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Standing Committee: Public Safety Committee

Document Name: Request for no parking areas on South 16th Street between Clark Street and Franklin Street to allow for safer pedestrian crossing.


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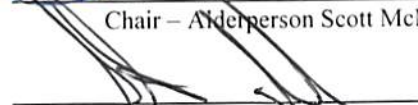
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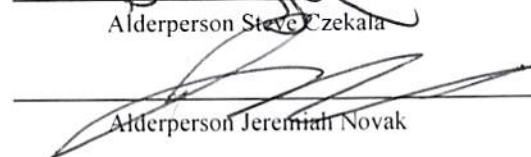
Committee Recommendation:


Approve the request


Attest:

 9/15/20
Chair – Alderperson Scott McMeans Date


Alderperson Steve Czekala


Alderperson Jeremiah Novak


Alderperson Brett Vanderkin


Alderperson Aaron Bailey

Approved:

Justin M. Nickels Date
Mayor

Amber Noworatzky

From: Nick Reimer
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Amber Noworatzky
Subject: FW: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

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From: Scott McMeans - D2
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:44 PM
To: James Brey - D4; Nick Reimer; Dan Koski; Greg Minikel
Subject: Fwd: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

He is seeking the removal of parking on both sides and a loading zone area. This is essentially all their people using it now and it will improve the safety for them by eliminating blind spots at the crossing but also allow safer passage of the wind towers coming down that part of the street.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com>
Date: September 4, 2020 at 9:18:46 AM CDT
To: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>
Cc: James Brey - D4 <jbrey@manitowoc.org>
Subject: RE: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

Sounds good to me, I appreciate it!

Thanks,
Brandon

From: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com>
Cc: James Brey - D4 <jbrey@manitowoc.org>
Subject: Re: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

It will be around 12pm. We can discuss things when I call. Attendance is not mandatory but you might want to be there for questions. I will put it first on the agenda at 6pm.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2020, at 8:19 AM, Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com> wrote:

Thanks for the reply Scott. If you do try to reach me today, I'm typically in the office from 6AM-3PMish but I always have my cell on me.

For the Sept 8th agenda, is this something you would like me to attend? I'm sure we will discuss this when we chat but I'll want to make sure I'm prepared for it.

I think no parking near the cross walks and load zones would be best or just have it be load/unload only so our vendors can still park their trucks, take care of business and leave without issue. As far as street parking, to my understanding people can park on both sides of the street but most choose to park on the West side. I'm guessing this is because there is isn't a ton of parking on the East side with all the entrances to our parking lot.

Yes, we would be willing to put some enforcement plan in place to partner with the City in any way possible. At the end of the day, we need to work together to make the community safer.

Thanks Scott. Looking forward to speaking with you.

Brandon

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From: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 5:19 PM

To: Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com>

Subject: Re: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

I will try you tomorrow to discuss a few things, but I will put this on our Sept 8th agenda. I see no reason we cannot help with this safety item. A couple thoughts is a no parking zone near the walk, load zone area if you are truly have that need in that spot. I was by there today to check it out and it seems like there is just parking on one side. Is the other side no parking?

I will ask that WAF does put in place some enforcement plans for those that might ignore the changes so we are not creating a burden on the police to come ticket employees cars. There is still a city obligation for illegal parking, but a partnership in this case would be helpful.

We can chat about this.

Thanks,

Scott

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 3, 2020, at 6:33 AM, Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com> wrote:

Sounds good Scott. I appreciate the follow-up.

Thank you!
Brandon

From: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 9:46 PM

To: Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com>

Subject: Re: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

Hi Brandon,

I did ask Alder Jim Brey to connect with you as this is his district I will follow up with him and call you this week as well.

Thanks

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2020, at 7:27 AM, Brandon Nickels
<bnickels@wafco.com> wrote:

Good morning Scott,

My name is Brandon Nickels and I am the Safety Specialist at Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry.

Per the emails below, I was reaching out to Dan about street parking on South 16th St between Clark and Franklin. We have a fair amount of employee traffic as well as some work-related traffic with forklifts and materials going between our plants. Crossing this street has always been a hazard for our employees. While we did ask that everyone park in the parking lot we unfortunately can't enforce it because it is a city street and anyone can park there. Recently, we had an employee almost get hit by a car that failed to slow down or stop for him as he was crossing. This was reported to the Manitowoc Police Department but unfortunately, our camera's were not able to see the license plate.

I am wondering if we can get this topic added to the Public Safety agenda. My hope and recommendation is that we can implement a solution that will not only make it safer for the employees at WAF but also the citizens of Manitowoc. I am wondering if it is possible to make no parking sections at minimal next to our driveways so that you can look both ways without having to step so far into the street. My other thought is making it all 15 minute load/unload parking only. The last alternative I thought of (which I assume is a long shot) is to make that section of the street no parking.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss further or what next steps in the process would be.

Thank you for your time,

Brandon

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From: Dan Koski <dkoski@manitowoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Brandon Nickels <bnickels@wafco.com>
Cc: Nick Reimer <nreimer@manitowoc.org>; Greg Minikel <gminikel@manitowoc.org>
Subject: RE: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

Good afternoon Brandon,

This would have to be a request to be added to an upcoming Public Safety agenda.

You should contact the chair of the committee to ask if it can be added. The chair is Scott McMeans, and his email is smcmeans@manitowoc.org. You would then be invited to the meeting to explain your request.

Thanks,
Dan

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From: Brandon Nickels [<mailto:bnickels@wafco.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Dan Koski
Subject: WAF - Street Parking S. 16th St.

Good morning Dan,

My name is Brandon Nickels and I am the Safety Specialist at Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry.

Over the years and recently we have had an increase in safety concerns regarding crossing South 16th Street between our main facility and our employee parking lot. Not only do we have a fair amount of employees and visitors that cross the street, but we also have cross plant traffic with forklifts, materials and other work related traffic to maintain operation. Most recently we had an incident where an employee was almost struck by a vehicle that failed to slow down while he was crossing. This incident was reported to the Manitowoc Police Department. Unfortunately, our cameras were not clear enough to get a better view of their license plate.

While we have communicated to our employees that they are to park in the employee parking lot and not on the street, we are unable to enforce it because it is technically street parking for the City and anyone could feasibly park there.

We are wondering if it is possible to create a no-parking zone for certain sections of South 16th Street (specifically between Clark and Franklin) so that there is safer crossing of the street. Or if we would be able to have no parking zones next to driveways so that it is easier to look for traffic before crossing the street. Even if it was possible to change the parking to just "15minute loading/unloading" for that section. Any of these would result in a safer environment for our employees and naturally, the citizens of Manitowoc.

Any guidance on this process or what we and the City can do would be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for your time,

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