

Public Safety Committee Meeting August 27, 2015

The Public Safety Committee met Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Members Susanne Galbraith, Mark Ahner, Roxanna Brush and Jerry Partridge. Also present were Councilperson Ken Gardner, Cowtown Ag Jerry Singleton, Lincare Tina Webb, Lincare Joe McMankin, and Committee Recorder/Deputy City Clerk/HR Officer Linda Wilkins.

Committee Member Ahner brought the meeting to order.

REQUEST BY COWTOWN AG TO CREATE DIAGONAL PARKING ON 5TH STREET

Jerry Singleton explained that traffic is high on 5th Street and his goals are to get trucks away from loading and unloading in the middle of the street, install sidewalks and clean up the area. Diagonal parking on the west side of North 5th Street would help widen the street to provide more room for unloading trucks safely.

Chairperson Ahner commented he had been in touch with the Police Chief and Fire Chief, both parties indicate they could see no problems or concerns with installing diagonal parking at this location. He also visited with Director Scott Gray, who thought diagonal parking would be a good idea for traffic control on North 5th Street. The city has 80' total right of way easement; 16' could be utilized for diagonal parking. Sidewalk and curbs would be reconstructed at Cowtown Ag's expense; at the cities expense handicap ramp would be place at corner of Pleasant Street and North 5th Street to the alley. Currently the boulevard is obstructing the view at the stop sign on the west side of North 5th Street. Mr. Singleton stated that this change would take care of this issue.

Committee Member Partridge agreed.

Committee Member Brush stated that all comments had spoken to her concerns.

****** *Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to approve the request by Cowtown Ag to install diagonal parking on the west side of North 5th Street and Pleasant, seconded by Committee member Brush the **motion passed unanimously, 4-0.***

REQUEST BY LINCARE TO ESTABLISH HANDICAP PARKING ON 8TH STREET

Tina Webb, Lincare is requesting handicap parking in front of the store at 7 South 8th street. Patients are having difficulty getting into the building to obtain supplies due to increase of parking usage.

Chairperson Ahner stated the parking spot would be 18 to 20 feet. Chairperson Ahner spoke with Director Scott Gray and he stated the handicap parking spot would be located from the alley

north toward Main Street. The curb will be painted blue curb as well as a sign indicating the area has been designated as handicapped parking. Parking will be facing south toward Bridge Street. Director Gray saw no problems with placing a handicap parking spot at this location. The handicap parking spot would be adjacent to the alley, consistent with others. Costs of sign and painting of curb would be borne by the applicant.

Committee Member Brush emphasized the spot would not be used for parking the Lincare truck.

Chairperson Ahner questioned if Lincare moved would the parking spot remain disabled. Committee Member Partridge commented in the past the spots were removed within a few weeks and this would be the case should Lincare move.

Chairperson Ahner recommends approval to council for handicap parking as requested by Lincare, but may be a revocable if Lincare moves.

*** Committee Member Brush moved to recommend to Council to approve the request by Lincare to establish handicap parking on 8th street, seconded by Committee member Partridge the **motion passed unanimously, 4-0.***

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committee Member Partridge commented on the condition of a pink building east of St Vincent DePaul. He said it looks like a major cleanup (windows falling out, lots of pigeons), he suggested that the owner be contacted regarding clean up. He will bring the subject up at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

*** Having no more business to come before the Committee, Committee Member Partridge moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and **passed unanimously, 4-0.*** The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee Chairperson,



Deputy City Clerk/HR Officer
Linda J. Wilkins



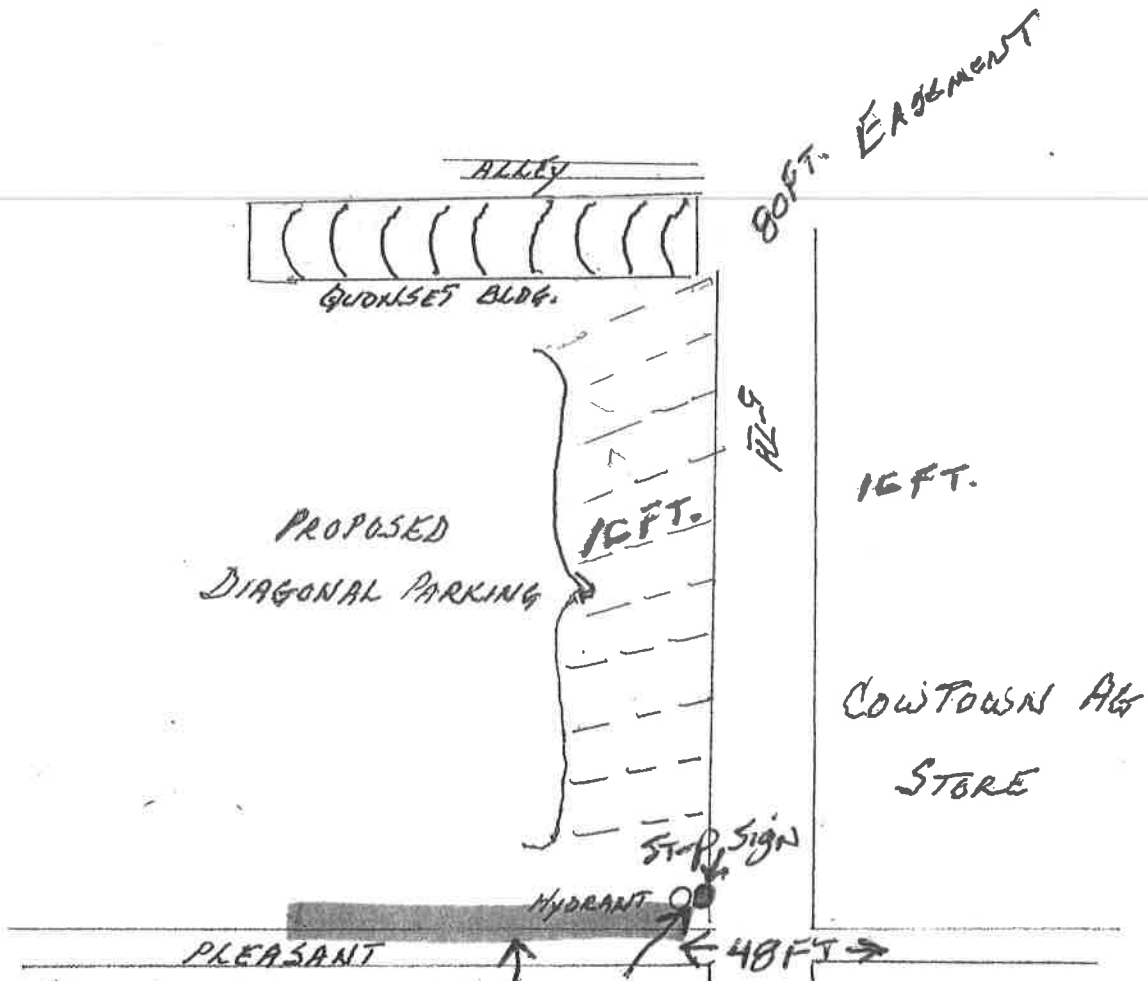
Chairperson
Mark Ahner

Terry @ Cowtown Ag.
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parking to Diagonal Parking!

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