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June 10th, 2016

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday June 15th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of June 15, 2016.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2016.
- C. Minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2016.
- D. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the June 15, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
by: Anthony Marena, Secretary

PLANS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ETC. FOR COMMON COUNCIL REFERRAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE IF YOU DESIRE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

June 15, 2016

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2016.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2016.

II. Old Business

1. Hillside Terrace - Request from Ms. Beth Kava to modify the existing parking regulation on Hillside Terrace from 1 hour parking, "7:30 AM to 6:30 PM" to 3 hour parking, "7:30 AM to 6:30 PM". She feels the 1 hour duration is too short.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and received some responses. The staff recommended that this item be held an additional month to allow more time for responses prior to making any recommendations

2. Ridgeway - Request from Mr. Steve Brady to create a "No Parking Any Time" on the north side of Ridgeway between Albemarle Road and Pilgrim Road.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and received some responses. The staff recommended that this item be held an additional month to allow more time for responses prior to making any recommendations.

III. New Business

1. Soundview Avenue - Request from Dr. Garret Weber to conduct a study of the area. Dr. Garret feels that motorists often speed on this road and does not feel that it is safe for pedestrians whom are walking on the shoulder.

The staff field reviewed the location. During the field review they noticed that the electronic speed display sign in the vicinity of Dr. Garret's home was obstructed by tree branches reducing visibility. A work order was prepared to trim the branches. The staff also noticed that only one speed limit sign exists on Soundview Avenue between Old Mamaroneck Road and Prospect Street coming into the City and two signs leaving the City. The staff felt that additional speed limit signs would be beneficial.

The staff also discussed possible revisions to pavement markings such as a white shoulder line to delineate an area for pedestrians and/or bicycles and possibly a double yellow centerline. The staff needs additional time to gather dimensions for the entire area.

IV. Common Council Referrals

V. Addendum

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Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – 8:30AM

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Number 6

Members Present: Anthonyarena, for Tom Soyk Acting Chairman
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (For D. Chong)
Melissa Briggs
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)

Staff Members Present: Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.

Members Absent: Richard Hope, Commission of Public Works
John Larson, Commissioner of Parking
Christopher Gomez, Commissioner of Planning

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to the Commissioner of Parking

QUORUM

Due to the lack of a quorum, this meeting was adjourned and later rescheduled by Acting Chairman Marena for Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9:00AM.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, May 19, 2016 – 9:00AM

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Number 7

Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
Rick Hope, Commissioner of Public Works
Kristi Krecht, Senior Planner (for C. Gomez)
Dan Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)
Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div. (for D. Chong)
Ken Burford
Melissa Briggs

Staff Members Present: Anthonyarena, Transportation Engineer

Members Absent: John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking

Staff Members Absent: Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to the Commissioner of Parking

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the April 20, 2016 minutes were approved.

II. Old Business

III. New Business

1. **Hillside Terrace** – Request from Ms. Beth Kava to modify the existing parking regulation on Hillside Terrace from 1 hour parking, "7:30AM TO 6:30pm" to 3 hour parking, "7:30 AM to 6:30PM". She feels 1 hour duration is too short.

The staff recommended that the residents in the area be polled prior to making any changes to the parking regulation.

Staff will send out letters to poll residents.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

2. **Ridgeway** - Request from Mr. Steve Brady to create a "No Parking Any Time" on the north side of Ridgeway between Albemarle Road and Pilgrim Road. Mr. Soyk added that Mr. Brady has been reporting this problem for quite some time. There have been reports of speeding there is a double yellow line in the middle of the road. Mr. Soyk has sketched it out with parking on one side and that's what we will state in the polling to the neighbors.

The staff recommended that the residents in the area be polled prior to making any changes to the parking regulation.

Staff will send out letters to poll residents.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

IV. Common Council Referrals

1. **Communications from City Clerk** - regarding a zoning ordinance amendment to add "Nursery Business" as a Special Permit Use, and add "Organic Manufacturing" as a Principal Permitted Use.

Ms. Krecht spoke about nursery businesses in residential neighborhoods. We get a lot of complaints with the organic matter emitting noxious gases from the residents. There has been an effort to move this kind of business into industrial zoned areas as opposed to the residential areas. The idea is to phase out this kind of business in the neighborhoods to industrial zones. Especially with manufacturing it becomes more of an industrial use.

Mr. Soyk stated that the Commission's concern is with the traffic related issues. The parking requirements use under nursery business allows for eight spaces per acre with one loading space per two acres. This was found after reviewing similar sights and found it to be reasonable. The numbers in the zoning ordinance reflect this review.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the referral.

2. **245 Mamaroneck Avenue** - Request from 3 Fitness LLC, for a special permit to operate a health club.

Mr. Soyk stated that this item is the new building on the east side of Mamaroneck Avenue south of Maple Avenue and between Maple and Carhart. Health clubs require more parking than other retail establishments but they have done a declaration that seems to be reasonable.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the referral. .

3. **Post Maple 77, LLC (The Boulevard)** - Request for site plan approval.

Mr. Soyk stated that this item has been before the Commission previously and there had been comments and changes. The Commission had requested the description of the driveway turn restrictions and a depiction of the left turn lane at the main entrance. Mr.

Soyk cited concerns that the crosswalks near Highland Avenue are too far away from the intersection. There is a possibility of someone making a left turn and not seeing a pedestrian in the crosswalk with its current location.

The Commission went on to discuss traffic control devices at the crosswalks and suggested that a signal be overhead. Tom Soyk discussed the possibility of a hawk signal but he indicated that this was unusual and that drivers and walkers may not understand it. He stated that there also may not be a need for two crosswalks. The one crosswalk should be on the east side and closer to the intersection. Mr. Hope addressed the bulb outs. He said that they are hard to clean and plow. Mr. Soyk commented that they were beneficial in providing a little bit of a safety area for pedestrians. He stated the departmental review is for one crosswalk at the east side of the intersection with signs and beacons posted at the intersection and the crosswalk closer to the intersection.

There was a discussion about the parking requirements. It was indicated that there is a valet plan and possible satellite parking for holiday period demands. Diagrams for access to loading spaces were submitted reflecting trucks entering an opposing lane. The Commission discussed a need for turn restrictions and concern of drainage.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the following items were recommended:

- a. The turn restrictions at the driveways must be indicated on the plans.*
- b. The left turn storage lane for the main entrance on West Post Road must be indicated on the plans.*
- c. There should be only one crosswalk at Highland Avenue with rapid flashing beacons supplementing standard crosswalk signs. The east crosswalk should be provided.*

- d. The truck turning movement diagrams for the loading dock access must be corrected so that trucks are not entering opposing lanes on Maple Avenue. Also, the correct lane dimensions for Maple Avenue must be shown and the area between the driveway cannot be raised if it is repeatedly run over by trucks.*

On a separate motion, the Commission voted 5 to 2 to recommend removal of all of the sidewalk bulb outs.

4. 125 Westchester Avenue (The Westchester Mall) - Request for site plan amendment, Paul Bergins, Esq. 6 Chester Avenue. Mr. Bergins began with stating there are two additional items showing size and fonts the other shows sample of color. He offered copies to anyone who did not receive them. There was a problem with labeling of items which was addressed. Mr. Soyk advised a dimension change to a smaller overall size of sign as well as fonts. Our comments to the Common Council are dimension size be adjusted and the drawings to represent what is actually going to be out there. There also needs to be a ruling as to whether we want the installation of signs on City property that read "The Westchester" on top of the sign. Final decision is made by the Common Council.

On a motion made, seconded and carried with the following comments, the referral was approved:

- a. Dimensions for exterior signs on pages 5 and 25 must be corrected.*
- b. A legal review of the display of the mall name on top of the right-of-way guide signs is recommended.*

V. Addendum

Adjournment

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:34AM.



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traffic/dangerous speeds soundview ave

1 message

Garret Weber <garretweber@gmail.com>

Tue, May 24, 2016 at 12:17 PM

To: amarena@whiteplainsny.gov

Dear Anthony,

It was great to talk to you today. I wanted to voice my concerns regarding the speed of cars and motor vehicles on Soundview Ave. I live at 126 Soundview Ave. My house has the speed radar on it (intersection with prospect). I have a 2 year old active child as well as a pregnant wife soon to deliver and I am concerned with the dangerous speeds and aggressive driving. Soundview is a wide street and people feel like they can drive way above the speed limit/aggressively down the road. Since the radar is on my property I routinely see people driving 15+ miles above the speed limit. It has been the consensus of my neighbors as well. In fact a neighbor mentioned to me several months ago they had to call the police to report drag racing down Soundview!

I have already spoken to the police regarding additional patrol but I don't believe that's enough of a deterrent. This is a residential area with very high property taxes, and as a White Plains resident I should not have to worry about backing out my car on to what is like a highway! Also, there are many people walking and jogging down Soundview which is a beautiful street. Personally, I am observant and walk to Synagogue every week. I should not have to worry about my family every time I go to services.

Finally as a physician who works at Westchester Medical Center I am intimately aware with the prevalence and morbidity associated with motor vehicle trauma. I believe that we can make change to save lives and prevent unnecessary injury.

If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact me at garretweber@gmail.com or by cell at 917

Best

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