

Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

Monday, May 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

City Service Center – 915 Quarrier Street – Conference Room

Members Present

Mary Beth Hoover, Chair
Naomi Bays, Vice Chair
Jennifer Pharr
Bobby Haas

Staff Present

Dan Vriendt
Terri Allen
Corporal Harshbarger

Public Present

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Unfinished Business**
- 3. New Business**

Bill No. 7957 - A Bill to repeal ordinance 7908, passed by Council on May 3, 2021, which established a one-way street on 2nd Avenue from Florida Street to Bream Street by prohibiting vehicular traffic from traveling in an easterly direction, and re-establishing this portion of 2nd Avenue as a two-way street; 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.

Due to lack of recall on ordinance 7908, Naomi Bays recommended continuing Bill No. 7957 until get input from the member of City Council representing this specific ward.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made Naomi Bays, seconded by Jennifer Pharr and the Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to continue Bill No. 7957 until the June meeting.

Bill No. 7959 - A Bill to update parking authorization along Court Street by prohibiting parking along the westerly side of Court Street from Quarrier Street to Kanawha Boulevard and on the easterly side of Court Street from Virginia Street to Quarrier Street; 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.

Terri Allen provided an update on this matter. Previously, City Council had approved parking along Court Street from Kanawha Boulevard continuing through both sides of the street to Washington Street. After consultation with the Circuit Court Judiciary, the city is recommending, in the interest of safety, that no parking along the blocks where the Kanawha County Courthouse and Judicial Annex Building are located.

Namoi Bays asked if this had something to do with the diagonal stripes that had shown up on the corner. Per Terri Allen, some of the diagonal stripes are for turning lanes or access for pedestrian visuals for parking and such.

Terri Allen added that the city would continue with the parking on Court Street next to City Municipal Building, as it is on the first block. It will continue as, but it will have the same price structure as the rest of Court Street, changing the rates to \$1.00/first hour and \$1.50/second and third hours.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made Naomi Bays, seconded by Bobby Haas and the Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to approve Bill No. 7959.

4. Discussion

Sidewalks – Mary Beth Hoover has reached out to the mayor and had a lunch date with her concerning the sidewalks during the first or second week of June. After speaking to the mayor, Mary Beth wants to reach out to the Street Department and Planning Department regarding this matter.

Based on her independent study, Naomi Bays discovered that other cities have a “master sidewalk plan”, in addition to a Public Improvements Advisory Council. Citizens could call into the 311 and report damage and, depending on the extent of the damage, it would be assigned a certain tier level and provided an estimated repair date.

Scooter Bill – For the June meeting, there will be discussion regarding the scooter bill and whether to include the golf cart bill with it or keep the two bills separate. Mary Beth spoke with Councilman Pepper about this and he was okay with brining both bills up at the June meeting. There is a scooter company reaching out to the city.

Virginia Street and Quarrier Street Crosswalk – Naomi Bays approached Kevin Baker in January about writing a bill proposing a crosswalk on Virginia and Quarrier to the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center. Nothing has been done to accommodate or deny this request to date. Matt Hartline was copied on the email and has not reached out to Namoi either.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2022, meeting

Motion and Vote: A motion was made Naomi Bays, seconded by Bobby Haas and the Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the minutes of the April 25. 2022 meeting.

6. Adjournment