

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

March 2, 1999
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6:15

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Reiniger, Cashin, Hirschmann

Absent: Alderman Pinard

Messrs: T. Lolicata, R. Davis, M. Shea, Sgt. Winn, S. Pelky, B. Kearney

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from John Cooperider, Chair of the Hillcrest Terrace Resident Council requesting that a traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Hackett Hill Road and Front Street (Route 3A).

Mr. Lolicata stated my understanding today is that there will be an 80% State and 20% City and they were going to put some money in.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I don't know the facts. What I do know is there was an impact fee charged for the new community on the corner, I am trying to think of the name of it. Bob MacKenzie has that impact fee so he has our portion already set aside.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just heard tonight that besides being on the CIP, the Highway Department told me that he is going to be something like an 80% State and 20% city deal on that so it has been looked at the last couple of years.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I talked to Mr. MacKenzie and the reason it is here is he wanted a joint referral to Traffic and CIP for the course it is supposed to take.

Mr. Lolicata replied I see it is already on the agenda for CIP.

Alderman Hirschmann responded right. It was referred to both places. There were 100+ residents that signed this petition to request this so we want to try to do this before there is an accident of some kind.

Mr. Lolicata stated I guess Highway has been talking about it and it looks like it might be a go. I have heard nothing else since then except that it is in the makings.

Chairman Clancy asked how much money is Hillcrest Terrace going to throw in for the light.

Alderman Hirschmann answered none that I know of.

Chairman Clancy asked how about that new development on 1850, are they going to throw any money in.

Mr. Lolicata answered I have no idea. You will have to ask Bob MacKenzie or someone like that. I am not familiar with that at all. I have been asking for this for the last couple of years and evidently the State and Highway got together this year and that is what I just heard this week. It looks like it is in the makings though.

Alderman Cashin asked has anybody approached Hillcrest and asked them if they are going to donate some money.

Alderman Hirschmann answered no.

Alderman Cashin asked why not.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the City has to come up with 20% and we have already raised it through an impact fee on this new building. The State has to come up with the rest.

Alderman Cashin asked the City has to come up with 20%, right.

Alderman Hirschmann answered yes, but we have it.

Alderman Cashin asked how.

Alderman Hirschmann stated on the corner of Hackett Hill and Front Street, there is a new community. It is a meetinghouse or whatever. They were charged an

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impact fee for building there because they created this mess. The impact fee that was charged is covering the 20% that we are being asked to come up with.

Mr. Lolicata stated usually, Alderman, when you come to an intersection and some big place moves in, they go after them for an impact fee.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I went to the Planning Board meeting when this was being planned. I asked them if they could charge an impact fee and they actually put an extra turning way in there and took some of their property away and made a turning way as a result of those planning meetings. This was all thought of in the planning stages.

Alderman Cashin asked so you are saying you have the 20% to match the 80%.

Alderman Hirschmann answered yes. It is for the 2000 budget, I thought.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to approve this item and refer it to the CIP Committee for funding. Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion. Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Jon Erdahl, Director of Operations of WGIR AM/FM requesting the use of Arms Park and the Bridge Street Bridge for their 8th Annual Memorial Day Weekend fireworks display scheduled for Sunday, May 30, 1999, with a rain date of Monday, May 31, 1999.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Fred Harris, President of Riverfest, Inc., seeking permission of various requests as outlined below during the Riverfest celebration scheduled for September 10, 11 & 12, 1999:

- (a) designation of the area generally bordered by Elm Street to the east, Brook Street to the North, Granite Street to the south, and the Merrimack River to the west as the "Riverfest Area";
- (b) requesting those possessing valid Arms lease stickers be allowed to park "free-of-charge" in either the Canal Street or Wall Street garages from September 7-13, 1999;
- (c) the closure of Arms Parking Lot from September 7-13, 1999; and
- (d) closure of the Bedford Street Parking Lot for additional tent set up and other activities

Alderman Hirschmann asked is the boundary right, Elm Street, or is it supposed to be Commercial Street.

Chairman Clancy answered I think they extended it a little this year. Does anybody know about that.

Mr. Davis stated I sit on the committee for Riverfest and I think the reason they do that is they don't want vendors creeping into their area. Nothing is going to change as far as the layout.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Matthew Shea, Atlas Pyro Vision Productions, requesting to utilize Arms Park for a private fireworks display on April 8, 1999.

Mr. Shea stated we met with Jim Winn and the Fire Department yesterday and decided that instead of being at Arms Park, we would just do it on the bridge, closing the bridge down from 6PM to 8:30PM and then clean-up and hopefully about 9:15PM the bridge would be back open. It is for O'Neil/Griffin, the advertising agency who is having a client come into the market and they are working on this. Basically, the client wants to show everybody by doing a small fireworks display. I have discussed it with the Police and Fire regarding the necessary fees that would be imposed and there is no problem at all.

Alderman Hirschmann asked what day is that.

Mr. Shea answered it is a Wednesday.

Alderman Hirschmann asked so you are going to close off the bridge.

Mr. Shea answered yes, it will be after rush hour. It will be one span. It will be three and a half-hours and then it would be open again. Actually, the full bridge would not be closed down except during the time of the display which would be about 15 minutes tops at 8:30PM.

Chairman Clancy asked how long will this take.

Mr. Shea answered about 10 minutes for the fireworks and then checking everything so we are looking at a total interruption of about 3 and a half hours meaning that we would have the east span closed down at 6PM and then it would be open at 9PM.

Sgt. Winn stated the letter you folks received from Mr. Shea indicated that they wanted to do the fireworks out of Arms Park, itself. This will be out of the park. When we down to meet with them yesterday, our feeling was that if we were going to do it, for safety reasons we would want the bridge shut down anyway so instead of worrying about securing the park and the bridge, we had recommended that we just do it on the bridge and they were willing to comply with that. What you are looking at is shutting down the east bound span of the bridge for probably three hours from the time they need to set-up until the time that they actually clean-up after the event is over.

Alderman Reiniger asked does it have to be that late.

Mr. Shea answered it does. I had them move it up to 8:30PM. They wanted it a little earlier but I told them 8:30PM because of rush hour and figuring that rush hour would be done by 6PM and the City right now is fairly quiet and the Police feel, and I am not speaking for them, but they said that they didn't see a problem with traffic at that time.

Alderman Reiniger asked how long is the show.

Mr. Shea answered it is about a 12 minute show.

Alderman Reiniger asked is there any way we could combine something with Intown.

Mr. Shea answered that was actually brought up to me when I was thinking about Arms Park. I briefly said that to the client and they said they didn't have a problem with that because they are going to tag some of their advertisements that you know there is going to be a fireworks display. It is going to be very brief and if people are interested in seeing it, it will be a nice display.

Alderman Cashin asked, Rich, do you have any problems with this.

Mr. Davis answered I have one question. With the eastbound lane closed, is the westbound lane going to be open?

Mr. Shea stated what would happen is at 6PM we would shut down the eastbound lane as the rush hour traffic is gone. They would pull the equipment out onto the bridge. It takes about two hours to set it up. About 15 minutes before the show would actually go off, so say about 8:15PM, we would shut down the westbound lane too. Right after the show is over, around 8:45PM, we would immediately open the westbound lane. It takes about 45 minutes to an hour to sweep and clean up.

Mr. Davis asked did you say that you were going to advertise it publicly.

Mr. Shea answered O'Neil/Griffin said they were going to tag their ads so that people knew that the fireworks were because of the client.

Alderman Reiniger stated this isn't for one of the Presidential candidates or anything is it.

Mr. Shea replied no. I originally thought that but it is not.

Mr. Lolicata asked where is the party going to be held. At Arms Park or somewhere else?

Mr. Shea answered there is a party at Café Pavone and then there is another for about 150 people, maybe people who work for the organization.

Alderman Cashin asked what is this for.

Mr. Shea answered a promotion, I believe, for a communications company that is coming in to the market. We are guessing that it is a cellular company that is working into the market. They are reluctant to tell us until everything is signed, sealed and delivered.

Mr. Pelky, President of Atlas, stated my concern was that it wasn't a political type of thing because personally I don't want to get into that this early in the climate. We do know that it is a commercial client.

Alderman Cashin stated you are setting a hell of a precedent here. Are we going to do this every time there is a client coming in someplace? Are we going to close the bridge and have fireworks?

Alderman Hirschmann replied we just approved WGIR so what is the big deal.

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Alderman Cashin responded WGIR has been doing this for years. That is not a promotion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated this is another person in the community who wants to do it.

Alderman Cashin replied I am not opposed to it, I am just telling you that you are setting a precedent and now anybody who wants to do it is going to come in and ask for the same thing.

Alderman Hirschmann responded it has already been laid down by these others.

Alderman Cashin replied no, it hasn't been laid down.

Chairman Clancy stated the cost of firing off the fireworks, people aren't going to do that every day.

Mr. Pelky replied to answer in defense of that, there aren't too many who are willing to write that check for that type of thing. If there were, it would be, like you said before some political thing or a radio station.

Alderman Cashin stated well let's say that the next one is a political thing. What are you going to say then?

Chairman Clancy replied well we will see what happens. I will say no myself.

Alderman Cashin responded you are doing it now.

Chairman Clancy replied this is not for a Presidential candidate, Alderman.

Alderman Cashin stated you are setting a precedent. Do you understand what I am saying? There is a precedent being set here. Fine, as long as we understand that it is a precedent and we want to go along with it, that is fine. I am not going to oppose it.

Alderman Reiniger asked have you seen other requests like this in your experience.

Alderman Cashin answered I have seen requests of this nature, yes, that get shot down. Not fireworks, but other things. I am not going to oppose it. I just want you to understand that there is a precedent being set here and you can expect more.

Alderman Hirschmann asked it is not another radio station to upstart these other guys is it.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the request to have a private fireworks display on April 8, 1999 and close down the eastbound lane of the Bridge Street Bridge from 6PM until approximately 9:15PM.

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as, follows:

STOP SIGNS:

On Kearsarge Street at Putnam Street, nwc

Alderman Thibault

NO PARKING:

On Depot Street, north side, from a point 60 feet west of Franklin Street, to a point 50 feet westerly

Alderman Reiniger

On Wilson Street, west side, from a point 45 feet south of Howe Street to a point 55 feet southerly

Alderman Shea

On Bartlett Street, south side, from the south property line of 473 Bartlett Street to a point 70 feet easterly

Alderman Thibault

RESCIND NO PARKING:

On Hayward Street, south side, from Pine Street to a point 300 feet westerly

Alderman Reiniger

NO PARKING (EMERGENCY ACT):

On Hayward Street, south side, from Pine Street to a point 100 feet westerly

Alderman Reiniger

NO PARKING - LOADING ZONE (EMERGENCY ACT):

On Dubuque Street, east side, from a point 140 feet north of Amory Street to a point 30 feet northerly

Alderman Thibault

NO PARKING (7:00 AM-3:00 PM/MON.-FRI.):

On Jewett Street, east side, from Hayward Street to Merrill Street

Alderman Shea

NO TRUCKS:

**On Proctor Road from Candia Road to Hanover Street
Alderman Pinard**

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to accept the traffic agenda.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Report from Traffic Director regarding use of nickels, dimes, and tokens for meters, if available.

Mr. Lolicata stated I did some homework and got a hold of McKay Meters and I gave them my rendition. After talking to McKay Meters they sent me a letter and basically they are telling me to stay where I am, but here is what happens. I will try to cut it down for you. Just on those meters alone, and I am talking two hours only I hope. Ten hours are in the parking lots. We don't want to get into that. \$25 a meter just to get the software to change those over. These are the new automatic ones.

Chairman Clancy asked \$25 for each meter.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is correct.

Chairman Clancy asked how many meters do we have.

Mr. Lolicata answered probably about 900. I have the figures right here. Automatic meters, if you include them, there are 1,100 if you include the 10 hours. The parts are \$27,500. For labor for one week, it comes to \$704 just for the automatic meters alone, it will cost you \$28,000+. I haven't hit the mechanicals yet. This is really going to be something. What this entails is there is a window in there, if I can make it as easy as possible, this window takes the size of a quarter. First of all, if you are going to go nickels and dimes, that is going to cut down on the battery life by two or three months. There are batteries in these on top of this. Now, and I don't even want to get into the tokens, but you have send up 8 to 12 tokens up there so they can take them apart, get a right size to go into these so it won't show a nickel, a quarter. You are talking a little computer that is in these things now. You have to get the right timer for the tokens if you are going to go with tokens. That is going to be costly. Who is going to sell them? I won't go into that right now. For nickels and dimes, we are talking just automatics, it is \$28,000. That takes time and I have to do every single one of them and new

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software has to be made to do this. The mechanicals, I am still half mechanical
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in the City right now. Dividing the parts for these things, I think we have about 675 meters left out there. \$18 in parts for one meter to revert back to nickels and dimes. That comes to over \$12,150 for what I have out there and one man to do it. One man, while the others are collecting, that comes out to \$11,180 for that person doing it. It takes an hour at least for each meter, at least. Going out, retrieving it, bringing it in and spending a half hour to 45 minutes calibrating these mechanicals to put back nickels and dimes. You are talking over \$50,000 to do what they want. Now, before I even start ordering new ones, commercial or otherwise, I have to get a hold of the company and say stop and get the software ready if you are doing to do this all over. There is a lot involved here, gentlemen. A lot involved. Right now, you are going backwards. You are going to lose revenue doing this. I wish you would keep that in mind. You are going to lose revenue. You are going to get slugs.

Chairman Clancy stated that works two ways though. We are probably losing revenue, but some of these stores are losing money themselves.

Mr. Lolicata asked in which way.

Chairman Clancy answered well a lot of people don't want to come up for meetings because they have to put a quarter in the meters.

Mr. Lolicata stated I made a survey. Number one, the Traffic Department has never, ever received one complaint. Parking Violations, most of the complaints are people put a dime in and they get nothing for their money and they go in the store. They aren't going to get anything because it says quarters only. It was built for that. That is 80% to 90% of those complaints. We are picking up anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a week and maybe \$70 to \$80 in dimes. People are getting nothing for it. They don't watch. I guess what I am trying to say to you is you are going to open up quite a box here. There is an awful lot involved and I think you are going to put the City backwards.

Chairman Clancy asked how much do we collect a year in revenues.

Mr. Lolicata answered on the meters alone, close to \$750,000.

Chairman Clancy stated there are a couple of areas I noticed, Hanover and Union, there are no meters there. What happened?

Alderman Hirschmann asked can we define the area that this was sent to the committee for. What was the area that was discussed? Not the whole City.

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Mr. Lolicata answered my indication was it was the whole City.

Alderman Reiniger stated I brought it up because I get a lot of complaints about downtown. Instead of looking at 2,000 meters, we could maybe look at Elm Street and some of the small streets. I don't think we have to talk about the 10-hour meters. Maybe we could find a way to narrow it down.

Mr. Lolicata replied even if we narrow it down, we are talking about two different types of software. If you are going to start designating an area and you are talking about the side streets off of Elm, there is still 700 or 800 meters we are talking about, as high as 900 if you go north of Bridge Street. You would have to do the whole downtown area one way or the other. That is how you start confusing people and I have to put indications of each one of these meters as to what they are for and what is in there.

In response to further questioning, Mr. Lolicata advised that there were areas like Hanover Street between Beech and Union Street on the north side with no cars parked and the meters there. He noted that the more meters we put in, the more they started moving eastbound.

Mr. Kearney asked could we reduce the rate on them and get some use out of them.

Mr. Lolicata answered if I took them out, no rate at all. Take the meters right out and fill that up again. There are a lot of streets like that. Jim and I, last year, after we did the whole section and came up with that map, if I start doing Manchester and Merrimack and the rest of those east of High, all of those people are going to do one of two things. They are either going to pay the meter or walk the two blocks to work or they are going to walk another block and keep going east and more east.

Mr. Kearney asked maybe at those meters they could have reduced rates in those areas where there are no cars.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is one thing I can't do. That is one thing you don't want to do in the City. If you are going to have reduced rates, do it for all. Each one has to be marked accordingly. It will be so confusing, the public won't know what do to.

Alderman Cashin asked what is the problem here. People are complaining because they put a quarter in the meter and they run into a store to get a newspaper.

Alderman Reiniger answered they just find it inconvenient because you have to have a quarter. I have been in barbershops and stuff where people are constantly interrupted by people coming and begging for quarters and why can't they change a dollar. It is just a stupid way to do business.

Chairman Clancy asked how do they do it in Nashua and Concord.

Alderman Cashin stated so lets say we change it to dimes, well you are still going to have to have a dime.

Alderman Reiniger replied right but odds are that more people are going to have a dime or nickel. This is not supposed to be a revenue enhancer for a City.

Alderman Cashin asked is it on Elm Street where we have the problem.

Mr. Davis answered the areas that are going to be affected are the ones with the high turnover and those are going to be largely, I would say, from Pine Street west and north of Granite and south of Bridge. Are the electronic meters largely installed now in the downtown? There aren't too many mechanicals down there are there?

Mr. Lolicata replied yes there are. We are about halfway done and in that area you are talking about I have a lot more two hours to put in.

Alderman Cashin asked would it help if we just did it on Elm Street from say Merrimack to Bridge Street.

Mr. Davis answered I am sure it would help, but there is a consistency issue that Tom raises and I think that once you do it, they will probably be demanding it in other high traffic areas. I think the area that you suggest, Alderman, is certainly the highest traffic.

Alderman Cashin asked could you get us a figure of what it would cost us to just do that area.

Mr. Lolicata answered \$25 a meter.

Alderman Cashin asked but how many meters do you have.

Mr. Lolicata answered about 160 on Elm Street or 175 tops. I have to get software for just those alone.

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Chairman Clancy stated well lets say 200 times \$25.

Alderman Hirschmann asked plus software.

Mr. Lolicata answered well that is what it would cost. They have to be changed over and it would cost \$25 a meter. I would remove every single one of them and order them special up there if I had to, but I still have to have the software so it is going to cost one way or the other.

Mr. Davis asked as far as the ones that haven't been ordered yet, if those were programmed at the beginning, would there be any additional cost for those.

Mr. Lolicata answered I don't want to program them. Those are earmarked, 90% for the Millyard and they are going to be 10 hour meters.

Mr. Davis stated 10-hour meters, I don't see quite the need for doing it.

Mr. Lolicata stated quite frankly, and I am not trying to fight you, but I can't see it at all. You are putting a heck of a burden on us and big bucks just to start off. Do you have \$50,000 for me?

Alderman Cashin replied but it isn't. If we do from Bridge Street to Merrimack like I am asking, what are you looking at, \$5,000?

Alderman Reiniger stated if we do Elm Street, we should probably do Granite to...you know businesses north of Bridge would be furious because they have the same problems so you are probably looking at roughly Granite Street to First Street.

Alderman Cashin stated I am using the figure 200 and he said there weren't that many. It seems to me that we can make this work and satisfy some people for \$5,000. You throw a figure out of \$50,000 and everyone just scrambles, but if we think about it and try to be a little bit creative maybe we can make this work.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the price is going to be the same to park, but you are going to be able to use dimes and nickels, right.

Mr. Lolicata replied if you are going to start using dimes and nickels, you have to, by law, a nickel is 6 minutes and a dime is 12 minutes. That is a law that I have to go along with. Now if a person puts a dime in there he has to get 5 minutes. I can make it 25 cents, but if you are going to go strictly nickels and dimes, I have to give him 6 minutes and 12 minutes. If you want that he has to put two dimes and a nickel in there, that can also be done but it has to be stated that way. When they see nickels and dimes, they put those in and walk away.

Alderman Cashin stated so we don't belabor this, and if it is agreeable, could you figure out what it would cost us exactly just for Elm Street.

Alderman Hirschmann asked so that they accept nickels, dimes and quarters. It will cost you the same to park, there will just be different change involved. Is that what you are saying or are you talking about lowering the rate?

Alderman Reiniger answered I am not talking about lowering the rate, I am talking about making it more convenient.

Alderman Hirschmann replied so they can put in a quarter or two dimes and a nickel.

Alderman Cashin stated I think if we did it from Granite Street to wherever, at least it will give us an indication as to whether it will work and if it does you can expand it but to go the whole \$50,000 when we are not even sure it will solve the problem doesn't make sense.

Alderman Reiniger asked if you could also throw in some of the side streets like Hanover and Amherst.

Alderman Cashin answered you can't go to the side streets. Where are you going to stop on the side streets?

Alderman Reiniger stated I don't know how many meters run off of these streets.

Mr. Lolicata replied there are roughly 900 from Granite Square to north of Bridge including the side streets.

Alderman Cashin asked if you want to come in with a proposal for Elm Street and then an addendum taking the side streets, that is okay with me. I have no problem with that.

Mr. Lolicata asked so you want me to do Elm Street first. Do you want the six minutes for the nickel or do you want to have the whole 25 cents put in there. In other words you will have to put two dimes and a nickel in before you get the half-hour or if you want the guy to put a nickel in there, get the six minutes and go into that store. I have to tell the manufacturer.

Alderman Hirschmann stated it is supposed to be 25 cents right.

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Chairman Clancy replied I would leave the same time limit as it is throughout the City.

Mr. Lolicata stated I would too and it is by ordinance so that is why I am asking. Thank you. At least that won't change the ordinance.

Alderman Reiniger asked would we have to change the ordinance for someone to get tokens.

Alderman Cashin asked did we solve the problem or are we making it more difficult.

Mr. Davis answered the draw back of having two dimes and a nickel is that you have to put in two dimes and a nickel before anything shows up on the meter. The challenge there is people will see that dimes and nickels will work, but you put your nickel in and nothing happens. You put a dime in and nothing happens. You have to put two more nickels in before anything even registers on the meter. This is all right for an experienced downtown user, but for new people coming in it is going to be challenging.

Alderman Hirschmann asked isn't it easier, Jim, for you guys to count quarters. Are we making a lot more work for ourselves?

Mr. Lolicata answered this is going to make more work because there will be slugs and everything else.

Alderman Cashin stated, gentlemen, we have to stop thinking about it is going to be more work for us. Lets start thinking about how we can make it work for the downtown merchants and the people who come downtown.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the spaces downtown are full all of the time. I am downtown every day. There are people parking in these spaces throwing in lots of quarters. No one even carries pennies and nickels anymore. They throw them away.

Alderman Cashin replied I don't. Can I make a suggestion? Tom, could you sit down with Rich Davis and try to work out something and come back to us with some kind of a plan.

Mr. Lolicata responded okay.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to have Tom Lolicata and Rich Davis devise a plan to allow the meters along Elm Street to accept nickels and dimes and report back to the Committee.

TABLED ITEM

9. Communication from Alderman Klock suggesting that signage indicated “No U-Turns” be posted throughout Elm Street.
(Tabled 2/2/99 awaiting input from Alderman Reiniger.)

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman Reiniger stated I agree with Alderman Klock as I have had several merchants raise this issue of people making U-turns apparently into the angled spots. Rich, you and I chatted about it and I asked you to look at if it was feasible to put up signs and what the best locations were. I don't know if you had a chance to do that.

Mr. Davis replied I would have to talk with Tom on this, but probably those areas in which we have the largest number of angled spaces together. I would say McQuades is certainly one area. A block north of the Chamber and a block north of that. There are probably three or four blocks where we have big concentrations of angled spaces. Those are probably the areas where you have the highest risk of this kind of maneuver I guess.

Mr. Lolicata responded I would imagine so. I don't see it because I am not out there. It is illegal anyway.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I don't see U-turns into these spaces. I see left turns, you know you are driving north and you are pulling across to a space. It is not a U-turn.

Mr. Lolicata stated if you cross over the double yellows, it is considered a U-turn. Your angles are coming down with the street.

Alderman Klock stated the reason why I put it on is because I am a frequent traveler downtown and on several occasions I have witnessed or I have experienced people crossing the double yellows and almost clipping my rear end as I am pulling out or pulling in and I know that the question or the concern is that there is plenty of signage downtown but I think this is definitely of concern to the motor vehicle population who drive downtown. The purpose of the new angled parking is to make is more pedestrian friendly and I think by having people do this kind of maneuver and make it more reckless it is not favoring the pedestrian. I have witnessed it and experienced the problem. I haven't had anyone call me on it but it is not my Ward.

Chairman Clancy asked where would you put the signs.

Alderman Klock answered on telephone poles, I don't know.

Mr. Lolicata stated I suggest mast arms. I can put some mast arms downtown. That covers you for the ordinance. That tells you it is illegal and after that it is a law enforcement issue.

Alderman Reiniger moved to approve this request. Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion. Chairman Clancy called for a vote. Alderman Hirschmann being duly recorded in opposition, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Cashin seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to adjourn.

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Clerk of Committee