

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, 5/16/11, City Hall Conference Room

Present: Ron Adam, Daryn Hamilton, Michael Halley, Jeff Clawson, Ed Malloy, Darrell Bisgard, Jerry Long, Ron Blair, Lacey Jacobs

Points of discussion

Jerry Long spoke with the developers of the new hotel to be built just south of the HWY 34 bypass. They would like to have portions of 227th St paved: West of Hwy 1 to hotel property and east of Hwy 1 to DOT property. The total engineer's estimate for the east portion is \$225,000 and \$137,142 for the west portion. This expense is shared between the State of Iowa, either the City or the County (depending on what portion of the road is within city limits), and property owners adjacent to these roads who fund a portion of the work through property tax payments. Before this proposal is brought to the full council Jeff Clawson will ascertain where funds for the city's portion will come from, and he and Mayor Malloy will speak with property owners within city limits regarding their contributions to the project.

Ron Blair, on behalf of a Community Wellness Grant, spoke with Police Chief Julie Harvey about designating the lanes on Burlington Ave as official bike lanes. Harvey prefers to use less busy roads Broadway and Grimes for bike traffic. Broadway is too narrow to add bike lanes, but Grimes is wide enough to accommodate 2-3' lanes on both sides from 4th St to 23rd St. There is no on-street parking for that portion of Grimes which also makes it ideal for bike lanes. The proposal is for single white lines on both sides of W. Grimes, approximately three feet from the curb, with "Share the Road" signage provided by the Wellness Grant. Committee unanimously approved and will recommend to full council.

Mayor Malloy was approached by a downtown property owner and several tenants who asked if the city's overnight parking violation policy could be changed or removed to accommodate the higher number of people living in renovated apartment spaces on the square. Current city law requires vehicles to be moved once every 24 hours when parked on the street and once every 12 hours when parked in municipal lots. A proposal to dedicate 3-5 parking spaces in certain municipal lots as long-term parking was put forth. Clawson and Long will research which municipal parking lots would be most appropriate and then make recommendations to the council.

A new business at the property on the NW corner of 2nd and Adams has added parking space along W. Adams across from parking spots for the library. Library staff was concerned that customers of business would use library parking. At this time there is not an issue to address so no action was taken.

Recommendations/Actions

- Committee will recommend that the full council approve the painting of bike lanes on W. Grimes from 4th – 23rd St, with signage provided by the Community Wellness Grant.

Signature of Chairperson _____