

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
March 24, 2020

PRESENT: Chairperson Mixon, Members Hegy, Carroll, Garza
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, City Engineer Schall

Call to Order – Chairperson Mixon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present.

Public Comment Period – None.

Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Policy Amendment – The Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Policy was last updated in October 2019 with some minor changes. In response to some of the comments at the recent public hearing for new sidewalk installation, staff has been asked to review the payment options available for required sidewalk installation/repair. The current sidewalk policy has two payment options for required sidewalk repairs. A request was made to offer a third payment option for any costs in excess of \$5,000 to pay in 10 equal annual installments. All payment plan options would still include interest payments on outstanding balances at the City's borrowing rate at that time, plus 1%. City Engineer reviewed the proposed amendments, and responded to questions.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy approving the amendments to the Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Policy relating to the payment options for required sidewalk repairs. MOTION CARRIED.

MS4 General Permit – City Engineer Schall provided information on the 2019 annual report under MS4 General Permit, and responded to questions. The report outlines the storm water activities, programs, policies and ordinances followed by the City of Hartford in order to maintain compliance with six minimum measures required under the permit.

On-Street Parking Around Hartford Union High School – Hartford Union High School officials contacted the City to discuss on-street parking in the vicinity of the high street property. The high school is in the process of evaluating and redesigning traffic flow on the property. As part of that discussion, they are also looking at traffic flow on the streets adjacent to the high school. There are areas of no parking along portions of Cedar Street, W Monroe Avenue, and Court Drive. The high school is requesting the City to consider additional areas of no parking be added on W Monroe Avenue and Cedar Street. These additional areas included the north and south sides of W Monroe Avenue from Cedar Street to Summit Street and the east side of Cedar Street from the existing no parking area south to the school's southern driveway entrance.

Other areas staff would like to consider for no parking include one side of Summit Street from W Monroe Avenue to Harrison Street and the east side of Cedar Street from W Monroe Avenue to Harrison Street. Staff would like parking restricted on one side of Summit Street during school hours to help with snow plowing operations. Summit Street can become quite narrow during the winter months. Removing parking along the east side of Cedar Street would allow

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for an actual turn lane for south bound traffic at the intersection of W Monroe Avenue and Cedar Street. Staff is requesting direction from the Committee on whether to move forward with any of these new parking restrictions. City Engineer Schall reviewed the proposal, and responded to questions. After review, it was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with the proposed parking restrictions for final review by the Committee before a recommendation is made to the Common Council.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Garza for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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