



Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

Monday, July 26, 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.

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.

3. New Business

4. Discussion

Scooters

5. Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting

6. Adjournment

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1 **Bill No. 7899**

2 Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **March 15, 2021**

5 Introduced by:

Referred to:

6 **Adam Knauff**

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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24 repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.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. 7914**

2 Passed by Council:

3 Introduced in Council

4 **June 7, 2021**

5 Introduced by:

Referred to

6 **Chuck Overstreet**

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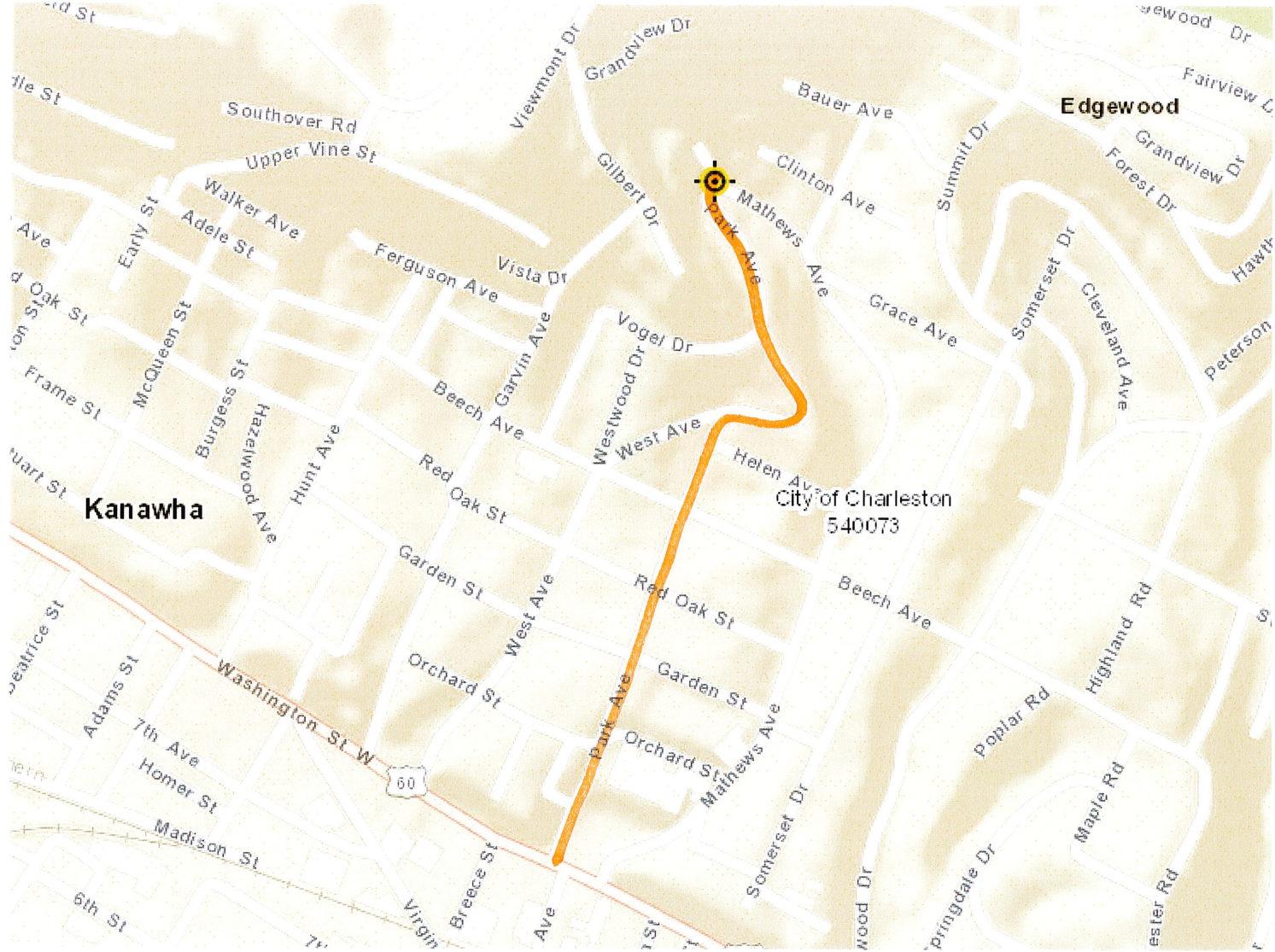
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9 **Bill No. 7914** - A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on Park Avenue from Washington
10 Street West to Woodsedge Way and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control
11 File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and
12 three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to
13 conform therewith.

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

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

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Members Present

Mary Beth Hoover
Naomi Bays
Becky Ceperley
Adam Knauff

Staff Present

Dan Vriendt
Kevin Baker
Matt Hartline
Terri Allen
Kelley Steele
Officer Kevin Oldham

1. Call to Order: Mary Beth Hoover

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.

Councilman Knauff requested that Bill No. 7899 be tabled for another month.

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.

Matt Hartline indicated that this is a complaint-driving request and that Councilman Overstreet wants to move forward. The current speed limit is 25 MPH. Matt Hartline did warn the committee that if the speed limit continues to lower, residents will drive in excess because they will not respect the speed. It is not signed for 25 MPH. Matt Hartline said people will drive the comfortable speed.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Becky Ceperley, seconded by Naomi Bays, the Committee voted 3-1, Adam Knauff voting in opposition, that Bill No. 7913 be laid over, 25 MPH speed limit signs be put in place in the affected area and reevaluated in three months.

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.

Adam Knauff asked if it would be better to reduce the speed since it's near the middle school. Mary Beth brought up the matter of consistency with the speed limits.

Matt Hartline said that it was signed for 30 mph. He is not sure if it is a matter of ordinance. If it is, the request to reduce the speed would have to be brought before Council.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Namoi Bays, seconded by Becky Ceperley, the Committee voted 4-0 to lay over Bill No. 7914 for one month until it could be determined if the speed limit is a matter of ordinance. If the speed limit is not established through an ordinance, the Committee will move to reduce it to 25 mph.

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.

Keeley Steele spoke in support of Bill No. 7915. She discussed her involvement in creating recent state legislation that allows low-speed vehicles (electric vehicles, no gas engines) to cross public streets at stop lights where the speed limit is 40 MPH or less. The low-speed vehicles, for instance, could not go down Washington Street or MacCorkle Avenue, but they could cross over. They would not be allowed on Kanawha Boulevard. Where temporary closures are planned, this topic could be revisited. This does not include ATV or scooters. These low-speed vehicles are licensed. They must be street-legal, which would include, but is not limited to, turning signals, lights, insurance and license.

Mary Beth Hoover inquired about parking requirements, parking spaces and paid parking being included in this bill. Also, how do is flats designated versus hills.

Kevin Baker said he drafted the bill for whatever the State of West Virginia allowed with their legislation, the City of Charleston would also allow. The vehicles, by definition, cannot travel more than 25 MPH and by law cannot travel on a road, up or down, with a speed limit in excess of 25 MPH. Most roads going up a hill in Charleston are 30 MPH.

Adam Knauff inquired as to whether the vehicles had to be electric and could not be gas-powered. Kevin Baker said the state law stated that it be a 4-wheeled motor vehicle whose attainable speed in one mile of a paved level surface is more than 20 MPH but not more than 25 MPH. The law further defines the vehicles as "electric".

Adam Knauff brought up the fact there is a market for electric 4-wheelers. How would there be a distinction between what is an electric low speed vehicle versus what is a 4-wheeler.

Kelley Steele said the vehicles are "low power" and only have the capacity to go 25 MPH.

Adam Knauff brought up the fact that an ATV could be governed and technically meet the definition.

Kevin Baker's response was that an ATV has a different definition in the State Code, including, but not limited to, mini-trucks, golf carts, electric bicycles, etc. The DMV has distinguished between the two of them. The City of Charleston's ordinance would basically provide that the vehicle would have to be registered as an electric low-speed vehicle with the DMV.

Officer Kevin Oldham said the vehicles would have to be registered and licensed. The registration will identify the vehicle type.

Kevin Baker added that the DMV is a stickler for making sure vehicles meet their definitions.

The question came up about whether charging stations would become necessary in the city. The response was that these low-speed vehicles ran on a battery. Terri Allen indicated there is some parking downtown and have done some visitation about mapping where the bike parking areas are. She is not really familiar with what other cities are doing for parking scooters, etc.

Adam Knauff asked whether or not helmets would be required. The answer was no. Seatbelts lights and a valid driver's license are required.

Keeley Steele added that communities have been incorporating golf carts as a recognized means of transportation for the last 20 years.

Terri Allen asked if they considered adding language that the low-speed vehicle must be parked legally as with any other vehicle. Kevin Baker said he would look into it.

Matt Hartline suggested adding language to the effect "all city parking codes apply".

Officer Oldham suggested that education be made available and also that the public be made aware that the same citations apply to the low-speed vehicles.

Motion and vote: On the motion of Becky Ceperley, seconded by Naomi Bays, the Committee voted 3-1, recommending approval as a committee substitute, to approve Bill No. 7915 and amend Bill No. 7915 to include all standard parking and traffic laws in the City of Charleston. Adam Knauff voted in opposition.

4. Discussion

Scooters – 50 cc will have a VIN by Federal Law. Discussion over legal "definition" of a scooter vs. Segway vs. hoverboard etc. Committee wants to move forward with amending the existing bill pertaining to scooters.

Parking at clinic during baseball games. Making spaces available for patients going to clinic during ballgames. Per Terri Allen, there is a contract with the ballpark allowing them to take over the lot during the games.

Crosswalks at Quarrier and Virginia Streets in front of the Civic Center. Approached Matt Sutton to see if proceeds from the ARP could be used. Mayor Goodwin supported the idea.

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

On the motion of Naomi Bays, seconded Becky Ceperley, the Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting.

6. Adjournment