

Public Safety Committee
Councilor Chambers
July 15, 2015
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Peter Lachapelle (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer
Captain Paul Toussaint, P.D.

Minutes

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

1. Public Input

No public was present to discuss any issues or concerns.

2. Hansonville Road-Handicap Signs

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He received an e-mail from Mr. Edward Brown. Mr. Brown walks on Hansonville Road with his walker and motorized chair for rehabilitation of his legs. He stated that he almost gets hit every time. Captain Toussaint stated that the daytime patrol officer will get in touch with Mr. Brown to get more information so a directed patrol can be done on Hansonville Road.

3. 306 North Main Street-Traffic Cut-through Concerns

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. The gentleman who had the concerns was not present to discuss the issue. Councilor Walker stated he thinks traffic is cutting through private property using the Ten Rod Road driveway and North Main Street driveway to avoid the traffic signal. Captain Toussaint said they could do a directed patrol to see if there may be an issue.

4. Fairground Events/Chestnut Street Parking Issues

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He stated that he attended the last event at the fairgrounds. All parking was located inside the fairgrounds and there didn't seem to be any issues. Captain Toussaint said for major events the parking will be held inside. No action was taken.

5. Roy Street Speeding

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. A neighbor of 7 Roy Street has concerns with speeding on the street. One of the neighbors has an autistic child who gets out of the house frequently. She is afraid he is going to get hurt. A directed patrol will be done for the morning and evening commute to see if there is an issue with speeding on Roy Street.

6. Subway Parking Lot Striping in Sidewalk Area - 158 North Main Street

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. He said when Subway had their lines striped one parking space line was painted in the sidewalk area. Mr. Bezanson said that the Public Works Department has already been in contact with them because they have paved over a couple of water valve boxes. If they have not responded in a few days, Mr. Bezanson will send a letter to them.

7. Other

Public Safety Committee Members

Councilor Collins wanted the Public Safety Committee to know that the Public Safety Committee is a nice little group of people, everybody has their input, no one is unreasonable and the Police Department does well too.

Maple Street Follow-up

Councilor Hamann said he watched a Waste Management truck come from Waldron Avenue and couldn't make the turn onto Maple Street without backing up due to the width of the road and the location of utility poles. This was with no school in session and no cars, if there had been cars there the truck would have never made the corner.

Maple Street/Waldron Avenue/Pine Street/Chestnut Street

Mr. Bezanson wanted to get some clarification on the cross-hatched no parking areas on Pine Street, Chestnut Street and Waldron Avenue and "no parking" signs on the fence on Maple Street. Councilor Walker clarified the Council-approved motion.

Maple Street bump-out

Mr. Bezanson reported that the costs to remove the bump-out on Maple Street were estimated to be in the range of \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The concerns with removing the bump-out are: the area of the existing bump-out would need to be striped for no parking, however parked vehicles may be inclined to pull forward, creating side-by-side vehicles at the stop sign; and the wide curb opening may confuse drivers that don't realize Maple Street is one way and may encourage wrong way traffic. The only positive result would be greater ease for winter maintenance. Councilor Hamann said the curb line may not be aligned across the intersection if the bump-out were removed. Councilor Walker said do not remove the bump-out at this time.

Street-Lights

Mr. Bezanson wanted clarification of the placement of street-lights on Pinecrest and Ashwood. He wanted to know if both street-lights were to be moved closer to the intersection or just one of them. Councilor Walker said both of them should be moved closer to the intersection.

COAST Bus Stop - Farmington Road

Mr. Bezanson said that he sent the letter to COAST, but has not heard back from them yet.

Councilor Hamann thanked Mr. Bezanson for acting as the Interim Director of Public Works. He said he did a good job.

Respectfully submitted by
Laura Miller
Secretary II, DPW