



Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee
Monday, June 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
City Service Center – 915 Quarrier Street – Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Unfinished Business

Bill No. 7899 - A Bill to establish a no parking zone on the westerly side of Evergreen Street from a point 146 feet north of Piccadilly Street to a point 204 feet north of Piccadilly 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.

3. New Business

Bill No. 7913 - A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on West Ave from Washington Street West to Park Avenue 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. 7914 - A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on Park Avenue from Washington Street West to Woodsedge Way 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. 7915 - A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article, designated Article XV, consisting of Section 114-940, relating to authorizing the use of low-speed vehicles consistent with state law.

4. Discussion

Scooters

5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting

6. Adjournment

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1 **Bill No. 7899**

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Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **March 15, 2021**

5 Introduced by:

Referred to:

6 **Adam Knauff**

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10 Street from a point 146 feet north of Piccadilly Street to a point 204 feet north of
11 Piccadilly Street and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File,
12 established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and
13 three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to
14 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 on the westerly side of Evergreen Street
17 from a point 146 feet north of Piccadilly Street to a point 204 feet north of Piccadilly
18 Street

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

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24 repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

1 **Bill No. 7913**

2 Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **June 7, 2021**

5 Introduced by:

Referred to

6 **Chuck Overstreet**

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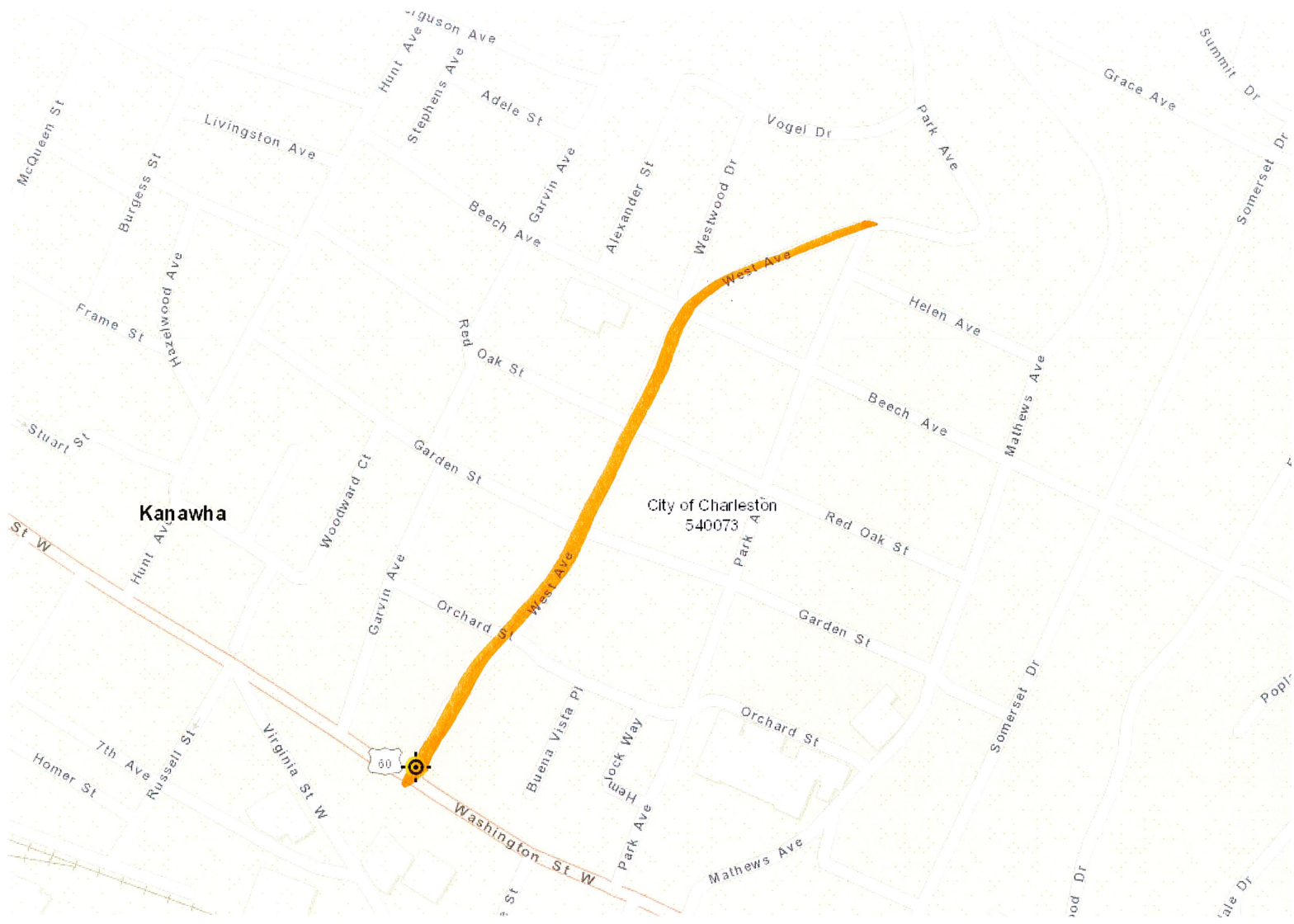
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9 Street West to Park Avenue and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control
10 File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and
11 three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to
12 conform therewith.

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

14 Section 1. A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on West Ave from Washington Street
15 West to Park Avenue

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3 Introduced in Council

4 **June 7, 2021**

5 Introduced by:

Referred to

6 **Chuck Overstreet**

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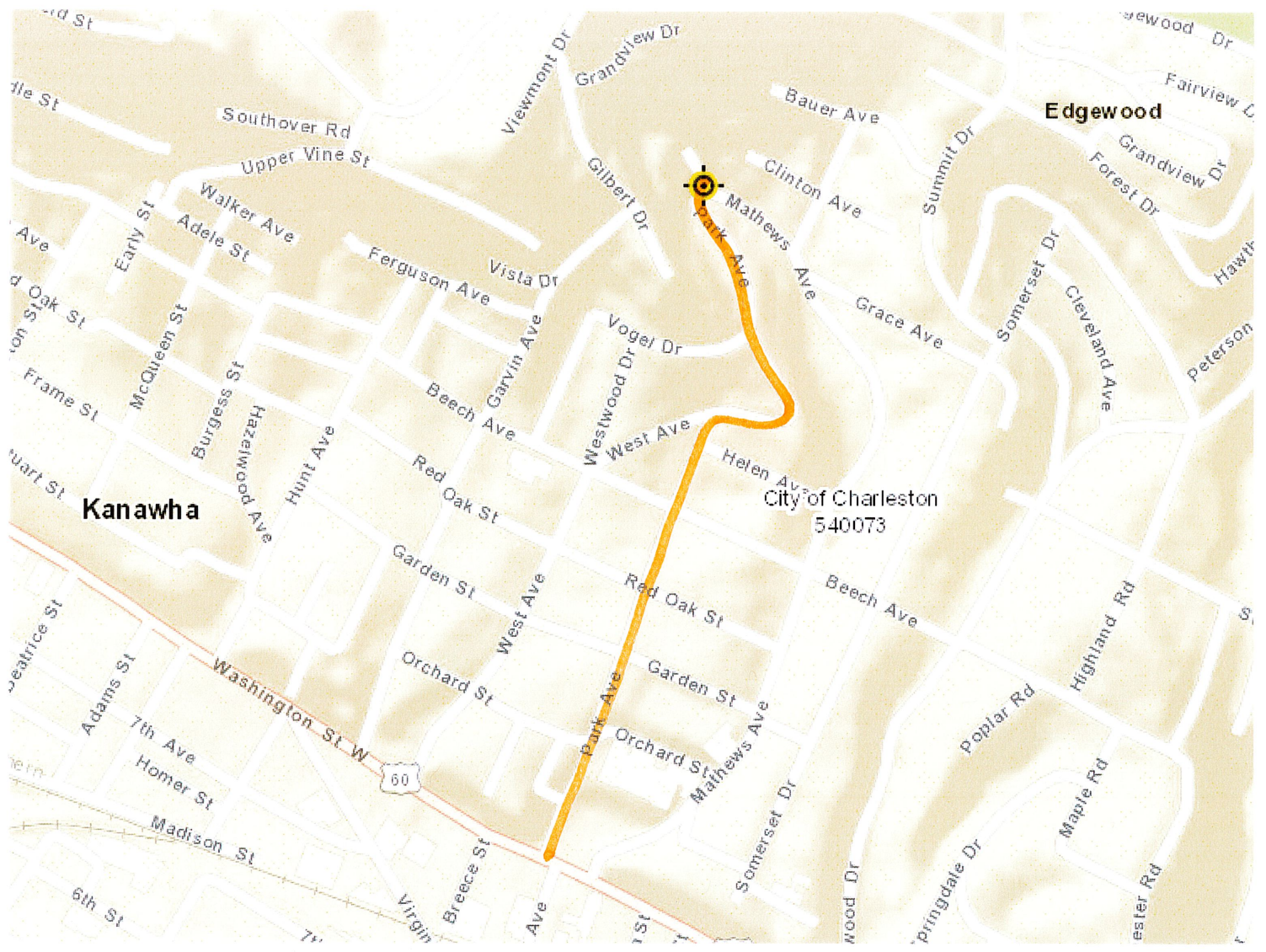
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13 conform therewith.

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16 West to Woodsedge Way

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

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



Bill No. 7915

Introduced in Council:

June 22, 2021

Introduced by:

Keeley Steele

Adopted by Council:

Referred to:

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Bill No. 7915 - A BILL to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article, designated Article XV, consisting of Section 114-940, relating to authorizing the use of low-speed vehicles consistent with state law.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:

That the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new Article, designated Article XV, consisting of Section 114-940, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV. - LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.

Sec. 114-940. – Use of low-speed vehicles.

(a) Low-speed vehicle means an electric low-speed vehicle that meets the definition contained in W. Va. Code § 17A-1-1, which is titled and registered by the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to W. Va. Code § 17A-3-2(c) that meets all the requirements of the Division of Motor Vehicles, as well as state and federal law.

(b) As authorized in W. Va. Code § 17A-3-2(c) and § 17A-13-1, a person with a valid driver's license may operate a low-speed vehicle on a private road within the City or on public roads and streets within the City where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less and may cross state routes at traffic lights when the state route does not have a posted speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour.

Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee
May 24, 2021 @ 5:00 PM
via Zoom video conference

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Dan Vriendt
Lori Brannon
Matt Hartline
Terri Allen
Jessie Redden

Attendees

Jared Decker
Jeb Corey
Tiffany Wesley-Plear
Kathy Rushworth – WVDOH (Bill No. 7898)
Richard Ellis

1. Call to Order: Mary Beth Hoover

2. Unfinished Business

Bill No. 7898 - Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 1st day of January 2006, as amended, and the map made a part thereof, by rezoning from an R-4 district and an R-6 District to a C-8 district, those certain parcels of land situate at or about 280 Oakwood Road, Charleston, West Virginia.

Mary Beth Hoover asked Kathy Rushworth if she could address concerns pertaining to what impact the R-cuts will have on this intersection.

Kathy introduced herself as the Maintenance Engineer for District One. Kathy's office would be involved in this project by approving the permit to allow anybody from that property to enter upon, over, under or across a state road. To date, District One has not seen a formal request for this project.

District One reviewed what information they had received regarding this project and are of the opinion they have not received enough information at this point to know how that will impact the intersection. Kathy questioned whether or not AMT had a more detailed site plan or if they coordinated with the DOH Traffic Operations, which is a separate entity from District One.

Mr. Decker said that AMT had not formally filed with the DOH for the encroachment permit because AMT viewed that as unnecessary in the event the zoning application was denied. Mr. Decker also said he was of the opinion that DOH is not obligated to grant an encroachment permit until there is compliance with necessary safety measures.

Mary Beth Hoover indicated it was of equal concern to the city if the area is rezoned and AMT is denied a grant of encroachment permit by the DOH .

Adam Knauff asked Kathy Rushworth for cost and timeframe estimates on the R-cuts. The total cost of the R-cuts is \$5.8 million dollars and projected to be completed by August 3, 2021.

Sam Minardi made mention of the numerous emails he received from local residents expressing their concerns over the impact the rezoning will have on safety and convenience.

Naomi Bays asked Mr. Decker about the possibilities of relocating the proposed ingress and egress. Mr. Decker restated one component of the traffic study gave a failing grade below the level of service of a D to three movements as is at the Oakwood Road intersection. This traffic study shows once the proposed development is complete, no intersection will operate below the service level.

Chad Robinson asked Dan Vriendt if there was consideration about a run-off behind the property or clearing of the green space. Dan explained the project was a matter of rezoning at this point. Development plans were not being reviewed for approval at this time. If the rezoning is approved and development plans are submitted, it will have to meet the Engineering Department's stormwater requirements. Chad Robinson expressed concerned over the fact that the rezoning could be approval and questions (i.e., development plans) would go unanswered.

Naomi Bays asked Mr. Decker what his impact would be if the project were to be delayed until after the R-Cuts are completed. Mr. Decker explained that the impact to this company would be entirely financial. The company does not own this property yet. It has been under contract since the middle of last year.

Mary Beth Hoover solicited input from other attendees at the meeting.

Richard Ellis asked Mr. Decker the timeframe of his traffic study. Mr. Decker said that, while the study was conducted during the pandemic, the numbers for car counts were counted pre-pandemic. The DOH allowed their company to use their archive data for their R-Cut analysis for AMT's traffic analysis. The data used was pre-COVID-data.

Richard Ellis went on to state that he is of the opinion the R cuts at that intersection will make the situation worse. There is no stop-light at this location and they will be coming from GW down Oakwood without any expectations of stoplights and the speed will increase. Mr. Ellis reaffirmed his opposition to the proposed development due to the impact on Oakwood Road traffic.

Sam Minardi suggests getting past the R cut construction before deciding on this development at all.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Sam Minardi, seconded by Chad Robinson, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 that Bill No. 7899 be continued until after construction of R cuts is completed.

Bill No. 7899 - A Bill to establish a no parking zone on the westerly side of Evergreen Street from a point 146 feet north of Piccadilly Street to a point 204 feet north of Piccadilly 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.

Adam Knauff informed the Committee that the CPD spoke with the residents in this area and made sure the residents understood the law in regard to blocking driveways. Since that time, CPD nor Adam Knauff have received any further complaints.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Adam Knauff, seconded by Chad Robinson, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 that Bill No. 7899 be tabled until the June meeting. If there continue to be no problems by the June meeting, Adam Knauff will withdraw Bill No. 7899.

3. New Business

Bill No. 7906 - Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 1st day of January 2006, as amended, and the map made a part thereof, by rezoning from an I-2 district to a C-10 district, those certain parcels of land situate at 312 21st Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Dan Vriendt presented the staff notes on Bill No. 7906. Dan did mention the fact there has been a retreat of industrial uses in the city over time and, due to the decline in manufacturing, the city has in the past down-zoned or, perhaps more accurately, lateral-zoned from an I-2 to C-10. This is a very common request. As was mentioned at the last MPC meeting, there are several industrial uses that are not compatible with residential. C-10 also offers more flexibility. The MPC unanimously approved the rezoning. The Staff recommends approval because of the potential for renewed investment.

Adam Knauff asked Dan if changing a zoning district from I-2 to C-10 would impact the traffic. Dan said there is no impact, other than traffic in an I-2 district may be transporting chemicals and there is expected to be more noise than in a C-10 district. I-2 could quite possibly generate less traffic.

Jeb Corey reiterated that the craft brewery is only an idea at this point.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Naomi Bays, seconded by Chad Robinson, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Bill No. 7906.

Bill No. 7908 - A Bill to establish a one-way street on 2nd Avenue from Florida Street to Bream Street by prohibiting vehicular traffic from traveling in an easterly direction and modifying existing and/or adding necessary traffic control devices 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.

Tiffany Wesley-Plear was in attendance to support the proposed bill.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Naomi Bays, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Bill No. 7910.

Bill No. 7910 - A Bill to establish a one-way street on Russell Street from Grant Street to 1st Avenue by prohibiting vehicular traffic from traveling in a northerly direction and modifying existing and/or adding necessary traffic control devices 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.

Tiffany Wesley-Plear was in attendance to support the proposed bill.

Adam Krason asked what impact this change would have on larger businesses (i.e., JP Auto and St. Anthony's) along Russell Street. Tiffany Wesley-Plear indicated that there should be no impact at all.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Adam Knauff, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Bill No. 7910.

Bill No. 7911 - A Bill to establish a no parking anytime in turnaround at the intersection of Iris Drive and Fields 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.

Matt Hartline confirmed that people are parking there and living there. This should give the police officers leeway in getting people to remove their signs.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Sam Minardi, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Bill No. 7911.

Bill No. 7912 - A Bill to establish a no parking anytime in the dead end of Daisy Drive located 495 feet in an easterly direction of the intersection of Cosmos Drive and Daisy Drive 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.

Matt Hartline explained that this is a deadline and similar to what is happening at Iris Drive and Florida Street.

Naomi Bays mentioned gating off this area. Dan Vriendt said gating off areas such as this does not require approval. Brent Webster and Chris Knox are the ones who oversee this matter.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Chad Robinson, seconded by Adam Knauff, the Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Bill No. 7912.

Chad Robinson asked Matt Hartline if the same approach could be used with “no parking” zones as have been used with “speed limits”, there is not an ordinance. Could it not be approved in committee instead of going the entire legislative route?

Matt Hartline said he wasn’t sure but would check into it.

4. Discussion

Saturday Parking:

A bill is being drafted to provide free metered parking in the City of Charleston on Saturdays, parking garages and street meters.

Sam Minardi inquired as to the fiscal impact of free parking Saturdays. Terri Allen said that during the 2019 fiscal year the impact was determined by averaging the number of coins collected from smart meters, park mobile and tickets. The value was \$142,000.00 for Saturday only parking. In 2020, during the pandemic, there was a 40% reduction in that revenue at about \$83,000.00-\$84,000.00.

Minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting: On the motion of Naomi Bays, seconded by Sam Minardi, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting.

Next Meeting: Flashing Traffic Control Signs

Adjournment.