MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair- excused
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Joseph Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Mark Edick

Public Comment
No comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION
DISCUSSION – 2am – 5am Parking Enforcement
Council Member Wood informed Mr. Edick that the Committee was waiting to hear from Administration on their approach, but the Committee is currently looking at the process of a permitted parking, where the applicant would have to show a need that they need a permit. This permit would have an annual cost, and there would be an option for guest permits.
Mr. Edick stated his opinion on the concern the City would stop enforcement, and he spoke in support of continued enforcement.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-002; South side of Bridgeport Drive @ 4035 Bridgeport

Mr. Kilpatrick explained that this TCO was the result of a resident request because they had issues getting deliveries and their mail. In November 2017 the Parking Board recommended support of it for one year but it did not come to Council until now. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed a sign has been there for a year, and Council can choose to remove the sign now because it has been the recommended year. It was noted there were no complaints received when the sign went up. Council Member Wood asked if anyone communicated with the resident letting her know it was a year and that time is coming up. Mr. Kilpatrick acknowledged they spoke to the resident 3 months afterwards and it appeared it was working, however the Parking Board is not in support of placing signs up for each resident request for long periods of time. Council Member Wood recommended not passing the resolution allowing for another year, but placing on file and having Public Service speak to the resident informing her it will be removed in 30 days. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they would inform the resident. The Committee concurred with the determination.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-004 & 18-005; Maplehill Avenue & Fenton Street

Mr. Kilpatrick stated they support the request for the permanent change until Head Start makes a request for an amendment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-004 & #18-005. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-010; Wilson Avenue & Young Avenue

Mr. Kilpatrick stated this order was determined because of the need for a “slow safe approach” and the sign is already in place.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-010. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-011, #18-017 & #18-018; Dodge River Drive, James Street and Black Court

Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee this request was from the Fire Marshall because of the narrow streets with no parking restrictions. It was determined these orders will allow restricted parking on one side. A survey was sent to the residents before the signs were placed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-011, #18-017 & #18-018. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-012; Shiawassee Street west of Cedar Street to east of Larch Street

Mr. Kilpatrick stated to the Committee that this was done with the repaving project in 2016, after discussions with MDOT since Cedar and Larch are State trunk lines. The change removed 3-4 parking space on the north side and put in bikes lanes that will be marked as such in 2019.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-012. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-013 & #18-014; 600 Block of West Hillsdale Street and 600 Block of South Sycamore Street

Mr. Kilpatrick noted that in this area State workers were parking daily, so this order implemented signage for 2 hour parking, and since then the issue with daily parking has been eliminated.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-013 & #18-014. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-015; Eureka Street between Bingham Street and Jones Street

Mr. Kilpatrick noted this was in the area located behind Sparrow and at one time the school was active. Sparrow requested this change to address an area to allow their delivery trucks a loading ingress and egress. It does affect two houses on the south side and 3 spaces were eliminated. Mr. Kilpatrick acknowledged that the signs were put in during construction and stayed in place with no complaints received.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-015. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-032; Hosmer Street between Jerome Street and Vine Street

Mr. Kilpatrick stated that a survey was sent to the neighborhood and they had a low response rate but of those that did they were in favor of a limit on one side to 2 hours and unrestricted on opposite side.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-032. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-033, #18-034, #18-035; #18-036; #18-037 & #18-038; Parking at Attwood School along Gier Street; Parking at Gier Park School along Polly Avenue & Winston Avenue; and Parking at Pleasant View School along Pleasant Grove Road

Mr. Kilpatrick noted for the Committee that in 2017 the Lansing School District and Dean Transportation came to the City with a request to change the loading zones, to implement parking restrictions, implement one-way patterns during the school day, and extend the bus loading zones. The Committee questioned the recent status of Pleasant View, and Mr. Kilpatrick stated his recent understanding was that they were not closing, but considering utilizing the school for a preschool program, but he would touch base with them again. He added that in the near future the Council will see a blanket Traffic Control Order stating that all Traffic Control Orders that speak to school zones will not have specific times listed, but “period of time” to allot for annual school year time changes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-033, #18-034, #18-035, #18-036, #18-037 & #18-038. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order #18-039; West side of Stafford Avenue @ 4614 Stafford

Mr. Kilpatrick stated this request was from a resident who has a special needs child and therefore needed no parking signs placed so the bus could pick up and drop off. The Parking Board recommendation to have it in place for 15 years, but he would follow up on what point of time they believe they would no longer need it marked as such. He suggested they could follow up annually with the resident and the traffic control would be changed to reflect that.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #18-039. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – 2am – 5am Parking Enforcement-Continued Discussion

Council Member Wood recapped that at as of the last meeting the Committee was waiting to see if the Administration was going to support enforcement before they moved any further on creating or amending the ordinance. She acknowledged she met with the Mayor, who informed her he conceptually agreed with moving on an ordinance. She stated he informed her that he asked Public Service to look at costs. Mr. Kilpatrick acknowledged that he had not heard that request yet. Council Member Wood then asked if he could check on the cost of a permit process, and if there would be enough in an annual permit fee to do all things the City needs to be done. This would include the application, zoning review and determination on if a permit is allowed based on a case by case basis. Mr. Kilpatrick was asked if parking enforcement is paid for out of the enterprise fund, and he concurred that everything associated with parking; surface lots, on street parking, parking structures, and parking enforce are all in enterprise fund. Council Member Wood suggested research be done by staff including Council staff into ordinances from other municipalities to be used as a template, with a suggested $50 annually fee. Mr. Kilpatrick suggested a fee structure similar to the recycling/donation bins of a large amount initially and a lower renewal fee. Council Member Wood then inquired into a comment at another Committee meeting from a representative from Cooley Law School on obtaining student discounts. Mr. Kilpatrick recalled something similar to this with LCC where if the school obtained 100 permits there was a discount. Council Staff was asked to provide Mr. Kilpatrick with the name of the representative from Cooley Law School. Council Member Wood then informed Mr. Kilpatrick of a residential concern with parking near the recently opened Arcadia Ale on Michigan Avenue. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he would look into the concern and monitor where they are parking and what time of day. He will provide an update to Council Staff to forward to the Committee.

Other

Council Member Wood brought back the discussion on a Traffic Control Order for Townsend Street that was placed on pending in early October. Since that time, the Committee received communication from the State Senate that they were aware it was pending due to outstanding parking fees for the Townsend Ramp. They acknowledged they were working with the City. Mr. Kilpatrick added that with this request was also a TCO for Allegan Street, but during the State construction they built out the curb to the street so there is no area for stripped parking anyways. Regarding the Townsend request, the Senate has agreed to pay for 20 years or expire if they move, and they would pay what the City would charge for those meters for the time they were out of service, and offered to pay that fee up front. This would be figured on a lump sum or payment over time with $7, per day, per meter for 20 years. Mr. Abood then explained that the issue with the ramp itself is that the State owes the City $2 million, based on an agreement of $40 per spot/per employee with the Senate paying the difference. The State canceled the contract in 2015 but continued with the conditions of the contract, so the City sued. He Judge agreed with the State, so the City said since no contract they now have to pay the full amount. The State wants access from the garage. It was agreed that the pending resolution for Townsend Street will be added to the November 14, 2018 agenda.

Council Member Garza informed Mr. Kilpatrick of a parking concern near Everett High School, daily and during events and their interest in “no parking signs”.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:32 p.m.
Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council
Approved as presented: November 14, 2018