

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2017**

6:00 PM Update on Access to Lake Street from Steele Fitness

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at Wayzata City Hall. Council Members present: Koch, McCarthy, Plechash, and Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, and City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly.

Mr. Kelly stated that at the April 18 City Council meeting, it was brought up that there have been several complaints that exiting the Steele Fitness parking lot is challenging due to proximity of the on-street parking to the driveway entrance.

Mr. Kelly advised that currently, between Broadway Avenue and the Steele Fitness driveway, there is space for nine (9) parallel parking stalls. East of the Steele Fitness driveway, there are four (4) parallel parking stalls.

Mr. Kelly stated that if the Council recommends improved sightlines, one (1) one parking stall can be removed in each direction and the adjacent curb can be painted yellow, delineating "No Parking".

As a temporary measure, the Council directed staff to: get feedback from abutting businesses/property owners; block off the parking stalls; take pictures of the visual site lines; and bring back the information to the City Council at their June 20, 2017 meeting.

6:30 PM Update on Complaint Regarding Speeding on Wayzata Blvd.

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at Wayzata City Hall. Council Members present: Koch, McCarthy, Plechash, and Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, and Chief of Police Risvold.

Chief Risvold reported that over the course of the past several years, the resident at 176 Babcock Lane has expressed concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Wayzata Blvd. west of Ferndale Road to the Highway 12 Bridge. This is a posted 35 MPH zone that turns into a 50 MPH zone at the east end of the bridge. It encompasses approximately 1/10 of a mile, or a little more than one city block. City staff has responded to these complaints in the following ways:

- Extra speed enforcement
- Moving existing speed limit signs as close to the east side of the bridge as possible
- Request of MnDOT to post the speed limit signs on the west end of the Highway 12 bridge
- Install a dynamic speed feedback sign (\$5000 cost)
- Improve and relocate existing signage in the area

Chief Risvold commented that many hours of speed enforcement in the area have yielded few results relative to citations and warnings. There is little, if any crash data in the area to warrant extra patrol time. There are many other areas within the city that demand far greater attention, but because of these multiple complaints from one resident residing on an adjacent roadway, the department has spent significant time in the area. The other responses listed above have not satisfied the resident completely.

Chief Risvold reported that the city does not have the authority to change speed limits or zones. That responsibility is left with the Commissioner of Transportation. In order to accomplish this, a city council is required to pass a resolution authorizing a speed study. The speed study then determines actual speeds in an area over a period of time. That information is used to guide a change in speed limit (up or down) or to keep the limit the same.

1 Chief Risvold recommended that the City Council entertain requesting a speed study to determine what
2 the speed limit should be in the area. In addition, larger and florescent placarded signage could be added
3 to the area. A larger dynamic speed feedback sign could also be effective (at a significant cost).
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5 David Kirkland, 176 Babcock Lane West along with Daniel and Eileen Drotning, 120 Westwood Lane
6 South, indicated their strong desire for a safer intersection that would be less noisy for his surrounding
7 neighborhood.
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9 The Council directed staff to obtain a proposal for a speed study, install larger speed limit signs, and
10 install flags on the reduce speed limit ahead signs.
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12 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.
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14 Respectfully submitted,
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19 Deputy City Clerk