

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

November 6, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Brian P. Murphy, Asst. City Manager/Economic Development Services
 Steven J. Vandette, City Engineer *[Signature]*
 John K. Abraham, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Recommendation - Parking Restrictions on Ivy Lane

Background:

At the September 19, 2007 meeting of the Traffic Committee, the US Postal Service requested moving the parking restrictions on Ivy Lane from the south side of the street (as per 1979 City Council resolution that the fire hydrant side of all residential roads shall be marked no parking) to the north side of the street for safer and more efficient mail delivery, since the mailboxes are on the north side. The committee recommended no changes to parking restrictions on Ivy Lane, and City Council referred the item back to City management. The section of Ivy under consideration is west of Carlson Park Drive and the nearest fire hydrant is around 60 feet east of Carlson Park. The Fire Department was consulted on this issue, and has no objection to moving the parking restrictions from the south to the north side (memo attached). At the Traffic Committee meeting, there was one resident of the street who objected to moving the parking restrictions, and the committee recommended no changes (meeting minutes attached).

Financial Considerations:

- Changing the parking restrictions will involve removing two No Parking signs from the south side and installing three No Parking signs on the north side of Ivy at a cost of around \$250.

Legal Considerations:

- This will involve issuing a new Traffic Control Order exempting the subject portion of Ivy Lane west of Carlson Park from TCO #79-15-P that restricts parking on the fire hydrant side of City streets.

Policy Considerations:

- Goal I – Enhance livability and safety of the community.

Options:

- Council can approve or deny the recommendations.

Meeting Minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting of the Traffic Committee

9. Install NO PARKING Signs on the North Side of Ivy Lane

Betty Brown-York, from the Troy Post Office, called regarding Ivy Lane. The NO PARKING signs are not all on the same side of the street. Cars park on the north side in front of #394, 370 and 346, and block the mailboxes (see attached sketch and photos). It has been an inconvenience for the mail carrier to deliver mail and so they request the parking restriction be moved from the south side to the north side of the street.

The parking restrictions on Ivy Lane are in accordance with the City Council resolution that all water main sides of residential streets should be marked NO PARKING as shown in the picture. This is for easy access to fire hydrants in case of emergencies. The parking restriction extends from the west side of Ivy Lane (in the north-south section) and continues on the south side of the east-west portion of Ivy Lane. The mailboxes are along the west and north sides of the street.

Mr. Feng Lin, 3465 Ivy, thinks it would be better to move the mailboxes to the south side of Ivy Lane and have the NO PARKING signs follow the hydrants in the usual way.

It can also be seen that there is no fire hydrant on Ivy Lane west of Carlson Park and the change requested may not affect access to fire hydrants.

David Boyle, Supervisor at the Troy Post Office, addressed the committee. He said when mailboxes are blocked by parked cars, postal workers have to dismount from their trucks and cross the street on foot to make deliveries. If the problem persists, the post office can discontinue delivery. He also mentioned that mail carriers experience kids darting from between parked vehicles, causing potential conflicts with mail vehicles.

Mr. Diefenbaker suggested that the mailboxes be moved from the north side to the south side of the road where parking is restricted already.

Mr. Boyle indicated that due to the configuration of the street the mail carrier will have to make a "U" turn on Ivy Lane to service the mailboxes if they are moved to the south side. He also mentioned that making "U" turns also presents a safety hazard, particularly in snowy/icy conditions especially when snow is plowed and piled at the sides of the road.

Mr. Lin indicated that the 90-degree curve on Ivy offers wider pavement, or an "eyebrow," where "U" turns can be completed safely.

Mr. Kilmer suggested signs prohibiting parking only during the day; e.g., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow easy access to mailboxes during delivery time.

RESOLUTION #2007-09-56

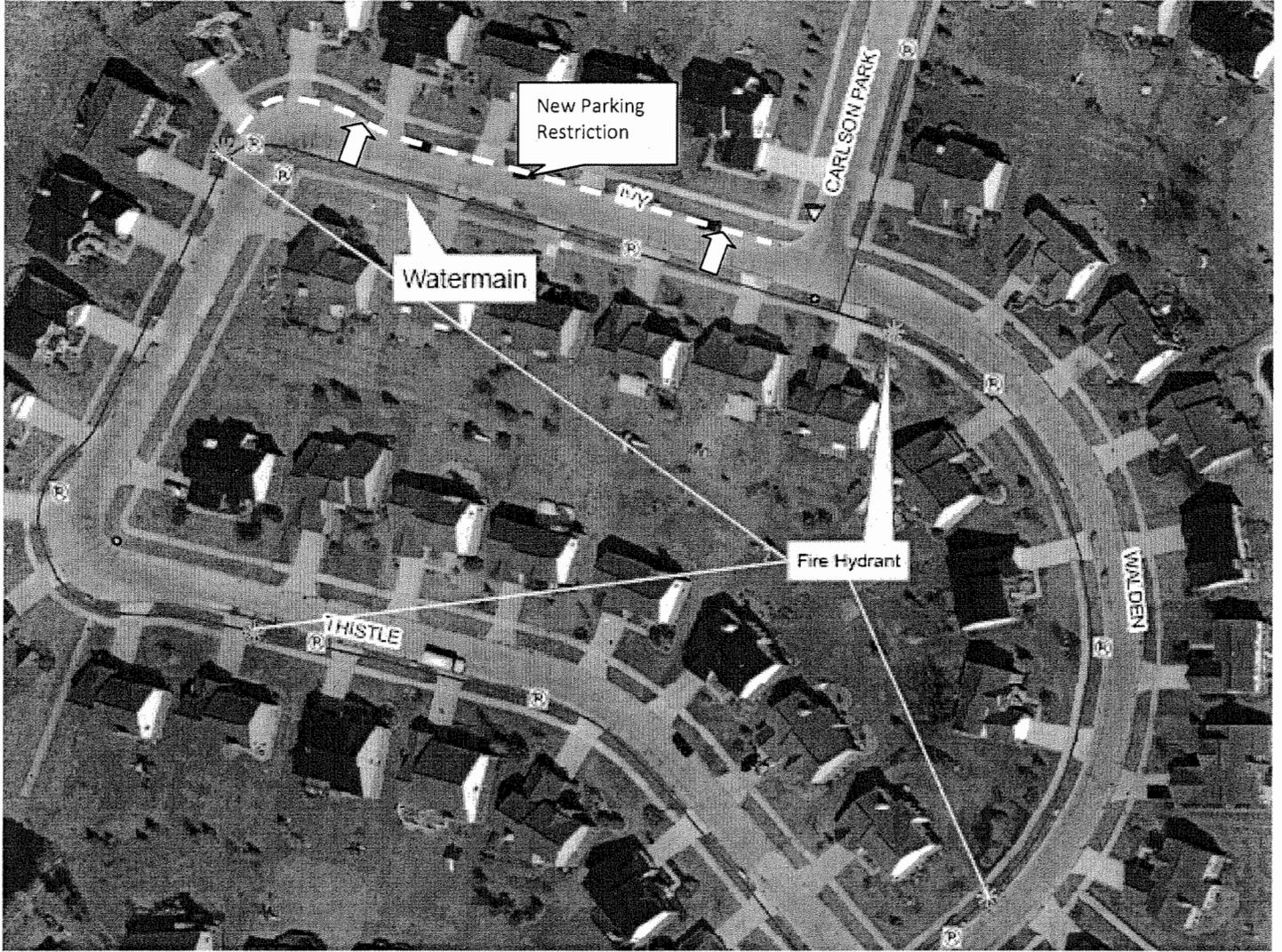
Moved by Schepke

Seconded by Diefenbaker

To recommend no changes to parking regulations on Ivy Lane.

YES: 6
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kilmer prefers signs prohibiting parking only during the day; e.g., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



New Parking Restriction

Watermain

Fire Hydrant

CARLSON PARK

THISTLE

NED TOWN



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Troy

Fire Department

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Troy, Michigan 48084

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To: John Abraham

Re: Ivy Drive, No Parking Sign Posting

I have checked the posting of the water main side of the street on Ivy Drive. The Fire Department would not have a problem in keeping the No Parking on the south side of Ivy up to the East property line of 337 Ivy, with a sign 50' from fire hydrant stating No Parking stops at that point and move the No Parking signs to the North side of Ivy Drive where the mailboxes are located.

Lt. Robert Matlick