



# VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue  
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

7:00 P.M.

SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

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Members Present: Chairman Clay Weaver  
Commissioner Jim Grosh  
Commissioner Paul Chouinard  
Commissioner Mark Wagstaff  
Commissioner Eileen Miller-Girson  
Commissioner Cathy Albrecht

Members Absent: Commissioner Keith MacKenzie

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of Engineering Services  
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant  
Brian King, Deputy Police Chief  
Ron Andrews, Traffic Coordinator

Guests Present: Gary Broadhurst, 1536 Central Avenue  
Mercouri Kanatzidis, 1523 Central Avenue  
Don Witt, Jr., 1507 Central Avenue

### CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2010

Chairman Weaver directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of February 10, 2010. Commissioner Grosh moved to

approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagstaff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion passed.**

## **II. PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING BETWEEN 6:30 A.M. AND 8:30 A.M. ON THE 1500 BLOCK OF CENTRAL AVENUE**

Ms. Reilley introduced this item by providing history on the existing signage which restricts parking between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. She indicated this parking restriction was approved by staff approximately 10 years ago because the post office employees and commuters used to park on the street for a long duration.

Mr. Gary Broadhurst, 1536 Central, stated he initiated the request and received nearly 100-percent support for the change. He noted it is a logistical problem with not being able to park on the street between 6:30 and 8:30 in the morning.

Mr. Mercouri Kanatzidis, 1523 Central Avenue, stated he is a four year resident who received two parking tickets in the last two years because he forgot to move his car. He said the existing restriction is also difficult to accommodate guests.

Mr. Ron Witt Jr., 1507 Central, concurred with his neighbors and stated he also needs the street for parking.

The Commission and staff discussed the existing no parking 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. restriction. The benefits of this restriction are increased public safety and more effective street sweeping. The downside to allowing overnight parking is the presence of abandoned vehicles parking for long periods of time. Staff indicated that the Village Code does not have a provision for permitting overnight parking. A resident asked about getting passes to park overnight. Chief King indicated residents can get 12 passes per year.

Chair Weaver asked the Commission if they had comments or questions on the request. After seeing none, he entertained a motion.

Commissioner Albrecht made a motion to approve the petition requesting resident permit parking from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on the 1500 block of Central Avenue. Commissioner Miller-Girson seconded the motion. **The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.**

## **III. REVIEW OF ANNUAL CROSSING GUARD REPORT**

Officer Andrews reviewed the annual crossing guard report. He is not recommending any changes for the 2010 / 2011 school season.

Officer Andrews noted some congestion on 15<sup>th</sup> Street at Central and Highland Avenue. This is an area he will monitor. There is currently not a crossing guard at this location.

Commissioner Chouinard made a motion to maintain the current crossing guard schedule for the 2010 / 2011 school season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grosh. **The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.**

Commissioner Albrecht took the opportunity to note her observance of a school bus blowing through a stop sign at Hunter and Illinois. She indicated this intersection continues to be a concern to her because of the large number of children and because the children are crossed diagonal. She asked for the Police Department to consider extending the crossing guard's hours to include the Junior High students who arrive from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Chief King indicated the Village has a large number of crossing guards compared to other towns. He noted we have more crossing guards than Skokie.

Commissioner Miller-Girson suggested adjusting the time from 7:30 to 8:30 instead of 8:00 to 9:00. Officer Andrews agreed to review and adjust the time if possible.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT.**

At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Chouinard moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.** No further discussion occurred on the motion.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of Engineering Services