

1. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA, JANUARY 7, 2021

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**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 505 THIRD STREET
5:00 p.m. January 7, 2021**

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Roll Call.
2. Minutes of The Regular Meeting, November 12, 2020.
3. Discussion and Possible Action to Conduct Hudson Hot Air Affair Feb 5-7, 2021.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Lighting and Crosswalk Safety on Vine Street at Diamond Drive.
5. Informational Items.
6. EMS/Fire Department/Police Department Updates.
7. Other Items for Future Agendas.
8. Adjournment.

CC: Mayor O'Connor; Aaron Reeves
Aldersperson Alms; Alderson Hall; Aldersperson Morrissette
Chief Willems: Chief St. Martin; Public Works; City Clerk; Jon Muller
Chamber of Commerce; Cable TV; Star Observer; Hudson Patch; Lobbies

Posted in City Hall lobbies and the Public Safety Building, delivered to Star Observer and Committee members: 01/05/21

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Council may be present at the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the City Council pursuant to **State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis.2d 553, 494 N. W. 2d 408 (1993)**, and must be noticed as such, although the Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

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PRESENT: Alderpersons Hall and Morrissette.

EXCUSED: Alderperson Alms

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Geoff Willems, Chief Scott St. Martin, Dean Chamberlain, Bridget Murphy, Jim Gullickson, Betty Caruso, Ruth Peterson, Evy Nerbonne, and Melanie Herberg.

A copy of the agenda was posted in City Hall lobbies, delivered to the Hudson Star-Observer, and mailed to committee members on November 10, 2020.

Alderperson Morrissette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING: Morrissette noted that the motion on page three was to forward the issue to Council for discussion. MOTION by Hall, Second by Morrissette to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 regular meeting with the noted correction. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPEED ON EAST CANYON DRIVE: Willems noted that this was held over from last month to have Alms present. MOTION by Morrissette, SECOND by Hall to postpone the issue to the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRAFFIC SAFETY ON CARMICHAEL ROAD: Willems stated that the Carmichael Road corridor has always been a safety concern. 3400-3600 vehicles travel this road daily and there have been many accidents. St Martin & Murphy also stated that every accident puts all public safety entities at risk while on scene. Jim Gullickson, a Bieneman Farm resident, stated he's noticed more severe accidents as the population increases. He felt it was dangerous to get onto Carmichael Road. Morrissette urged committee members and residents to also reach out their State representatives. Willems stated that although speed limits are fixed by the State, for example residential areas are 25 MPH, the City has the authority to change them. He stated that signage doesn't change driving behavior. Most the of the accidents are people failing to yield on yellow lights, running red lights or making left turns off of Carmichael Road. Morrissette noted that turn signals were budgeted in the CIP. Chamberlain stated that 25MPH wasn't appropriate for the design of the road and suggested 35 MPH. Hall noted that this type of road was dangerous and not designed for pedestrian traffic. She asked whether there can also be changes to the timing of the lights. Chamberlain will discuss it with Public Works.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrissette to recommend working with the Town of Hudson to change the speed limit on Carmichael Road between Coulee Road/Frontage Road and Faith Community Church to 25 MPH; and to change the speed limit on Carmichael Road between the interstate to Coulee Trail to 35 MPH. MOTION CARRIED.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STOP SIGNS ON COULEE ROAD AT SEVENTEENTH STREET: Chamberlain stated that traffic information has not all been collected yet and suggested the issue be tabled.

MOTION by Morrissette, SECOND by Hall to postpone the issue. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR “LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY” SIGNAGE ON MAYER ROAD: Morrissette stated this request came from a resident of the area. He stated that all public streets and roads belong to everyone. Chamberlain agreed stating that it was for public use.

MOTION by Morrissette, SECOND by Hall to deny the request for “Local Traffic Only” signage on Mayer Road. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RV PARKING ON SIXTH STREET NEAR RIVER ROAD: Morrissette stated that this issue was brought up by a resident who stated an RV is parked on the street on a blind hill. Willems stated that there have been complaints off and on throughout the City during spring, summer, and autumn. Most RVs are stored in winter months. He stated that it is an issue with visibility and safe passage. Morrissette asked that Willems and Chamberlain research other comparable cities for RV parking on streets.

MOTION by Morrissette, SECOND by Hall to postpone the issue until more research can be conducted. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPEED HUMP POLICY: Chamberlain stated at last month’s meeting the Committee forwarded the issue to the Public Works Committee, however there wasn’t enough time to get it on the agenda. It is on the Public Works agenda for Monday, November 16, 2020

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrissette to have the draft reviewed by Public Works then City Attorney Catherine Munkittrick and to the full Council after her review. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Traffic Safety On Saint Croix Street/Baer Drive At Eleventh Street: Betty Caruso asked what the criteria was for erecting the stop signs. The Committee explained that crash data and visibility were safety concerns. Chamberlain stated that motorists unfamiliar with the intersection could be confused on who has right of way. He stated that pedestrian traffic was also a consideration. Several options had been presented and the stop signs were the recommended solution. He will keep in touch with Public Works Director Mike Mroz over the course of the winter and the concerns about stopping at the top of the hill. Caruso felt that the reduced speed limit was a good solution. She stated that as a resident of Third Street, she travels this intersection frequently and has never witnessed any problems. She was more concerned about the policy than a solution to placate one complaint. Hall stated that she’s received many

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communications from people in favor of the change. Morrisette stated that they will continue to monitor the situation.

MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrisette to hear the issue again at the January meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Hot Air Affair: Ruth Peterson stated that the committee has been working with City Staff on alternate activities such as a pop-up balloon launch and a drive through Moon Glow. Evy Nerbonne stated they appreciate working with the City on this event and the changes to virtual activities for safety reasons. The event is a big draw with positive economic impact. The Committee thanked them for being proactive in their planning. The issue will be heard at the January meeting.

Traffic Analysis on Colonial Drive: Willems stated that over 2500 cars traveled this street in six days with the average speed being 23 MPH.

EMS/FIRE DEPARTMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Bridget Murphy stated that the call volume was up 10-15% with 20-25% of patients showing COVID symptoms. A couple of medics were out with COVID but they were able to fill the shifts quickly. They have brought back the stand-by schedule until December.

Fire Chief Scott St. Martin stated they have been busy. He thanked the firefighters for sticking it out with COVID shortfalls. They are looking at adding more firefighters at the beginning of the year.

Police Chief Geoff Willems stated they won't be sharing officer names on social media.

Morrisette inquired if Hudson Hospital was full. Murphy stated she didn't know about Hudson specifically, but others are feeling full. It's not always a space issue as they can also have staffing shortages.

OTHER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Hall, SECOND by Morrisette to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes by Melanie Herberg.



SUBMITTED TO: Public Safety Committee

DATE: December 23, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Chief Geoff Willems

REGARDING: Hot Air Affair

BACKGROUND: The Hot Air Affair would like to host its annual event on February 5-7, 2021. The association is still looking at ways to make this event work with social distancing and spacing requirements. They are currently looking at several options and various locations. The Hot Air Affair representation will be present at this meeting to discuss options.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:



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REGARDING: lighting, cross walk safety on Vine Street at Diamond Drive

BACKGROUND: Council woman Hall emailed myself as well as Dean Chamberlin regarding an experience she and her husband had on Vine Street at Diamond Drive. They were driving westbound on Vine Street and encountered a person walking their dog in the cross walk. Mrs. Hall stated she could not see the pedestrian until it was way too late, making their encounter closer than it could have been. Mrs. Hall asked about lighting and other safety options at this intersection.

There is a street light on the southwest corner, but no light on the east side or on the north side of the intersection. The costs would be \$10K-\$15K to place a light in a better location. There are flashing pedestrian crossing signs at this intersection that flash yellow lights IF the pedestrian pushes the button. These devices have been very beneficial in alerting traffic to pedestrians.

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