

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
101 S. ILLINOIS ST., 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – 8:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS:

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| Alderman Phil Elmore, Chairman | Present |
| Alderman Jamie Eros | Present |
| Alderman Scott Ferguson | Excused |
| Alderman Raffi Ovia | Present |
| Alderman Johnnie Anthony | Excused |

STAFF SUPPORT:

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| Sal Elkott, City Engineer | Excused |
| Jason Poole, Director-Public Works | Present |
| Lt. Sean Harris, Police Dept. | En route |
| Lisa Scharf, Recording Secretary | Present |

GUEST STAFF:

Lloyd Stinson, City Fire Chief

GUESTS:

Jeff Dell, owner of 108 Gettysburg Rd. and Geri Boyer of 208 E. Main St.

Ald. Elmore called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of February 14, 2023, motion to approve made by Ald. Eros, seconded by Ald. Ovia, approved as submitted.

Ald. Elmore explained emergency procedures.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Geri Boyer, of 208 E. Main St., attended the meeting today to request a parking spot in front of 204 (which has been changed to 208 per the County) E. Washington St. She sent a picture of the building around the room stating that this was an old reading room when it used to be the Christian Science Church. It is intended to be a long term stay Air B & B. She is requesting a parking spot in front of the building because there is currently no assigned parking for it at the present time. If not, she would like to request that the parking meter(s) be removed so that there is some parking here for the tenant, especially during a downtown event, so no one has to inconveniently park a couple blocks away.

Jeff Dell, owner of apartment complex at 108 Gettysburg Rd., stated that he is present today at the meeting to talk about the "No Parking" sign that was posted across the street from his property. He stated that he was a little frustrated from the last time that he attended the meeting. He said that he has owned the building for more than twenty years and there has never been an accident for anyone coming out of Abraham Ct. onto Gettysburg Rd. He is asking the city to reconsider and use the state

statute and switch it back to "No Parking" at the 25 ft. from Abraham Ct. and not take the additional 40 ft. that was just previously taken away for parking. Lt. Sean Harris arrived at 8:10 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

E1. Request to Place Private Dumpster on Public Parking Lot at the Rear of 310 E. Main St.:

Ald. Elmore stated that conversations are supposed to be happening between the two parties involved. No one has notified him regarding this matter, so it is assumed that this has been worked out. Ald. Elmore stated that it can be removed from the agenda and no action is needed at this time.

E2. Request for "No Parking" in Front of 204 E. Washington St.:

Ald. Elmore stated that this request may be considered as a designated parking spot and apologized to Ms. Boyer that this item wasn't on the agenda last month. Ald. Elmore said that the committee has had requests like this before and that it presents a dangerous precedence. Discussion ensued. Motion to remove the parking meter in front of 208 E. Washington St. made by Ald. Ovian. Ald. Eros made a second motion (amendment to Ald. Ovian's motion) to remove the parking meter in front of 208 E. Washington St. and convert to reserved parking for 208 E. Washington St. – tenant only. Roll call of all in favor voted aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. Discussion of Fire Lane Issue on N. 98th St. Near Fanatics (9735 W. Main St.):

Ald. Ovian stated that the Fanatics business is very successful here, with Tuesday's being very busy due to "Taco Night" bringing in many customers. He has had many residents contact him regarding the parking issues here and the problems that it presents. Most of the residents do not have a parking garage, so they must park in front of their homes. To ensure this, the residents must set their trash cans in front of their parking areas so patrons from Fanatics do not park in their parking spot(s) because the parking lot of Fanatics and the side street is full of parked vehicles. This presents a big problem for emergency vehicles being able to pass through this street. After being brought to his attention, Chief Stinson stated that he had this area checked out for street access/ fire access, and occupant load. Discussion ensued. After further review, Chief Stinson feels there isn't an issue at this point. No action will be taken at this time per Ald. Elmore and will continue to monitor.

F.2. Request Two – Way Stop Sign on Florida at E. B St.:

This request came from Ald. Hazel per Jason Poole. There was a stop sign missing at this location and Ald. Hazel requested that the Street Dept. replace it with another one. Jason Poole checked the Traffic Schedule and he couldn't find the ordinance to support it even though the sign has been posted here for years. Motion to draw up ordinance for two way stop sign on N. Florida at East "B" St. made by Ald. Eros, seconded by Ald. Ovian, roll call in favor voted aye, motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/ALDERMANIC DISCUSSION:

NONE

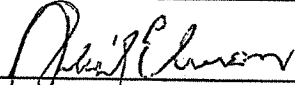
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ald. Eros, seconded by Ald. Ovian. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.


Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Scharf
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 5/9/23



Alderman Phil Elmore
Traffic Committee Chairman

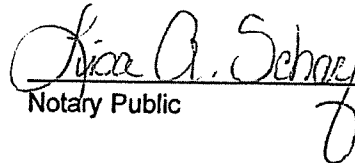


Jason Poole
Director of Public Works



Rob Thomason
Lt. Sean Harris
Belleville Police Department

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9th day of May, 2023


Notary Public

