

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

September 4, 2024

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Davis, Chair• Brad Blanke• Steve Board• Eric Schmid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Beyer• Chief David Brower• Chief Tanya Reynen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stacy Estudillo• Don McEvoy• Ian Pilak (virtual)

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

Stacey Estudillo shared comments regarding the recent hiring of a Watertown police officer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Safety minutes from August 7, 2024

- [Public Safety Meeting Notes 8.7.24.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)
- **MOTION:** Motion to approve made by Board and seconded by Schmid. Motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and possible action: Fire Department Fireworks
 - [Memo for Public Safety August 2024 Fireworks.pdf](#) (0.55 MB)
 - Discussion surrounding the findings of Chief Reynen and Chief Brower regarding incident and citation trends for fireworks.
 - **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- B. Review and take possible action: Stop Sign Request at intersection of Deer Trail and Willow Creek Parkway
 - [2024.0904_AMB_Stop Sign Deer Trail and Willow Creek.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)
 - [Site Map.pdf](#) (0.28 MB)
 - Discussion surrounding the possible need for a stop sign. Don McEvoy, a resident in that neighborhood, explained that some residents are passing quickly through the intersection without slowing down. There is concern that a child will be hit. Beyer relayed that guidance from the MUTCD does not support putting a stop sign in that area. No vehicle accidents have been reported in that area. A stop sign would cost about \$200. The City does not generally put stop signs in residential neighborhoods due to the cost and number that would be required.
 - **ACTION:** Board made a motion to put a stop sign at Deer Trail and Willow Creek. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.
 - **MOTION:** Blanke made a motion to ask the staff to investigate stop signs around parks in the city to determine if we put stop signs at residential T's around parks.

Motion seconded by Board. Motion passed unanimously. Beyer indicated the information could be prepared and reported at the December PS&W meeting.

C. Review and take possible action: Amend Chapter 500-5 of City of Watertown Municipal Code of Ordinances, One Way Streets and Alleys

- [2024.0904_AMB_Chapter 500 Repeal.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)
- [Site Map.pdf](#) (0.91 MB)
- [Bump Outs Detail.pdf](#) (0.38 MB)
- [Dimensioning 3rd-4th Street.pdf](#) (0.08 MB)
- [3rd-4th One-Way Conversion_DRAFT Prelim Findings \(abbreviated study\).pdf](#) (13.94 MB)
- [Ord. #24-XX_Repeal Chapter 500-5 One-Way Traffic on Third and Fourth Streets.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)
- Beyer presented the findings from the preliminary traffic study. Board also relayed some of the discussion that has been presented to the Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force and Public Works Commission. Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Task Force and Public Works Commission on August 27, 2024. The Task Force made a positive recommendation to Public Works Commission to remove bump outs at the intersections of Main Street & Third Street and Main Street and Fourth Street to allow for conversion of Third Street & Fourth Street to two-way as part of the 2028 WisDOT Main Street Reconstruction Project. Public Works Commission approved removing bump outs proposed at both intersections to potentially allow for two-way traffic on both streets. The Commission was informed that if they approved converting Third & Fourth Streets to allow for two-way traffic, this item would move onto Public Safety & Welfare Committee for ordinance revision.
- **MOTION:** Davis made a motion to repeal chapter 500-5 of City of Watertown Municipal Code of Ordinances, One Way Traffic Third and Fourth Street. Motion seconded by Blanke. Motion passed 3 (Davis, Blanke, Board) to 1 (Schmid).

D. Review and take action: Special Event - Freedom Ride

- [Memo re PSW -Freedom Ride.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- [2024-27 Application.pdf](#) (0.20 MB)
- [2024-27 Map.pdf](#) (0.18 MB)
- **MOTION:** Board passed a motion to approve the Freedom Ride Special Event. Motion seconded by Schmid and passed unanimously.

5.ADJOURN

There being no additional business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Schmid to adjourn and seconded by Blanke. The motion carried unanimously.