

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 6:05 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Andreano, Vice Chairman Gonzalez, Alderman Witte, Alderman Dougherty, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Smith, and Alderman George. Others: Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Andreano called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, August 20, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Referrals for Consideration

a. Discussion – South Street – 2 Hour Parking

Mr. Ring explained that he and Mayor Aiello had designated no parking on the south side of South Street during the construction of the Lincoln Square. He explained that now that the project is done, the CSEA employees will have spots on both sides of the structure, which will open up about 20 spots in the middle where they would like to permanently designate “Two Hour Parking”. He explained that signs have already been placed, and that he would like to obtain formal Council approval.

Alderman Crawford asked if this would be policed on Saturdays, and noted that he does not think that it should be because of the Farmers’ Market. Mr. Ring explained that on the days that the Farmers’ Market is in Lincoln Square, there are magnetic “Vendor Parking” signs to place on the signs that are along the roadway to designate spaces for the market’s vendors.

A PL and Resolution will be introduced at the next Council meeting.

b. Discussion – Barry Street at Tompkins Street, “No Parking Here to Corner” (southeast corner)

Alderman Dougherty explained that he has received a lot of parking complaints for this area near the back entrance of the Beef N' Barrel. He presented a handout to the Council to show where the issues are occurring. He explained that the law states that vehicles cannot park within 20 feet of the corner, but that a vehicle is consistently parked on this corner.

Chief Rowley noted that this has not been discussed with him, and that vehicles should not be parking within 20 feet of the corner.

Alderman Andreano explained that she can see where it would be difficult to see to get around this corner. Alderman Crawford asked what should be done in this situation where the law does not allow parking, but that there is no sign designating so. Alderman Dougherty explained that there is a business on this corner that it does not really affect, but that it affects drivers traveling from Tompkins to Barry. He explained that if the police are called, a ticket is written, but a sign may eliminate parking here and would prevent an officer from having to come out continually to police the situation.

Chief Rowley explained that a sign is not needed, and that it is the public's responsibility to know the law. He explained that he does not want to see the Council go crazy installing signs all over the City in situations like this. Alderman Crawford asked how the distance is determined if someone calls dispatch and an officer is sent out, and Chief Rowley explained that they can estimate or pace off the distance.

Alderman Gonzalez noted that a sign would deter people from parking on the corner, and that without the sign, it might not occur to them that they cannot park that close to the corner. Alderman Andreano explained that she would not know that law if she was not an Alderman. Alderman Crawford asked, however, if the Council could imagine having to put those signs at every corner in the City.

Alderman Dougherty will introduce a PL for a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at the next Regular Council Meeting.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.