

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022

Committee Chair Norman Belanger called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilors Norman Belanger, and Liam LaFountain;
Committee Members Jake Pierson and Renee O’Neil

Councilor Amy Clearwater was excused.

Staff Members Present: Police Chief Roger Beaupre, Chief Operating Officer Brian Phinney

The Committee, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Acceptance of Minutes: **March 14, 2022**

Motion by Councilor LaFountain, seconded by Committee Member O’Neil to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Public Input Session: **May Street Traffic Calming**

The public hearing opened at 5:05 PM

Several members of the public spoke at the podium and four members of the public spoke via Zoom. The City also received online comments. The online comments are part of the public record. The general sentiment is that the public is in support of changes to improve safety.

Committee Chair Belanger requested that staff prepare a report summarizing the various recommendations and suggestions, evaluate time-to-implement issues, evaluate operational implications, evaluate cost implications, and report back to the Committee. The Committee will review the staff report at the next available meeting.

Committee Chair Belanger closed the session at 5:45 PM

Discussion/Approval: 5.1. **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-87-Yield Signs/Delete on Alfred Street at Main Street; and Sec. 42-89-Stop Intersections/Add on Alfred Street at Main Street.**

The recommendation is to install a stop sign at the intersection of Alfred and Main to replace the existing yield sign on Alfred Street.

Motion by Committee Member Pierson, seconded by Committee Member O’Neil to accept the recommendation for discussion.

Police Chief Beaupre provided a brief summary of traffic accidents at the intersection and their causes. Chief Beaupre is not in support of replacing yield sign with a stop sign indicating that the data does not support the change and that he has concerns a stop sign could create traffic backups.

Vote on motion: Zero for the motion, Unanimous against the motion.

Discussion/Approval: **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-62 Identification and use of municipal parking lots/Update City Hall Parking Lot Hours**

The recommendation is to change the referenced ordinance to align the time-limited parking with the newly adopted hours for City Hall.

Motion by Councilor LaFountain, seconded by Committee Member O'Neil to accept the recommendation.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion: **Review of ARPA Applications**

The Committee reviewed the application summary and discussed next steps. The Committee reached consensus on next steps – those being – Chairman Belanger will prepare a ranking outline for the committee members. The committee members will rank the applications and return their ranking to Chairman Belanger. He will compile the results in preparation for a more detailed discussion at the next scheduled meeting. Additional interviews/input from applicants may be needed based on the results of the ranking and the preference of the Committee.

Motion: None

Vote: None (consensus).

Motion by Committee Member O'Neil, seconded by Councilor LaFountain to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:16 PM