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Prepared by Howard Crofoot, 08/13/2024 – revised 08/21/2024

CSRC Attendees: Robin Fatzinger, Danica Larson, Paul Malischke, Eileen McCartney,

CSRC Not Present: Maureen Vorwald and Tom Nall

Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot

Public Attendees: None

1. Call to Order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Robin Fatzinger.
2. Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2024 CSRC: Motion to approve by Danica, second by Robin. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions: There was a comment regarding the new bus stop at the Library. The parent said there were about 20 children who use the bus stop. The parent commented that the crosswalk painting needs to be refreshed (scheduled for July-August). The parent wanted the orange flags put back and for a future budget item, consider installing an RRFB.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Follow Up on Bike & Pedestrian Plan.

The plan was accepted by the Common Council on May 28.
 - b. Bike and Pedestrian Plan: Howard confirmed that he will propose CIP funding for Top 8 items – 7, 3, 5 and 6 in priority order.
 7. Extend the sidewalk along Southwest Road from UWP Lot 28 to Southwest Lane
 3. Add a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Lancaster Street and Camp Street
 5. Add a crosswalk and RRFB at Water Street and Lewis Street
 6. Complete the sidewalk on Hickory Street from Cedar to Camp
8. New Business:
 - a. Bike and Pedestrian “Short Term” items:
 - C.15. Discourage the use of bicycles on sidewalks downtown. Add signs prohibiting riding on sidewalks from Elm to Water and from Furnace to Pine.

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- The Municipal Code only applies to Chestnut to Water, so to extend the prohibition to Elm Street would require an Ordinance change. Paul suggested that when we change the banner signs on Main Street we consider softening the message to say “For pedestrian safety, bicycles, etc. are prohibited on Downtown sidewalks.”

C.16. Extend the downtown 15mph zone past the library to improve safety, particularly with the new bus stop

- There was additional discussion about this item. Also included in the packet was an e-mail from Library Director Lee-Jones in favor of the extended 15 mph zone. Motion by Danica, Second by Paul to recommend that the Common Council extend the 15 mph speed limit on Main Street west to Elm Street. Motion passed unanimously.

C.17. Add leading pedestrian intervals and walking countdowns at busy intersections with traffic signals. Consider making walk signs automatic (with the countdown) and implementing no right turn on red

- No additional discussion.

C.22. Ensure that stoplights can be triggered by bicycles, particularly along bike routes.

- No additional discussion

C.23. Ensure that the length of walk signs is long enough for low mobility pedestrians.

- No additional discussion

Motion by Danica, Second by Eileen to remove from the Table, the following items Tabled at the June meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

C.24. Develop a schedule for repainting crosswalks and seal coating trails and sidepaths. The years of previous and future painting and sealcoating should be maintained. City staff should continue annual repainting of crosswalks. Epoxy should be reapplied to highway crosswalks every five years or as funding allows.

- Howard explained that in many areas, the Street Division crew repaint crosswalks annually. On long streets/highways, the City contracts for

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epoxy painting of the long centerlines and crosswalks. The manufacturers recommend repainting every 5 years. Howard said it can be extended to about 8 years. The current funding allows repainting every 16.5 years.

C.34. Explore the addition of crossing guard(s) near the middle school.
- The current crossing guards are older and fewer return due to health. Also, the City and School District fund the cost of crossing guards 50/50. Any expansion needs to include budget discussions with the School District.

C.35. Consider strategies to improve visibility at intersections, such as:
a. Evaluate ways to enforce the city ordinance on vision clearance at intersections (22.09.a). This includes fences and landscaping.
- Concerns were identified at Third & Furnace, the fencing by the Police Department; Stevens and Water, the white fencing near the intersection; and Elm and Camp, the fence is set back but the road bends and it is difficult to see past the fence.

b. Remove parking stalls near crosswalks, particularly on roads surrounding UWP (Ullsvik Hall and intersection of Greenwood and Longhorn).
- Howard to work with UW-Platteville to review options.

5. New Business:

a. Bike-Pedestrian crash history. The Committee discussed four crashes involving bikes or pedestrians since 2017. Three of these in 2017, 2021 and 2023 involved crashes at Chestnut and Main. Two (2) crashes involved pedestrian – motor vehicle crashes and one (1) crash involved a bicycle – motor vehicle crash. One may have been avoided with leading pedestrian signals. The fourth crash was at Jewett and Hickory where the child was riding a bike on the sidewalk and did not stop, thus colliding with a motor vehicle.

6. Adjourn at 6:52 pm, motion by Eileen, second by Paul. Motion passed unanimously.