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January 11, 2019

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday January 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of January 16, 2019.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held December 19, 2018.
- C. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the January 16, 2019 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 A REVIEW IF YOU DESIRE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

January 16, 2019

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2018

II. Old Business

1. Davis Avenue - Request from Mr. William Zarmsky, 102 Davis Avenue to create a "No Parking 10AM-11AM" in front of his home. Mr. Zarmsky states that cars are parked in front of his house and blocking his garbage pails on pick up days and that it is difficult for him to pull out of his driveway.

The staff sent letters to the residents in the area and has received a total of six responses. Four out of the six did not want a change to the restrictions. Based on this, the staff did not recommend any changes to the parking restrictions.

III. New Business

1. Ralph Avenue and Prescott Avenue - Request from Mr. Leonard Gruenfeld, 16 Midchester Avenue for an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that an all way stop would help reduce speeds on Prescott Avenue.

The staff field reviewed the location and the accident history. The accident history did not show a pattern of accidents correctable by the installation of an all way stop. The federal warrants for an all way stop are not met. Stop signs are not installed to reduce speeds. Based on the warrants not being met, the staff did not recommend an all way stop.

2. Gene Place- Request from Mr. John Barry, 5 Gene Place to create a “No Parking Any Time” zone opposite his home to the corner. Mr Barry feels the roadway is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the road and that the parked cars create difficulty for him to access his driveway as well as pose safety concerns.

The staff reviewed the location. The roadway in this area is approximately 20 feet wide. The staff recommended the Fire Department conduct a review of the area prior to making any changes to the parking restrictions.

IV. Common Council Referrals

The referral item was received after the staff meeting. Therefore, the staff did not review or make any recommendations.

1. 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue, March of Dimes- Request from DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, on behalf of The Windward School for special permit and site plan approval for the property at 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue (March of Dimes).

V. Addendum

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Minutes of Meeting of December 19, 2018

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking
James M. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (for D. Chong)
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner DPW (for R. Hope)
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner, Planning Department (for C. Gomez)
Melissa Briggs
Ken Burford

Staff Members Present: Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement
Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.
Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer

Members Absent: Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner Larson
Jim Durdoval
William S. Null, Esq.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the November 21, 2018 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Davis Avenue – Request from Mr. William Zarmsky, 102 Davis Avenue to create a “No Parking 10AM-11AM” in front of his home. Mr. Zarmsky states that cars are parked in front of his house and blocking his garbage pails on pick up days and that it is difficult for him to pull out of his driveway.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area but recommended that this item be held an additional month to allow time for additional responses.

This item will be held.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ethelridge Road and Mamaroneck Avenue – Request from Mr. Michael Hardy, 47 Avondale Road to review the sight lines at this intersection. He feels the visibility from Ethelridge Road is obstructed due to the shrubs on the corner.

The staff reviewed the location and measured the sight lines. The sight lines are adequate therefore no further action is recommended.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

2. New Street at Ferris Avenue – Request from Parking Department/Traffic Division to create a “No Stopping Any Time” zone on New Street westbound at Ferris Avenue.

Currently this area is often used by buses as a layover area. The area closest to the signal has vehicle detectors in the pavement. The buses stopped on the detector cause the green to be extended for the westbound approach unnecessarily resulting in additional delays for the other approaches. The staff recommended creating a forty foot “No Stopping Any Time” zone to avoid the buses stopping on the detectors.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk will be speaking with an administrator from the County so that hopefully there would be better compliance from the County buses in addition to the areas being marked out.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

3. Rosedale Avenue and West Street – Request from Mr. Robert Dougherty, 173 West Street for an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that the utility poles on the southwest corner are obstructing the sight lines and that an all way stop is needed.

The staff reviewed the location and measured the sight lines. Two utility poles are located on the southwest corner which reduce the sight line. The staff recommended that the Department of Public Works confirm that one of the poles is scheduled to be removed by the utility company. The staff also noted that two evergreen trees on the northeast corner are reducing the sight lines. If the trees are removed that will increase the sight lines for this approach. The staff recommended that this be referred to the Department of Public Works to determine if the trees are on private property or the City Right of Way. If the trees are on the City Right of Way they should be removed.

Deputy Commissioner Anthony Carr addressed the Commission. He shared that he is still awaiting status from the utility company and will continue to work with them regarding the poles. It was confirmed that the two evergreen trees are on the City's right of way and they will be removed.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 50 Main Street, 34 South Lexington Avenue and 1-11 Martine Avenue – Request from MG RMC Main LLC, for a Site Plan Amendment.

The staff expressed concerns about the increase in vehicles exiting the Bank Street driveway during peak hours and recommended that the driveway be closed for egress during those hours.

William Null, Esq. and Jim Surdoval addressed the Commission. Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that the area surrounding the driveway located on the Bank side experiences heavy traffic during peak hours. Mr. Surdoval stated that this exit on Bank would be used mostly for truck deliveries and there would be limited use at the exit during the heavy traffic peak hours. Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk recommended that the City should reserve the right to restrict that exit if there is a need.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Commission recommended approval of the site plan amendment while reserving the right to restrict the Bank Street driveway at a later time if a restriction is needed.

2. West Post Road and Maple Avenue – Request from Post Maple 77, LLC, for a one year extension to the site plan approval.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Commission recommended approval of the extension to the site plan approval with no traffic related concerns.

V. ADDENDUM

Construction has begun for the project between Mamaroneck, Post and Mitchell (MMP Project). Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that he received a complaint from the County bus system that there is too long of a distance on Mamaroneck Avenue without any bus stop. With the impending construction along Mamaroneck Avenue there will be a temporary relocation of the bus stop. This will

require the removal of meters along Mamaroneck Avenue northbound, north of Maple Avenue. A fee will be paid from the developer for the temporary removal of these meters.

Deputy Commissioner Bradley asked if it would impact the fire apparatus. The answer was no, it most likely would not.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Commission recommended the approval of the temporary bus stop.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:40AM.

Hi Anthony,

Happy New Year!

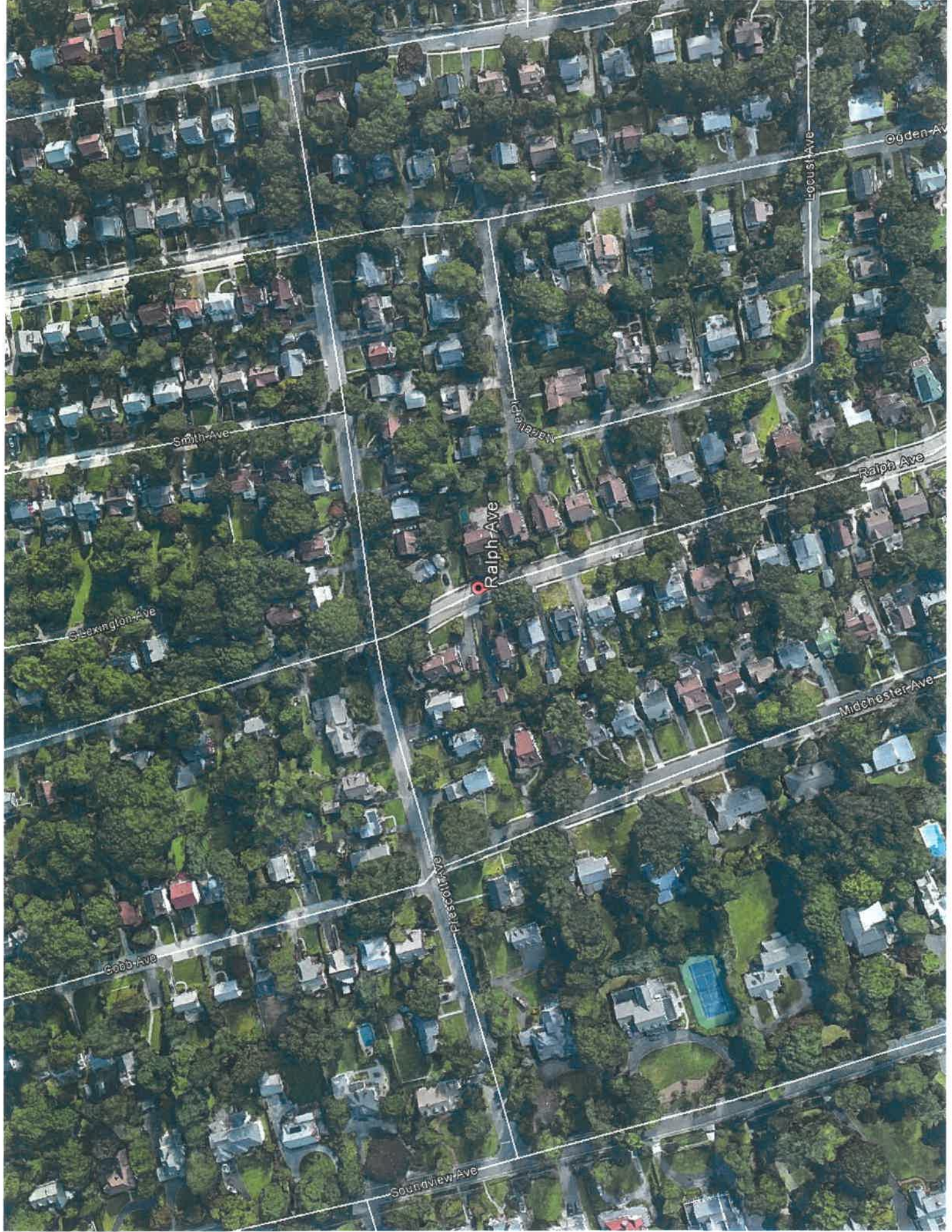
As we discussed over emails, I have heard a number of complaints from my neighbors about people speeding etc on Prescott specifically in the area around Midchester and Ralph (who see this when they are waiting with kids for school busses etc.). I also understood from them that there was an accident last week whereby a truck went into a tree at the corner of Ralph and Prescott to avoid a speeding oncoming car. Is there any way to install some type of traffic calming measures to make it less desirable to use Prescott as a cut through street? Perhaps changing the intersection of Ralph and Prescott to an all way stop from the existing two way stop. Also adding some pedestrian crossing signs near the corner of Prescott and Midchester (not only a active school bus stop but decent amount of foot traffic considering it is a single family neighborhood) and 30 mph speed limit signs (one possible location for eastbound traffic would be between Soundview and Midchester on Prescott) may help in addition to the all way stop.

I also wanted to see if it was possible to add walk signals at Mamaroneck and Gedney Way. I go there often with my children to play at the playground and I watch as kids from the nearby schools cross, people going to and from burke from the bus stops as well as others. It seems like this intersection with its heavy volume of traffic and some at high speeds would warrant such an addition as an added safety feature.

I would greatly appreciate if both of these items could be placed on the upcoming agenda for the Traffic Commission.

Yours truly,

Leonard Gruenfeld



Smith Ave

Ogden Ave

LOCUST AVE

Ralph

Ralph Ave

Ralph Ave

Lexington Ave

Midchester Ave

Godd Ave

LOCUST AVE

SoundView Ave

Hello Anthony ,

Happy New Year Health and Happiness for 2019 !

Thank you for presenting my request to the traffic safety board, I hope I present a legitimate request .

I have been a resident of White Plains for 28 years , and my family have called 5 Gene Place home for the last 11 plus years. We are right off the corner of Reynal Road, and have the first driveway on the left hand side of the street. On the evening of December 27, there was a car parked directly across from my driveway , whereby no cars were allowed to gain access to my driveway. Both my son and I left our cars on the street , waiting for the vehicle to move, giving them the benefit of the doubt that they were not aware of how they had parked , since this has been a reoccurring event I called the White Plains Police Dept seeking information as to what I could do, and eventually was directed to you .

The vehicle in question remained on the street all night, and I wound up driving both my truck (non-commercial Chevy Silverado) and my Sons Jeep partially across our lawn to gain access to our driveway.

The issue at hand, as much of an inconvenience as it is for my family , goes a little deeper .. beside cars across from my driveway , normal parking congestion from expanding households, as well as commercial vehicles (Landscapers , Mechanical contractors etc.) that provide services to these residence create congestion , as well as safety concerns.

Since there are presently no restriction for parking on either side of the street, we often find cars and truck parked on both sides , whereby making it difficult for WP maintain trucks (Garbage) , school buses , and if necessary Emergency Vehicles (Fire /Ambulances) to pass by

My Request to the committee is to place a No parking from here to corner sign across the street from my home ,and alleviating all issues mention above .

I have provided a few pictures (attached) that represent the issues we have been dealing with . One picture of truck coming out of the driveway , and blocked by the blue car and the second shows the available space (or lack of) when cars are on each side of the street.

I would be happy to provide more information upon your request, and appreciate your attention on this safety issue.

Regards,

John Barry

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