

Full Meeting

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Jun 23, 2025 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 00:03

Good afternoon. I'd like to call to order this meeting of the municipal services committee for Monday, June 23 2025 at 4:30pm. Please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

All People Present 00:16

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God [An unclear number of people decline to say the words "under God", including Alderson Fenton and Alderson Meltzer], indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 00:29

All right. Roll call of membership. Let the record show that all members are present. Our first action item is Approval of the minutes from our previous meeting, the minutes from June 9, 2025, item 25-0724. Can I get a motion?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:49

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:50

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 00:50

All right, we have a motion and a second. Are there any corrections additions to the minutes? Hearing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:04

We have no public hearings or appearances, so we will move directly into our action items, and with the committee's and staffs' indulgence, I'm going to skip down to 25-0725.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:21

Okay.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:23

I heard that Mr. Wetzel was planning to attend, and if we don't see him when we get through, we'll go back to this.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:32

All right. Item 25-0725, approve ordinance changes related to parking on 300 block of West Foster Street at Foster Elementary School, follow up to a six-month evaluation.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:44

Motion to approve.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:46

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:46

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any staff comments on this? All right, any questions comments up here? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye. That that passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:01

Moving to item 25-0727, award unit Q-25 pavement marking maintenance contract (paint) to Crowley construction Corporation in an amount not to see exceed \$42,386.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:17

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:19

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:19

All right, we have a motion and a second. Anything from staff on this one? All right, any questions, comments up here? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:32

All right, moving to 25-0728, approve long-term temporary occupant—occupancy permit for temporary generator exhaust line in Superior Street right-of-way through December 13, 2025.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:50

Motion to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:51

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:52

All right, we have a motion and a second. Anything from staff on this? All righty. Deputy Director Neuberger.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 03:00

Thank you, Chair. This one was presented to DPW by building inspector Dan Meissner after he had coordinated on this topic with the contractor and DPW and Building Inspections. Both support the request, and that's all I have to share.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:00

Okay. Any questions comments from up here? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:29

All right, we're going to go back up to the top, because I see Mr. Wetzel has joined us all.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 03:36

Sorry I'm late.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:38

All good. Item 25-0507, approve ordinance changes related to parking at 500 block of West Johnston Street, follow up to a six-month evaluation period. Did you wish to say something, or...?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:51

We need a—

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:51

Get a motion first.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:52

Yeah, go ahead. Can we get a motion?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:55

Move to approve.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:57

Second.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:57

We also need a microphone.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:59

Yes, we do.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 04:00

Well, I can I can—

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:02

It has to do with the recording.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:03

It has to do with the recording. Okay. Thank you so much. Okay, and please just state your name and address for the record and...

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 04:17

My name is Bill Wetzel, and would you like my home or business address?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:21

Either is fine.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 04:22

[Gives his home address]

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:29

Okay, and...

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 04:32

Yeah, we appreciate the opportunity to have this reviewed by the group, hoping to create a more visible back signage for our business, and the parking signs that exist there today don't lend themselves well to that. So that's a that's a kind of a minor aesthetic thing, but it really will allow for delivery vehicles to be parking in compliance with the law which today they rarely do. And so, I think it would be—I think it would be helpful. I'd feel better about all that.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:08

Okay, great. Just—we haven't heard—the material we've got said we haven't heard any negative during the six-month evaluation. Has it been working well for you and your business?

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 05:21

Yeah. Well, what had been tempor—yeah, what had been done temporarily? Yes, for sure. Yeah, I have minimized my \$20 tickets by tenfold.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:34

Just—we aim to serve. All right. We have traffic engineer Lom giving us a handout here. Okay, well, thank you. Thank you for coming.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 05:51

Absolutely, yeah. Thank you guys for considering it.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:54

Okay. All right, I'm gonna give people a minute.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 06:01

Bill, you wanna hang around?

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 06:02

Oh, sure. Can I?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:03

Yeah, absolutely.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 06:05

Yeah, love to.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:07

Anything—I'm going to give people a minute to digest this. I don't think it's any different than what we had in our agenda packet.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:14

It looks like it is slightly different.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:16

Are you on two? Okay.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 06:20

Thank you, Chair. This warrants maybe just a little bit of, like, take two steps back to explain how—where we are here. We had worked with the business owner to make a slight change to the parking back there. When it was came time to—around the time we brought this back to committee, there were some questions about, could we move the signs a little bit too make it viable for them to put a sign over their back door. We worked with them to come up with a solution which just involved moving the signs about nine or 10 feet. That is reflected in the markups that you see on the ordinance language at the bottom there. And then the other stipulation that has been discussed is that the business owner would be responsible for the cost to move the sign since it is just an aesthetic issue.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:12

Okay, all right. Thank you. Any questions? Comments up here? Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 07:16

Thank you. Do we need to make any amendments or is the red line going to be officially the one that's attached?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:25

Good, good point.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 07:26

Sorry, I meant to give you a copy. I'm going to defer to Attorney Behrens on that one.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 07:36

Chair?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:38

Alder Schultz.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 07:38

This is not the comment on the item itself, but yeah, the existing one hour parking zone would shift slightly to the if you looking at the photograph, the end of the white building next to the great building next, but that's essentially a little 1011, feet that we're trying to or that the business owners trying to expand that parking zone. So, the graphic that's represented here is not quite correct. Is that right? Director Lom.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 08:06

Thank you for the promotion. [He was joking because Alderson Schultz referred to him as "Director".] The graphic does not stipulate the exact footage is so I would say it's still representative of what we're trying to do here. The only changes were as noted in red in the ordinance language at the bottom.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:26

So, Attorney Behrens if—okay.

Attorney Christopher Behrens 08:29

So, if my understanding is correct, the motion by Alderson Melzer, seconded by Alderson Firkus to approve this was based on the changes as recommended by staff, as outlined in the May 6 2025 memo that was

circulated earlier. So, I'll make a note of that on here. We'll incorporate that memo in, and no amendments are required then.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:56

Okay, all right, thank you, because it looked like the caption was fine. We just needed to have the correct attachment to it. Okay. All right, anything else up here? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:10

Abstain.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:14

We have all four ayes and note Alder Schultz's abstention. All right, so that passes four zero. Thank you.

William Wetzel (Appleton Resident) 09:20

Everybody good?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:21

Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:22

Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:22

That'll go to Council.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:23

This will go to council next week.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:32

Yes, this will go to Council on the 16th. Because we will not have a meeting July 4 week, so we will take this up at Council on July 16, at seven o'clock. If you want to speak then come a few minutes early, sign in. Okay? Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 09:52

Thank you.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:53

Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:55

All right. That finishes our action items. We have no information items, and that takes us to item eight.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 10:01

Motion to adjourn.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 10:02

Second.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 10:03

All right. All in favor please signify by saying aye. Aye. We are adjourned. Thank you all.