

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of June 21, 2004, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners Amy Patterson, H. N. James, Dennis DeWolf, and Alan Marsh present. Comm. Hank Ross was out of Town.

Also present were Richard Betz, Kim Lewicki, Amelia Pavlik, Stan Cochran, Shane Griffin, Bronce Pesterfield, Robin & Mary Wheaton, David Trapp, Mario Gomez, Wes Wilson, Bob Wright, and others.

The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and stated that the purpose was to further discuss the sidewalk along South Fourth Street at the Old Edwards Inn project, as discussed at the June 16 Board meeting. Notice of the meeting had been properly posted and provided to local press.

Comm. DeWolf said that he felt the Board should further consider the proposals presented at the previous meeting in order to expedite completion of the sidewalk in front of the Inn. The Board then reviewed the plan presented at that meeting in detail. Comm. Patterson expressed concern about the elimination of a loading zone on Main Street at the Fourth Street corner. Bronce Pesterfield, Project Engineer, said that it had been removed and a safety zone had been proposed as a safety precaution for pedestrians. Shane Griffin of Planters Inc. asked if it would be desirable to have the unloading zone on such a busy corner. Comm. DeWolf felt that the Town should consider looking for an alternate location. Comm. Patterson said she was not opposed to the nodes in concept, but felt that parking should be maximized on Fourth and Main; she also did not think they should be constructed at this time. Comm. James felt that the safety zone would not provide adequate room for large trucks; he felt the Town Engineer, who was on vacation this week, should have an opportunity to review it. He was concerned that the safety zones might create a bottleneck like the one on Pine Street at Fifth Street, and he did not favor it. The Mayor agreed, and did not feel this work should be done during the season.

Mr. Griffin said that OEI was attempting to complete some storm sewer infrastructure work at the same time which would be impacted by the proposed plan, as well as the imminent paving by the D.O.T. He also outlined some changes to the position and size of the planters in the sidewalk already approved. David Trapp, Project Manager, said that he hoped to have the sidewalk and facade on Fourth Street completed within three weeks; the scaffolding would be removed and a passageway would be constructed in the meantime for pedestrian access along Fourth Street. Questions were fielded from several members of the public who were present.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. DEWOLF, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO REQUEST THE OLD EDWARDS INN CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING SIDEWALK, PURSUANT TO THE PLAN ALREADY APPROVED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NOT TO INCLUDE THE MORE RECENT PROPOSAL SHOWING SAFETY ZONES; THE SIDEWALK AT CHURCH STREET SHOULD EXTEND TO THE END OF THE SEVEN-FOOT SIDE SIDEWALK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THAT STREET.

The Mayor reported that the Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Comm. DeWolf and the Town Administrator would be meeting with Old Edwards Inn and McCarroll Construction officials, as requested at the previous meeting, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss parking enforcement and traffic problems. If the Committee approved the contingency plans for controlling these problems, it had been agreed that the permit to use Town right-of-way for construction purposes would be extended.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. MARSH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN. The meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 1:45 p.m.

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Richard Betz, Town Clerk