters out in front, and then they can't. Councilor Walker said directed patrols may help because vehicles cannot block driveways or park on hatched areas.

4. No Smoking request at Ledgeview Drive

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Councilor Lachapelle said there are a lot of children that play there. Council Walker wanted to know if this was City property. Deputy Chief Dumas stated that the city does maintain it. Kevin Hart of 2 Ledgeview Drive was there to discuss the problem. He stated he has lived there for 22 years. The apartments in the area are now smoke free, so smokers will go near the parking lot area. There are now all kinds of cigarette butts on the ground and his children play at the park.

***This is kept in committee. Councilor Lachapelle will observe the area and get back to the committee. Depending on the observations, it may be recommended to write a City ordinance regarding no smoking in City maintained parks.***

5. Attraction Signage Update Memo-

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Karen Pollard is on vacation so she sent a memo. Annual cost per sign is \$500. Councilor Walker said if she wants to pursue this she would have to go to finance committee to get funding.

6. Crosswalk at Gafney Home

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He stated the issue will be taken care of with the Wakefield Street reconstruction. If it will be a year or more, then they will have to think about moving the crosswalk.

7. Other

Liberty Street

Councilor Lachapelle wanted to know if anyone was ticketed on Liberty Street. Deputy Chief Dumas said no.

Twombly Street-Squatters

Councilor Hamann said he had a call from someone regarding squatters behind Home Depot. Two of them have motorcycles. Deputy Chief Dumas said it is Home Depot property and that they need to be the ones to complain. One of the squatters has been there for 5 years. There are many others there now. Councilor Gray said if the property is posted then the police can enforce. Deputy Chief Dumas will follow-up with Home Depot.

## North Main Street/Ten Rod Road-Timing of Lights

Mr. Bezanson discussed the timing of lights on North Main and Ten Rod Road. He stated they had Electric Light evaluate the signalization. They quoted a price of almost \$4,000.00 to add left turn arrow lights, hardware, wiring, reprogramming, etc. It was suggested that the timing of the lights could just be adjusted.

***Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to reprogram the lights, if they are cable of being retimed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Collins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

## Intersection Issue

Mr. Bezanson said that Ron Sheppe had contacted the City regarding some intersections that he felt had safety issues. Councilor Gray said that the yield sign has been installed at the Wakefield intersection.

Strafford Square-the crosswalk is too close. Mr. Bezanson said this was part of the Strafford Square project. Councilor Walker asked Mr. Bezanson to check the appropriate place for the crosswalk near subway on North Main Street.

South Main Street and Columbus Intersection-Councilor Walker said a lot of money was spent on this intersection and nothing else is going to be done by the City. This is state jurisdiction.

## Street Lights on Portland at Pinecrest and Ashwood Streets

Councilor Gray said that both of the streets have been moved.

## Street Light-Brock Street

Councilor Walker told Mr. Bezanson that there was a street light out on Brock Street near Janet Street, 1 pole down.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hamann. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Laura Miller, DPW Secretary