

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

January 24, 2000

6:00 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Sysyn, Vaillancourt, Pariseau

Absent: Alderman Hirschmann

Messrs: T. Lolicata, S. Tierney, D. Albin, M. Sink, Sgt. Winn

Chairman Clancy advised that the first purpose of the meeting shall be organizational in nature, and requests the Clerk to provide a brief overview regarding typical issues addressed by the Committee.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Traffic Committee is something that is outlined through State statute. It is a little different than most of your Committees because you have powers that other Committees don't. One of which is if you don't think something should go through the Board, the Board can't go around you, it has to send it back to you for consideration. You will consider stop signs, one-way streets, street closures, use of Arms Park or other facilities of the City that are parking lots, whether or not to put meters in, if somebody decides that there should be new meter rates, you will get that coming before this Committee. Typically, it is anything dealing with the streets. Those are the biggies, but you also get public safety items because that Committee was transferred into Traffic a few years back. Public safety issues may be issues dealing with Police. It could be issues dealing with school safety. It could be a variety of things. In those matters dealing with public safety, usually a matter is referred specifically by the Board. The Traffic items typically will come through Aldermen through the separate agenda that Tom Lolicata provides you or through referrals from the Board of letters that have been sent in regarding X, Y or Z issues. It could be anything. The Committee uses the Traffic Division of the Police Department and uses the Traffic Department itself to go out and review matters for them and report back and give them suggestions. Sometimes they accept the recommendations and sometimes they overrule them. Typically, it is a very cooperative arrangement and has worked well. That is all I have for now.

Chairman Clancy advised that the second purpose of the meeting is to address various network requests for parking of satellite trucks in the vicinity of the Center of NH/Holiday Inn in conjunction with the Presidential Primary to be held on February 1, 2000.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I asked Sgt. Winn to kind of weed this out for you and try to get some of the other departments together to figure out what to do about these trucks and satellite people who are showing up on our doorstep on Tuesday.

Sgt. Winn stated we invited all of the other agencies here. We are concerned about the volume of trucks that are going to be here. When told from ABC news that there could be 60 to 70 big trucks that are 25' to 30' big, the concern is where are we going to park them all and when we park them all how is it going to impact Risk Management, how is it going to impact Fire, how is it going to impact Highway? That is the purpose of the meeting tonight. Mr. Lolicata and I have had some conversations as to where we should park the vehicles. I think the first issue is they will be using Stanton Park and Veteran's Park to do their shows from and the Center of New Hampshire so the trucks have to be in close proximity to the Center of New Hampshire. So, you have 60 or 70 trucks vying for the same space.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked was that 60 or 70 just from ABC or total.

Sgt. Winn answered total.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked so ABC is kind of the conduit for them.

Sgt. Winn answered they seem to have taken the lead.

Mr. Lolicata stated to put your mind at ease on a few of these now, CNN has gotten permission to park near the Center itself. There is a place on the west side like McGregor Street. Mr. Mansback has a couple of companies going in over there where they won't be bothering us. This Committee has already passed two of them. ABC has requested Merrimack Street. For starters, the south side of Merrimack Street will be ABC's five trucks. This will be posted...we are going to put up all the no parking signs. Sgt. Winn and I were talking and when I came back from sick leave I noticed another one was passed which was Dubriel and Granite Street. They are okay there. These other ones that you have, we were thinking along the lines of utilizing Central Street on the north side next to the park, Elm Street which has always been used for all the primaries if they can get them in down there we can put out portables for them, and the south side of Pleasant Street.

Chairman Clancy asked why don't you block off that street where they usually have the home show.

Mr. Lolicata answered we have to leave that open for emergencies. Also, Dr. Broderick has a practice over there as do a few other people.

Chairman Clancy stated I don't mean down that far. I would say from Allen Street down to Franklin Street.

Mr. Lolicata replied well I was going to utilize the whole south end of Pleasant Street below that. We will leave the north side alone, but on the south side you can get three or four truck in. These are just suggestions. Every four years we go through this. I am not allowing any networks on the roof of the Center of New Hampshire. We stopped that at the last primary. The only reason for the park is that Peter Jennings will have his night show there at Veteran's Park and they have power there. Right now, if anybody comes in or anybody gets any more of these calls, we should think about...

Chairman Clancy asked are these going to be on a first come-first served basis or what.

Mr. Lolicata answered well we can put portables out. I think the dates are January 27 until February 3. Merrimack Street has been taken. Has anybody asked this other company. Have they asked for anything specific?

Sgt. Winn stated NHK from Japan Broadcasting Company asked for Pleasant Street at the Holiday Inn. They have a 30' long satellite truck.

Mr. Lolicata replied well we can fit theirs and two or three behind him down here if you want. If I can do all of the meters on the south side that would be another place.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked is this just for the evening or the entire day.

Mr. Lolicata answered four or five days.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked starting when.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated Iowa ends tonight and they will probably be here tomorrow.

Mr. Lolicata stated ABC called me on Friday. They have two trucks coming up on January 27 and another truck on Friday, January 28 and the last two on Monday, January 31. These other trucks are definitely going to be coming in by January 27.

Chairman Clancy stated someone has to mark these locations down so that we can put it in the paper.

Mr. Lolicata replied well Merrimack Street has been passed and this one here tonight for Pleasant Street are the three that we have so far.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the problem that we run into from the Clerk's perspective is that we can monitor the ones that come in and request. The problem is the 30 trucks that show up the day of or two days before. They haven't made any plans and we have no idea who they are. We can permit it through Building or whatever, but those are only the ones we know about.

Chairman Clancy asked is there anyway of getting to all of these different affiliates.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered no.

Mr. Lolicata stated the only suggestion I have regarding the downtown area would be those three streets we talked about. We will just rope them off with no parking and let them park as they come in.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I think we are going to need a referral process if people just try to park them around that there has been some kind of definitive area that this is where they are all going to be and this is what the City has agreed to. To the extent that they can be referred to the Building process to make sure they are permitted, if you know who they are we can do that.

Mr. Sink stated we have had one person come in for permits and we don't have anything to give them permits for. These things are self-contained.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated so really the Traffic Division is where we should be sending them if they contact us at the last minute asking where to park their truck. They probably won't. They will probably just turn around and park it on a street and your guys are going to have to deal with trying to funnel that. I could see some potential problems with locking up traffic all over the place. We are going to have the same problem in all of the polling places. I guess to the extent that you can put that authority, you might want to do that. We can advertise certain areas, though.

Mr. Tierney stated the Highway Department is going to issue the insurance permits. We have not heard anything about Merrimack Street yet. The only reason we know that something is going on is because ABC wants to hang overhead wires from the street lights. We have had a request from America's Voice to put trailers with satellite dishes down by the bus station. You might want to take a look at that because I think that is going to create a problem.

Chairman Clancy asked on Elm Street you mean.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered no, Canal Street.

Alderman Pariseau asked aren't they the ones who came before the Board of Aldermen.

Sgt. Winn stated I think they have permission already from the Board.

Mr. Tierney asked have they posted insurance and everything.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered that would be subject to the various departments.

Sgt. Winn stated yes, you sent a list to them saying contact all of these departments but I don't think they have because they haven't contacted the Police.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated they got approval subject to meeting the conditions of any of the departments that they got a list of. You should have gotten a copy of that from Paula or whoever sent it out.

Mr. Tierney replied it could be in the office someplace, but I haven't seen it.

Chairman Clancy asked do you know what would be nice, if the Police Department happens to see somebody moving in town here and parking someplace they ought to have some kind of a thing saying it is okay to park. Not just move your van and park. They should have some kind of a sticker or something. We should have some kind of permit saying that they got the okay to park.

Sgt. Winn answered I think that would be great because it would be nice for us to know who is where. If you guys or the Board gave somebody permission to have Merrimack Street, I can visualize another company going hey we are going to park on Merrimack Street and that could be a problem.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied that is okay if there is room there and you people are okay on that.

Alderman Pariseau stated you ought to develop a diagram of those streets and identify who is where.

Chairman Clancy asked is it too late to get some kind of a permit. Make like a bright orange one or something saying they have the okay to park there.

Mr. Lolicata stated these guys just come in and park their trucks. They do it throughout the whole country. What do you do?

Chairman Clancy stated they have to have some liability. They can't come in and say boom I am here and all of the sudden...

Alderman Pariseau interjected that is what I mean if you have the diagram.

Mr. Ntapolis stated I like the idea adjacent to...probably on three portions of the perimeter of the commons because at least there you have a useful park in the center. You are not directly in front of a business. If they are running cables, the big concern would be the sidewalks if there is ever a problem where the pedestrians are going to have to go in the roadway. Of course, there are snow concerns to. I recall when we had fire apparatus some years ago come in for the parade sometime in October and it was really nice the way all of the fire trucks were lined up from Central Street to North Elm and on Merrimack. It accommodated a lot of large trucks and these vans that I have seen with their satellite dishes and everything else, they are a reasonable size as well. If you designate portions of the west side maybe the same way where they are not apt to be in conflict with pedestrians and forcing pedestrians maybe into the path of motorists. That is the liability concern that I foresee.

Chairman Clancy stated let's kick a few streets around. Let's take Merrimack Street. Is everybody in agreement about that one? The south side of Merrimack from Elm to Chestnut. Is everybody in agreement with that one?

Alderman Pariseau asked why not Franklin to Chestnut.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered we don't want them down there because you have Ward 3 over there. People need to get to the polling place.

Chairman Clancy stated Central Street, north side from Elm to Chestnut Street.

Sgt. Winn stated the east side of Elm Street between Central and Merrimack.

Chairman Clancy asked is that okay.

Mr. Tierney answered so far.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked that covers the majority of those who have already submitted requests other than the Granite Street one, right.

Mr. Lolicata answered that will more than cover right now because I am sure they can get five trucks on Merrimack and the Japanese truck is on Central Street so you have more than enough room designated so far.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated but we also had another section that was already approved.

Alderman Sysyn replied Pleasant Street, south side, from Franklin to Canal.

Sgt. Winn asked what about West Central Street.

Mr. Lolicata answered they are putting trucks in there anyway. I guess CNN is going in there.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked what part of West Central Street.

Sgt. Winn answered the whole street.

Chairman Clancy stated someone mentioned the fact that they are going to park at Veteran's Park. There is an outlet there for power provided we don't have too much snow. Where the stage area is, that is a good area.

Alderman Sysyn replied that is where Peter Jennings is going to be.

Sgt. Winn stated the Board gave permission to Voice of America to use the area along the sidewalk and the grass on Granite Street.

Mr. Tierney stated the ones that we have talked to we have told them that they are responsible for their own snow removal. We don't want to send something down there if they have wires hanging all over the place.

Sgt. Winn stated one of the concerns was I had talked to the gentleman from Voice of America on the phone and they weren't certain and they didn't look at the spot, but they didn't know if they could fit the trucks on that grass area so they may have to encumber the sidewalk or a portion of the roadway. I told them that if they are going to go onto the road, they are going to have to hire Police detail. Any other areas around the Holiday Inn? Do you folks feel that is enough space for them?

Mr. Lolicata replied if they want to utilize anything at all, they have the whole South Commercial Lot. Some of these trucks have to be in a certain position so that satellites work correctly. Peter Jennings was a stinker a few years ago and he wouldn't move until his truck was in a certain place and at a certain degree. It was unreal. We kicked them off of the roof. That is what it came down to really. He went underneath the second floor and it was too cold so he finally got out of there. That is why they are going to be in the park. I guess they will be facing where they want to face. Some of these trucks have to be facing a certain degree for their satellite.

Sgt. Winn stated they are using Stanton Park too.

Chairman Clancy asked any other areas.

Mr. Lolicata stated on the west side, but I am not familiar with the area.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated my understanding is that there are a couple of set-ups going into one of the mill buildings on the west side and they were going to be setting up there and if that is the case my guess is...

Sgt. Winn interjected CNN is going in at 195 McGregor.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked are they going to put their truck in the parking lot. There is a big lot on that property so I am assuming they are just going to be in the parking lot.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what about that lot on Commercial Street where Bradlees was located.

Mr. Lolicata answered South Commercial Street is ours. The one down here where Singer Park is so they can use that as a back up. There is plenty of room down there.

Sgt. Winn asked what if we tow them.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is another thing. You don't do it. That is the impoundment area. If there is a storm, forget it. It has to be the impoundment area if we have a storm on those dates.

Sgt. Winn asked could we line them up on Commercial Street itself.

Mr. Lolicata answered you could do that if you want.

Sgt. Winn stated maybe on the west side of South Commercial.

Mr. Lolicata stated all of that area down there can be utilized.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated you are probably going to be towing a lot.

Mr. Ntapolis asked aren't there a number of locations in and around the WMUR area. I thought that in some of the initial rallies when Bill Bradley and others came in I happened to be down on Granite Street coming back from somewhere and I was surprised at the amount of trucks. Not only were there a lot of people milling around out in the roadways with signs, but there were a lot of trucks.

Chairman Clancy asked what about the area near the William Loeb Park.

Mr. Lolicata answered you have to remember that there is Friday and Monday and Tuesday and there are people who lease these parking lots too. That is why you have to leave the parking lots alone. The weekends are perfect, but if they are going to stay there for five days, they are going into the leasing. That is why I want to leave those parking lots alone.

Sgt. Winn asked how about in front of...APTm and I am not familiar with whom they are but they are a news agency and they have Stanton Park. They are going to put a tent up and shoot out of there. I would imagine they would want to put some trucks in front of the Holiday Inn where the loop is. Do we really want anybody parking there?

Mr. Albin answered that is really not a good idea. It is bad enough trying to get through there with a fire truck even when the concierge is out there parking cars. Anytime you get a big event that goes on down there, it is a constant effort to try and keep the lane open. Four years ago when they had the thing down there, we actually had to have cars towed out of there. What they do is they block it up tight. When you start closing off Pleasant Street between Franklin Street on, that is the other entrance to the Holiday Inn itself, it is impossible for us to even get an ambulance in there should we need to do it. They fill up the ballroom and everything else to capacity so it is impossible to get anything through. If you could work your magic around that area, it would probably be a lot better to keep things out of the actual lane itself.

Sgt. Winn stated so we can be in agreement that we won't let anybody park in there at all who is associated with the media.

Chairman Clancy replied yes.

Sgt. Winn stated now if these people who have already been given permission to use Stanton Park, I don't know what they have for equipment, but one or two trucks, can we let them park on Elm Street on that side closest to the park.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied that would make more sense.

Sgt. Winn stated isn't there a bus stop there.

Mr. Lolicata replied that was utilized last time.

Sgt. Winn stated if these people who are using the park need a place to park we will let them park on Elm, but we won't give it up to anybody else.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated but if you have room on the other side, you can still put them on the other side because you have to interrupt the buses anyway. The other option would be to contact MTA and work something out with them as to how much space they can operate from for that bus stop. They are usually pretty accommodating.

Sgt. Winn stated I will call Don Webster.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied they are not going to be anticipating that problem and if they are they can at least deal with it.

Mr. Ntapalis stated I remember in years past they used to go in and around the other parks across from where the City Library and the Historical Society are. You see them pop in over there. Is that going to present a problem if some of them have that as a mindset and all of the sudden show up on that block? Inevitably, if every Presidential Primary there are vehicles that pop up over there at the last minute...

Mr. Lolicata interjected for the nightly show. In other words, they are in front of Carpenter one night and then they move to another place.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated they are going to be all over doing those kinds of things. To the extent that they are not blocking traffic or creating a hazard...I mean if they are then obviously the Police will be involved.

Chairman Clancy asked do we have any other areas. If something comes up, we need a back up.

Sgt. Winn stated if we use South Commercial Street and use the...if you are driving down South Commercial, the right hand lane. We could use that as a back up.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied the other condition might be that they could talk to Staples about using park of their lot.

Sgt. Winn responded that is a good idea.

Mr. Lolicata recommended utilizing the area on Elm Street in front of where Bradlees used to be for a back up.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated if you have any requests that come to the Chairman, I think we could authorize them to deal with this in the next three or four days.

Chairman Clancy asked so Carol if they come to you or come to Max where are you going to send them, to the Police Department.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered I will send everything over to the Traffic Division. If you want to just give them the authority to go forward with everything discussed, then we can work it out from there. If you are going to be able to focus them in on that area and you are keeping them away from the residential and are pretty much accommodating because you want to be accommodating to the extent that you can, but you don't want them disrupting everything else. If Fire can't get to the Center of New Hampshire, that is a problem. At least that way you have a place to put them and you have an alternative so you can tell them to go someplace else. Sgt. Winn can coordinate with Highway on anything else they might be doing.

Alderman Pariseau asked what about permits. Are we going to get placards or something?

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered I think that is a question for the Police Department because they are the ones who are going to have to enforce it all anyway. If you want to do some kind of permit processing...

Alderman Pariseau stated you just need a piece of paper.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to authorize the Traffic Division of the Police Department to coordinate the parking requests.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated before you end the meeting, we had some new issues coming up in some of the wards and I guess I would just like permission to have the Traffic Director and the Traffic Division authorized to establish some no parking areas. This is all related to the Presidential Primary. Particularly, and I use Ward 1 as an example. I spoke with the Moderator this afternoon and there is always a bad traffic problem in the back of that area on N. Bay Street because all of the people who live up in the Coral Avenue area and all of the people off of Union Street come down the back way. We are going to put a Police detail there, but it was suggested to me that the north side, across from the polling entrance, become parking for voters which has not been the case in the past. That is where all of the trucks were being parked and what not. We are trying to adjust, because it is such a heavy traffic issue this time, we want to be able to adjust the no parking areas and the voting parking areas according to what is going on during the course of the election. We are actually looking for an emergency act that allows the Police Department to respond to that and allows the Traffic Director to send out the postings if we need them for just that day. We are talking strictly at the polling areas. Every polling place that is a school will have a police officer at certain points during the day. That has already been arranged.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated school is going to be closed that day.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied no. That is why we are concerned. The schools are open on Presidential Primary and that is why it is a real nightmare. All of the polling places that are at schools are going to have a traffic detail there for certain portions of the day. We do want to be able to make adjustments as we get closer to that day where we know that we are going to have some traffic problems.

On motion of Alderman Vaillancourt, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to authorize an emergency act to go into effect to establish no parking areas on Tuesday, February 1, to be coordinated between the Traffic Director, the Traffic Division and the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Lolicata stated while we are on that same topic, when I drop all of these off to the places you give me, the Moderator of that ward should be putting them up where they need them. We just drop them off and those people should know where to put them. We don't do it for them? This has been ongoing for quite a while and most Moderators know that and they have usually been taking care of this.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied we have three new Moderators this time and they are more concerned about how to open their tabulators and getting that stuff down than they are about the outside. That is why we are going to have those police officers out there. We may need to say okay this is where they should be. If they are not there, make sure it gets in order. That is all.

Chairman Clancy stated well you know where the three new Moderators are.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied yes, Ward 1, 7 and 8.

Chairman Clancy stated also pay particular attention to Beech Street School.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted Beech Street is going to have a traffic detail, which it has not had in the past. The difference between that and say Jewett Street is there is a parking lot there next door, which they don't even have at some of the schools. You look at Webster School. There is no parking lot there. It is a real mess for some of these schools because they have traffic problems with dropping kids off on a daily basis. I saw a log jam in Ward 1 during the last election. I saw two kids almost hit and cars were backing up the street because there was such a log jam there that not one car could pass through. God forbid there had been a fire in that area because the truck would have never gotten in there. We really need to address some of those areas this time because the Presidential is 10 times worse. We have 44,000 voted registered right now and we are anticipating 32,000 voters for this election. We are anticipating a heavy turnout and we are anticipating registered a good number of new voters that day.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is a good point that you brought up and this is a real good case for that. I think it has come time now to start looking for some different places for the wards to vote outside of schools.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied you have some wards that have done that and there is none and you have other schools that were built as a community place.

Mr. Lolicata stated I was just wondering if there were other buildings in each ward that we could take a look at.

Deputy Clerk Johnson responded the Clerk's Office is not the one that chooses the polling place.

Mr. Lolicata stated I am just bringing up the point.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated Ward 12 is a perfect example. Northwest did not want them in the school. You don't have a lot of alternatives in these wards.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated after the census we will have a new ward breakdown and we will have to redraw the lines for the wards.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied you are going to be doing redistricting at that point, but the problem is that most of your wards are neighborhood areas and neighborhood areas don't have any large community centers to accommodate voting. It has to be handicapped accessible and it has to meet a lot of regulations and that is one of the problems. You don't have anyplace for them to do it. Hallsville had that addition put on and part of the reason is because it is used as a voting place.

Alderman Pariseau stated Bakersville did too.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the churches, to some extent, have been very accommodating. In Ward 3, they won't move it. They want it at the Carpenter Center.

Alderman Sysyn replied well there are a lot of elderly there.

Alderman Pariseau stated if you look at the absentee ballots, how many are from the Carpenter Center. They can't get off of their couch to go down and vote. That is awful.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the only other thing that I would note to this Committee at this time and I am thinking of this because at the last election we ran into this and now with your Presidential it will be worse, is the free stands that Tom has for no parking. He puts up free stands for signs and he doesn't have enough. He didn't have enough last time. At some point in the budget process, I hope that is addressed because you are getting to a point where you need to post a lot of them.

Chairman Clancy asked how much do they cost. Give us a ballpark.

Mr. Lolicata answered I make them every year.

Chairman Clancy asked how much does it cost you.

Mr. Lolicata answered no that much. I utilize them between Highway and myself. We make our own.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated but you didn't have the stands to put them on you told me last time.

Mr. Lolicata replied the wheels, right. If you want to buy new ones, you are talking a few bucks and there are very few places that sell them.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated my point being that we need to look at that because we had a problem last time where we couldn't post in some areas that we really should have been posting in.

Mr. Lolicata stated I got a whole bunch of brand new covers for meters.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied that will help but you don't have meters by Ward 12 and Ward 1.

Mr. Lolicata stated I understand, but I will be able to use the portables in more places now.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated that is just something that I would like somebody to consider in the budget process, whether it is put in Tom's budget or whether it is us or whoever. I don't care.

Chairman Clancy asked could we get a ballpark figure so we know what we are talking about in case somebody happens to bring it up.

Mr. Lolicata answered I can get a figure for you at the next meeting if you tell me how many you want.

Chairman Clancy asked, Deputy Clerk Johnson, how many do you think you will need.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have about 40, 50 or 60 every year depending on how many are stolen.

Chairman Clancy stated well we have 12 wards, so how about we say 72.

Alderman Pariseau asked is this for handicapped.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered some of it is no parking, some of it says parking for voting only, some of it says handicapped parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated we will find a place to get the wheels. We should have about 70 or 80 on hand.

Chairman Clancy stated you could go on the Internet and find some.

Mr. Lolicata replied I can do a search.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked how many Police radar signs do we have.

Sgt. Winn asked the speed trailer.

Alderman Vaillancourt answered yes.

Sgt. Winn stated one.

Chairman Clancy asked why, do you need one.

Alderman Vaillancourt answered I think we should probably have a couple of them. The Chief put one down in the area where we had a problem. They are probably pretty expensive.

Sgt. Winn stated they are very expensive. We were able to pick that one up on a Federal grant so it didn't cost us anything, but they are about \$10,000. For \$10,000 you can get about eight nice hand held radar guns to write tickets with so you kind of need to balance that out as to where you want to spend your money.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated well in order to write the tickets you need to have a policeman and these things you just leave there, right.

Sgt. Winn replied right.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated so apparently they don't...

Alderman Pariseau asked how do they get ticketed.

Sgt. Winn answered you can't. It is just for educational purposes.

Chairman Clancy stated so in other words it shows you how fast you are going.

Sgt. Winn replied it tries to get you to slow down and be aware.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I noticed that people were going much slower the day it was down there.

Chairman Clancy asked where did you have it, on Brown Avenue.

Alderman Vaillancourt answered on Hazelton. Do you use it on a daily basis?

Sgt. Winn stated we put it out every day unless the weather prohibits it at different locations.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I just have one more question before you close out the meeting and that would be if Fire or Highway has any problems with the way the polling places are set-up, generally speaking, that you know of for traffic issues that we didn't catch the last couple of times that creates a problem for you guys.

Mr. Albin stated we generally record any complaint that we get and keep it on file and I can truly say that I don't remember any complaints. We get more complaints if the crowd inside is big or if somebody goes to get out of a door and they can't push the door open or something like that.

There was some discussion about contacting ServiceMaster to make sure that the snow is removed from the entrances to the polling places.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee