

SPECIAL POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2009

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Mayor Quade; Councilmembers: Berry-Maraist, Erickson, Lord, McGinty, Rudolph, Stern.
Staff: Boltz, Kasiniak, Loveless, Stephens, Swiney.
Also present: Port of Poulsbo Commissioners Arnold Bockus and Glenn Gilbert.

ABSENT: Councilmember Crowder.

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Presentation- Traffic Demand Management (TDM) Stakeholders
- * * * Presentation- Parking Study Stakeholders
- * * * Council Discussion- Pedestrian Safety

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quade called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 6:31 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Quade announced a change to the agenda to include citizen comments and Council discussion after each presentation and informed the Council and audience of the meeting rebroadcast times on Bremerton Kitsap Access Television.

2. PRESENTATION-TRAFFIC DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)

Assistant Public Works Director Kasiniak presented an overview of the Traffic Demand Management (TDM) study purpose, process and recommendations. Kasiniak clarified the purpose of the TDM was decrease the amount of cut through traffic downtown; not to address pedestrian safety. All stop signs, with the exception of the intersections of Front Street and N. Jensen Way; 6th Street and Hostmark Street; and Hostmark Street/Lincoln Road/4th Street/Fjord Drive, have already been approved by the City Council.

Police Chief Swiney clarified his response in a prior meeting in regards to a public records request, which requested the numbers of drivers have been cited or arrested on Front Street and the downtown core; in which his response was none. However, there were a total of two accidents on Front Street only from 2001-2007, where there were no citations or arrests. Swiney explained there is one database that holds the information; all reported accidents are gathered by the State Patrol.

Public Works Director Loveless reported there have also been 6 pedestrian and 2 bicycle accidents in the TDM area.

Councilmember Rudolph commented the additional stop signs at the intersections in question will help the residents of neighborhoods be able to exit the neighborhood safely and increase traffic circulation.

Councilmember Erickson expressed her concern over the five way intersection at Hostmark, and commented on the high amount of speed and traffic she observed.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a.** Eilena Angilletta expressed her support of the TDM study and pedestrian safety. Angilletta commented the walkways and crosswalks need to have better lighting at night.
- b.** Ben Kirkendall commented on the safety concerns and poor visibility at the 5-way intersection, supports additional stop sign the intersection.
- c.** Al Andrus expressed his support and necessity of the TDM recommendations.
- d.** Eloise Andrus express support of the TDM, commenting on the safety concerns at the 5 way intersection.
- e.** Bill Austin expressed his support for the TDM and pedestrian safety in the crosswalks.
- f.** Janetmarie Valiga commented the traffic that will be diverted downtown from the Highway 305 closure, suggesting that the stop sign be installed prior to the highway closure.
- g.** Jan Wold commented on increased growth of the City causing some of the transportation issues.
- h.** Andrea Rowe, Marina Market, expressed her support of the TDM and questioned if the stakeholders group considered making 3rd Avenue a one way street.
- i.** Missie Sewell commented on the high speed of traffic on 4th Avenue, supports the additional stop signs and urged the enforcement of the speed limits.

- j.** Peggy Fiorini, Raven Blues, read a letter from Bernard, Imagine That! A bead store, which expressed his opposition of the TDM and the redirection of traffic away from downtown.
- k.** Michael Paxhia expressed his support of the TDM and pedestrian safety.
- l.** Soon Hood, The Book Stop, expressed her support of the TDM.
- m.** June Cotner commented downtown crosswalks need to be painted and clearly marked and requested better enforcement of the speed limit.
- n.** Janet Dowling, Potlatch Gallery, commented on pedestrian safety, the amount of traffic in downtown and expressed her support of the additional stop signs.
- o.** Marie Sipple, Shoreline Gallery, commented on the potential economic harm as a result of the implementation of the TDM.

Councilmember McGinty commented the TDM was not meant to address pedestrian safety, which is a separate subject that should be discussed at another time. Mayor Quade advised pedestrian safety is being addressed and research is being done on possible solutions, which the Public Works Committee will review.

Councilmember Rudolph stated the TDM recommendations primarily address traffic circulation; increased pedestrian safety would be a secondary benefit.

Councilmember Erickson stated installing stop signs downtown is a cost effective solution to the increased traffic. The impact and results will be reassessed, and the stop signs can be removed if necessary.

Councilmember Berry-Maraist commented the added stop sign at the 5-way intersection is needed to slow down traffic in that area, and stated the City will monitor the impact the stop signs will have on downtown businesses and will make modifications if necessary.

Councilmember Lord expressed her concern over large, commercial trucks cutting through downtown, and suggested additional signage be added to encourage commercial trucks to use State Route 305. Lord commented on her support of downtown businesses, and felt businesses would still get traffic with the nonessential traffic being diverted.

Councilmember Stern commented on the importance of the Council taking a pause in December, with the implementation of the stop signs in question, to receive public feedback and input.

Councilmember Rudolph clarified the stakeholder group did discuss making 3rd Avenue a one-way street, however didn't feel it should be included in phase one of the TDM. However, the road would be changed to a one way road during the construction of City Hall, with the possibility of the change being permanent.

Councilmember Lord suggested holding off on installing the stop signs until after the traditionally slow winter period for merchants. Councilmember Rudolph stated the intent was to implement the stop signs prior to Viking Fest, however the 5-way stop sign needs to be implemented now.

MOTION: Berry-Maraist/Rudolph. Move forward with the 5-way stop sign improvements at Hostmark Street/Lincoln Road/4th Street/Fjord Drive immediately.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Crowder

MOTION: Berry-Maraist/Stern. Move forward with the remaining two stop signs at 6th Avenue and Front Street; and Front Street and Jensen Way N, prior to Viking Fest.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Crowder

4. PRESENTATION-PARKING STUDY

Associate Planner Nelson presented an overview of the Parking Study, process and recommendations. Nelson stated phase one would include additional on-street parking on Front Street, survey of Anderson Parkway and consideration on reducing dimensional standards for parking stalls and aisle widths.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. Gloria Taylor, Vintage Interiors, expressed her concern with charging for parking.
- b. Janetmarie Valiga commented handicap parking in downtown is not well marked.
- c. Andrea Rowe, Marina Market, commented any construction or changes in the downtown area should happen during the winter time, when it is slow.

- d. Tammy Mattson, Historic Downtown Poulsbo Association, commented on the need for increased parking, stating the more parking the City can provide the better off the merchants will be.
- e. Adele Heinrich requested the Council consider the width of the parking spaces and aisles in Anderson Parkway for larger vehicles.
- f. Bill Austin suggested the City look into applying for grants to construct a parking garage, and the ability to increase the number of parking spaces in King Olaf parking lot.
- g. Stephanie Wells commented on the parking issues Bremerton has had, urging the Council to not follow suit. Wells also commented on the lack of parking spaces for trucks and boat trailers on Anderson Parkway.
- h. Mike Paxhia commented on people parking for extended period of time and overnight in Anderson Parkway.
- i. Janet Dowling, Potlatch Gallery, commented on the lack of enforcement of the one hour parking on Front Street; recommending 3 hour parking on the street such as it is in the parking lots.

Councilmember Berry-Maraist stated the issues that were addressed and evaluated during the parking study, and reported the study document the capacity during the day and the length of time vehicles are staying in their parking spaces. The stakeholders group also discussed the highest and best use of Anderson Parkway in the future; the topic will continue to be discussed.

Councilmember Stern commented on the potential of adding additional parking or a parking facility on the existing City Hall pad, which will be discussed during the year.

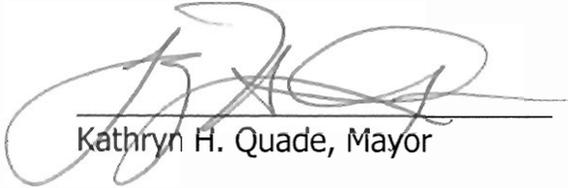
Councilmember Rudolph commented the Public Works Committee recommended the implementation of phase one which increases the supply of parking. Parking enforcement was discussed however was not included in phase one because of the risk of deterring people from coming into downtown.

MOTION: Berry-Maraist/Stern. Move forward with recommendation to the Finance Committee, on adding the additional parking on Front Street, north of Jensen Way, move forward on getting the cost and surveying of Anderson Parkway.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Crowder

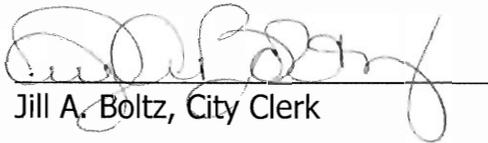
6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stern/Lord. Move to adjourn at 8:08 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.



Kathryn H. Quade, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk