

Additional Action Items
Municipal Services Committee
Mon, May 12, 2025 4:30PM

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:04

We have no public hearing or appearances. Brings us to action items. Without objection, I'd like to move to 25-0510, approve permanent occupancy permit in Johnson Street Alley public right of way. Any objections?

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:21

No objections.

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:22

Thank you. I'm going to toss this to inspector Meisner first to give us a little insight on this one. Sorry, let's take a motion—

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:30

I'll make a motion to approve.

Adrian Stancil-Martin (District 11) 01:32

Second.

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:33

Motion and a second to approve. Thank you.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:35

What mic do you have?

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:39

What mic do you have? Director one. You can be.

Daniel Meissner (Commercial Building Inspector - City of Appleton) 01:49

Okay. Okay, very briefly, what our client and our owner would like to do for the 200 Chase building is they're putting in a brewery which will have some—they'll have some dinner making and lunch making and so on and cooking and so on. And they were struggling with how do they get the exhaust out of the building in a functional, effective, economical way? So, they asked me, would it be a potential to take out the back of the building, which is going to be in the alley, which is proposed to be to the City of Appleton. So ultimately, I mentioned to him, I think we should take it to Municipal Services to make sure there are no concerns or any objections to that happening. So ultimately, it's going to be ductwork, an exhaust and a supply, coming from the rear of the building, which is the alley.

Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:45

And am I correct in assuming that this is similar to the alley ABF has their duct work into the alley, or is it not quite the same situation?

Daniel Meissner (Commercial Building Inspector - City of Appleton) 02:53

Very similar. We'll probably be putting very little duct work outside the mostly vents and grills. So, we're not actually extending into the right away, but we will be discharging.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:04

Do you have any additional concerns about doing it this way, or having us approve it in this fashion?

Daniel Meissner (Commercial Building Inspector - City of Appleton) 03:09

No, sir.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:11

Anything from staff on this one? Okay, any comments from committee?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:19

No. I appreciate that it's not actually going to be sticking out, because that's kind of a narrow area. So, I was going to have a question about that, but it's already answered.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:28

Okay. Anything else? Okay, hearing no further discussion, there's a motion to approve. All those in favor say, aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four, zero.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:39

I'll head up back up to the top of our action items. 25—

Daniel Meissner (Commercial Building Inspector - City of Appleton) 03:42

Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:44

Thank you, Director Meissner. Appreciate you being here.

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Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:13

25-0506, approve ordinance changes related to parking at 700 block of West Eighth Street follow up to a five—six-month evaluation period. Do I have a motion?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 08:23

Move to approve.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:24

Second.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:25

There we go. We got a motion to approve and a second. Would staff like to comment on this one? All right, Director Lom.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 08:35

I don't have anything specific to comment on, but be happy to answer questions.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:38

Okay, and this is something that was in place, I understand from like 1967 so it's just a matter of catching up with current trends and us in that neighborhood.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 08:46

That is absolutely correct.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:48

Okay, any questions from fellow council, committee? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four, zero.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:59

Brings us to 25-0506—I'm sorry.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:03

No—

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:03

You just did six. We'll—we skipped five.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:07

Like I said, I'm feeling a little rusty. 25-0505 approve ordinance changes related to parking on Drew Street 1500 north and Circle street 400 east, follow up to a six-month evaluation period.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:19

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:19

Second.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:20

Motion and a second. Staff, would you like to comment on this one?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 09:25

I'm going to defer to Alderson Croatt because I can see he wants to talk.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 09:31

Well, I was going to see what you had to say first. But thank you there, Traffic Engineer Lom. So, I just wanted to say that I appreciate the amount of work that staff has put into this. This goes back a ways. I would say, how long Traffic Engineer Lom? Over a year and a half?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 09:51

Pushing two years.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 09:52

Pushing two years? Yeah, and it's related to the project at the school, at Kaleidoscope school, and we were initially—constituents brought a lot of traffic related issues and parking related issues to my attention, and I, of

course, went to the traffic engineer and asked for some help on evaluating our options there. And like most of you know with parking and traffic things there's often a give and take thing, where if you try to fix it here, you create another problem there, kind of thing. And I just, I just want to really appreciate the work that they put into trying to find workable solutions that didn't cause additional problems right around the corner. I don't—I think for the most part, everybody's happy with the way it all worked out. Of course, you can please everyone, but I think—I haven't received any recent calls or complaints or concerns about the areas, so I'm very comfortable with the proposed changes. Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 10:52

Okay. Anything from committee? No questions, anything additional? Okay. Hearing no other requests, let's take a vote. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four, zero.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 11:08

If there are no objections, I would like to hold the next item 25-0507, approve ordinance change related to parking on 500 block of West Johnson Street, follow up to six-month evaluation period. I have a conflict of interest, and there are some additional discussions that haven't a chance to follow up on. So, if there are no objections, I'd like to request a hold on this one.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 11:30

Move to hold the 25-0507

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 11:37

For how long?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 11:39

Until the next meeting.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:41

I'll second that.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 11:42

Okay. We have a motion to hold and a second to hold 'til our next scheduled meeting. Any discussion? No? All those in favor say, aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four, zero.

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Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:45

Brings us to 25-0509, approve ordinance changes related to the 100 block of North Oneida Street proposed conversion to two-way traffic.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 17:55

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 17:56

Second.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:57

Have a motion to approve in a second. This will be a fun one to work through. Director Lom.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 18:02

I can offer a little bit of context around the memo. So, as we all know, I assume, Mosaic was relocated to the area behind what used to be the Avenue Mall, and in conjunction with that, we have a lot of unfamiliar, oftentimes elderly drivers who are able to find their way in to Mosaic quite well, but when they leave Mosaic, they tend to just make a right hand turn and go the wrong way. And when they get to Washington Street, there is no stop sign because traffic is not supposed to be traveling in that direction. And so, we're—we, we've worked—we tried to do some things with signage. We've worked with Mosaic to educate their patients on the way out the door, and just really have struggled to find any footing with that.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 19:02

So, we—there had been, and continue to be discussions about making that piece of roadway, that block two way when it's ultimately reconstructed. That reconstruction project is at least two to three years off at this point, and is somewhat dependent on what happens with the Merge site. So, we kind of looked at it and said, what can we do in the meantime to affect some change here? And we—there's plenty of space on that roadway to keep the parking, to keep the loading zone and to get two-way traffic. So, we looked into just doing what we would call a two-way retrofit. And I met with Lee over at Mosaic. I spoke to the gentleman from Dark Horse, and he, on behalf of he and his tenants, said that—and also Mosaic, were fully in support of what we're trying to do here. This would be—this would take place during the summer sometime with our pavement marking contract.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 20:11

Okay. Director Jungwirth, do you have anything to add to this one? No? Okay. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 20:19

Thank you, Chair. I assume that City Center Street will remain a one way, and that that little stub behind the mall is kind of two-way traffic, because otherwise there's not any way for anyone to keep coming through there.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 20:35

Yes, and yes. The city center piece would remain one way westbound, and there's a lot of complications with trying to make that a two-way street. So—and then the piece that you're referring to, which is essentially a private parking lot at this point, that would continue to function as two way. There's one related thing that I think I called out in there, and if I didn't, I'm going to and that is right now the loading zone is on the east side of the street. It would be moved to the west side of the street, because what we didn't want to do is create an environment where any trucks that come back in there have to essentially do a u turn at Mosaic to get back going north. We want them to be able to jump in the loading zone southbound and then continue south on City Center Street.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 21:26

Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 21:30

Alder Croatt.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:31

Thank you, Chair. Just to clarify, traffic engineer Lom, the memo says "No changes to parking," right? Is that—is that total spaces aren't being—there's none being lost, because it looks like, you know, there's a vehicle parked where I don't think there's going to be parking allowed anymore on the memo on the picture.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 21:52

I'm trying to find the land you're referring to.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:55

Well, and then you just reference the loading zone moving to the west side. Does that mean restricted parking over there?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 22:04

So, I'm going to answer this the best way that I can. The number of stalls is not changing. The amount of loading zone is not changing. They're literally just getting flipped.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 22:18

Okay, so the four, five cars that are usually parked on the west side, those would probably shift to the east side.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 22:26

Yes.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 22:26

The west side would basically be open for loading and restrict—and no parking.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 22:31

Yeah, as it's denoted in here, is that would just be a 15-minute loading zone, 24/7.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 22:33

And is that the dotted area? the dotted line?

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 22:38

Yes.

Aldersonperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 22:38

Anything further?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 22:49

No, it seems like a good idea with—obviously, with a lot of confusion there. My only concern was, are we losing any parking? Because parking is a premium down there.

Aldersonperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 22:59

All right, I applaud staff for trying to figure this cluster out and make it a little bit more workable. Anything from committee? Further discussion? All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion carries four zero.