

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & TRAFFIC

December 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Chairman Barry called the meeting to order.

Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Barry, Stewart, Long, Terrio

Absent: Alderman Gamache

Messrs.: T. Clougherty, M. Donahue

1. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed:

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Brockton Street, south side, from Bismark Street to Brock Street

On Cleveland Street, north side, from Second Street to Third Street

Alderman Barry

RESCIND 30 MINUTE PARKING

On Cleveland Street, north side, from Second Street to Third Street (ORD 2851)

Alderman Barry

Alderman Long moved to approve.

Alderman Long asked will this include the addendum.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, replied yes. No Parking on Michigan Avenue 7 AM-9 AM, 2 PM-4 PM school days and to rescind No Parking during school hours on portions of Michigan Avenue.

Alderman Terrio duly seconded the motion. Chairman Barry called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

2. Communication from Total Image Running requesting permission to use Arms Park for their TI 10 Miler/10K on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Alderman Terrio asked do we do this every year for this organization. If so I'm good.

*On motion by **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

3. Communication from James Ramos, Chief of Street Operations, regarding a pilot street sweeping program.

Alderman Long moved to approve. *Alderman Stewart* duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Long asked the details of the odd and even parking during this operation is incorporated...this committee doesn't have to approve that distinctly correct.

Tim Clougherty, Deputy Director of Public Works, stated the months of operation would not coincide with the odd/even parking. Our sweeping is traditionally done in the warmer months. There shouldn't be any complication with that.

Alderman Long replied okay. What I'm saying is will this pilot have no parking on one side of the street while you sweep?

Mr. Clougherty stated that is correct. We will post one side no parking on the first Wednesday of the month and then the opposite side on the first Thursday of the month.

Chairman Barry called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

TABLED ITEM

(A motion is in order to remove any item from the table.)

4. Communication from Alderman Sharonov requesting the waiver of potential police detail fees for a holiday neighborhood block party to take place on December 12, 2021 on Holt Avenue.
(Note: Tabled on 11/16 in case further action needs to be taken prior to event.)

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to remove this item from the table.*

Alderman Long stated in the last meeting nobody knew that there was a requirement to hire a detail. We were not told that in our original conversation.

Michael Donahue, Police Sergeant, stated just for clarification the application for the block party was approved. The conversation and discussion about Holt Avenue is that the request is to close the street between Cody and Platts. It is a small neighborhood and the issue of concern is that Holt Avenue is a major cut through for all of the tributary neighborhoods; it affects 100-150 houses. This application with the location being on Holt Avenue had happened prior this year during the summer months and we received complaints from three different people that there was no traffic control. This same application came through scheduled to happen on a Sunday between 1:30-7:30 PM. It was my recommendation, for safety concerns, that a detail officer be hired. It has nothing to do with the nature of the event. It is the location of the event that is my concern. They are asking to block Holt Avenue and additionally Allied Street perpendicular to Holt and Cranwell. I suggested they use more of that road over Holt Avenue. The applicant wished to remain on Holt due to the title of the event. Given the safety concerns, I requested a detail be required for the safety of the event and completion of the application.

Alderman Long stated your recommendation would be during that time you stated.

Mr. Donahue replied yes, between 1:30-7:30 PM on the 12th which is this coming Sunday. It was my recommendation, given the amount of traffic on that road, that they hire one police officer. I understand there are three blockages and I am not asking for excess officers. I am just asking for one traffic control officer to make sure there are no safety concerns.

Alderman Long stated I'm no expert here but could they do 4:30-7:30 PM or do you recommend the 1:30-7:30 PM.

Mr. Donahue stated it is the Police Department's recommendation that we would hire a detail for this event. If this was a road race or special event, it would go through an application process going through the city and we would look at it under the same microscope. It depends on the location and length of time. In this situation, with that length of time and the amount of cars, we would require a detail. If something were to happen before that or after I didn't address it that way. Given the timing and time of year, I didn't address that.

Alderman Terrio stated he handed us a flyer and I thought it said 4:30-6:30 PM.

Mr. Donahue stated I have a copy of the application and it states Sunday the 12th from 1:30-7:30 PM.

Alderman Terrio stated I think there is some confusion there. I remember when he came before us he gave us a flyer. For some reason it sticks in my head it was a two-hour event. I just want to make sure I got the streets right because I went to the summer event. It was Holt Avenue and Allied. If you are on Cushing and going north towards Holt, there is an intersection and he blocked it off from there.

Mr. Donahue stated according to him on the phone, and I am new to the approval of the application process, the last time he did this the application went one more block down to Harding. I brought up a copy of a map for everyone to see.

Chairman Barry interjected I received an invitation and I think Alderman Stewart did too and it does say 4:30-6:30 PM.

Mr. Donahue stated that may be the event time. The application submitted to me is 1:30-7:30 PM. I don't have a flyer.

Chairman Barry stated it could well be that our invitation is that little block of time.

Alderman Terrio stated I think we are in agreement and I think it is Cody Street. From that black dot on the map...

Mr. Donahue interjected Platts and Cody are the two blockages on Holt Avenue and then Allied down to Cranwell.

Alderman Terrio stated okay that is what he did this summer. We are on the same page. I guess we are not clear on the times.

Chairman Barry asked can you clarify the time.

Mr. Donahue stated I can. The only thing I have without his presence is the application. It may include setup and take down.

Alderman Terrio stated I assume that whatever the time is you are recommending that one police officer be there.

*On motion by **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to receive and file item.*

*There being no further business, on motion by **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk