

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
April 19, 2017
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Donald Hamann, Chair
Councilor Ray Barnett
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor James Gray
Councilor Lachapelle (7:14 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau, PD

Minutes

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

1. Approve Minutes from January 18, 2017.

The first order of business was to approve the January 18, 2017 minutes.

Councilor Gray made a motion to approve the January 18, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Barnett. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

2. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

3. Little Falls Bridge Road/The Ridge-Crossing Over Route 11 Site Concerns

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Mr. Bezanson the City Engineer stated that a resident sent an email to the City Manager's office regarding vehicles leaving the Ridge on Route 11 to go straight on to Little Falls Bridge Road. At night, this portion of the intersection is dark and there is a roadside ditch that you need to turn slightly as you head onto Little Falls Bridge Road. Councilor Gray asked if the ditch was deep enough for a guardrail, he also said maybe a delineator sign would work. Mr. Bezanson said it was State jurisdiction. Councilor Gray said he doesn't necessarily think a street light is needed in this area. Deputy Chief Boudreau said he doesn't think there have been any accidents in the area. Mr. Bezanson said he would contact District 6 to have the

State look at this area. This was kept in committee and Mr. Bezanson will update the committee next month.

4. Sidewalk Issue-Columbus Ave by Sunoco Station

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. He stated that he had someone approached him regarding the sidewalk. The person said it is a safety concern because there is no sidewalk there. Mr. Bezanson said he would talk to Mr. Storer, Director of City Services, since Councilor Hamann had previously had a discussion with him regarding the sidewalk in this area. This was kept in committee, Councilor Hamann and Mr. Bezanson will get more information and update the committee next month.

5. Leonard Street/Harrison Ave.-No Stop Sign at Intersection & Possibility of Reducing Speed Limit

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Mr. Bezanson said this request also came up in 2015. Councilor Gates asked Deputy Chief Boudreau if he had any data for this area. Deputy Chief Boudreau said he can get the data but he believes there were no issues in this area. ***Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to deny a "stop" sign at Leonard Street/Harrison Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

6. Lupine Lane-Parking Issue Update

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Boudreau updated the committee. He said he had officers do directed patrols in this area for 2 1/2 weeks. There were 4 or 5 vehicles in the area but many more kids. The vehicles are only there for about a 20 minute time frame. Deputy Chief Boudreau does not believe there is enough of an issue to post "no parking" signs. No action taken.

7. Portland Street-Speeding Concern

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Boudreau said the speeding on Portland Street was 30 to 40 mph. The speed limit is 30 mph. A couple of warnings were issued. He said that the speed trailer could be set up in the area. Councilor Gray said he likes to see the speed trailer in various parts of

the city. Deputy Chief Boudreau said he would have the speed trailer placed on Portland Street.

8. Other

Ward 5 Meeting-Councilor Gates

Councilor Gates said there were 5 people present at the Ward 5 meeting. They discussed fireworks and it was a really good meeting.

Downtown Crosswalks

Mr. Bezanson said that a consultant had looked at the downtown crosswalks; he received a draft report on Wednesday. He stated that at a future meeting he would discuss the outcome of the report. Councilor Hamann said that he looked forward to discussing the report once it was reviewed and finalized.

Councilor Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Councilor Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Miller, Secretary II.