



Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

5:00 p.m., Monday, July 27, 2020

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AGENDA

Continued from the previous meeting

Bill No. 7874 - A Bill to establish a no parking zone for the 1100 Block of Livingston Avenue on the south side of the street and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

Bill No. 7875 - A Bill establish a 10 MPH speed limit on Woodward Court from Orchard Street to end of Woodward Court and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

A request to reduce the speed limit on Virginia Ave to 25 MPH

Miscellaneous

Approval of the Minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting

1 **Bill No. 7874**

2 Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **June 15, 2020**

6 Introduced by:

7 Chuck Overstreet

Referred to

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10 **Bill No. 7874** - A Bill to establish a no parking zone for the 1100 Block of Livingston
11 Avenue on the south side of the street and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic
12 Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two
13 thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4,
14 Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

15 Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

16 Section 1. A Bill to establish a no parking zone for the 1100 Block of Livingston Avenue
17 on the south side of the street

18 Section 2. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code
19 of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic
20 Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and
21 hereby are amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

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23 Section 3. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby
24 repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

1 **Bill No. 7875**

2 Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **July 6, 2020**

5 Referred to

6 Introduced by:

7 **Chuck Overstreet**

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11 Street to end of Woodward Court and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic
12 Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two
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14 Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

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17 end of Woodward Court

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Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee
June 22, 2020
via Zoom video conference

Members Present

Mary Beth Hoover
Naomi Bays
Becky Ceperley
Will Laird
Adam Knauff
Chad Robinson

Members Absent

Jennifer Pharr

Staff Present

Lori Brannon
Terri Allen
Mackenzie Spencer

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting of the Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee was conducted electronically. The meeting was made available to the public as a live stream via Zoom and CivicClerk (per the agenda).

Call to Order: Mary Beth Hoover

Bill 7872 – Closing, abandoning, and discontinuing as public streets 1) a portion of Michigan Avenue at Virginia Terrace to the railroad tracks, and 2) a portion of the alley from Washington Street to the railroad tracks.

MS. HOOVER: This bill would transfer ownership of these rights-of-way to the State of West Virginia which owns much of the property in the area.

MS. BRANNON: The site plan included in your packet shows the rights-of-way under consideration, highlighted in yellow. All the adjacent land, shown in green, is owned by the State of West Virginia. The rights-of-way serve no practical purpose to the City and do not serve as part of a pattern of streets. Their closure will not impact traffic flow in any way. As the State of West Virginia is the only affected property owner and would accept ownership, the City would no longer have to maintain the rights-of-way or be subject to any related liability. For those reasons, staff recommends approval.

Mr. ROBINSON: Move to approve.

Motion and Vote: On motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Becky Ceperley, the Committee voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of the street closing.

Bill 7874 – Establishing a no parking zone for the 1100 block of Livingston Avenue on the south side of the street and amending the traffic control map/file accordingly.

MS. HOOVER: I think Councilman Chuck Overstreet is on the line to give us some background on this request, and we may have a couple other people on the line to speak as well. Councilman Overstreet?

MR. OVERSTREET: We've received complaints from a neighbor about people parking on sidewalks on both sides of Livingston. They do so because Livingston is so narrow that it is impossible to navigate with cars parked on both sides of the street. A no parking zone would address that issue and be a better situation for first responders and refuse as well.

MS. HOOVER opened the issue for discussion and accepted public comment at this time. Evon Wilkes and Beth Lipscomb, both residents of the block in question, spoke in opposition to the bill, but echoed the problems discussed by Councilman Overstreet. They also stated that the no parking zone would eliminate parking needed by the residents. It was also mentioned that the person requesting the change does not live there and is not directly affected. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to table the bill so the situation can be studied more closely and, hopefully, another solution can be identified that is acceptable to everyone.

Motion and Vote: On the motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Will Laird, the Committee voted 6-0 to table the bill.

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting: Becky Ceperley moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Naomi Bays seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Adjournment.