

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: January 28, 2016
RE: Traffic Control Order 16-001 (McEwan Street Loading & Delivery Zone)

For the Agenda of February 1, 2016

Background. The City's Traffic & Safety Committee met on January 18, 2016 to discuss two specific topics – one of them being complaints received from business proprietors on McEwan Street regarding the location of the McEwan Street Loading and Delivery Zone on the west side (southbound) side of McEwan Street. This delivery/loading zone was established in 2014 (*see copy of att'd Resolution 2014-150*) to eliminate the traffic hazard created by delivery trucks stopping in the westbound travel lane of West Fifth Street for deliveries to Maxwell's Flowers..

After discussion with two of the McEwan Street business owners whose businesses are located immediately adjacent to the loading zone, the Traffic & Safety Committee recommended that the present location of the loading zone be moved to a location just north of The White House Restaurant/south of the exit of the MidMichigan Medical Center's exit, thereby appeasing the business owners by again allowing on-street parking immediately adjacent to their respective businesses and concurrently maintaining a McEwan Street delivery/loading zone that will accommodate all of the businesses on this block of McEwan Street. The proposed relocation of this loading and delivery zone returns the use of three parking spaces that were eliminated when the loading and delivery zone was initially created.

The City Commission is asked to consider and approve the recommended TCO 16-001 (*copy att'd*).

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve Traffic Control Order 016-001?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the TCO.
2. Approve the TCO with modifications/amendment.
3. Disapprove the TCO.
4. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact: Cost is minimal (restriping and relocating signage).

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission approve Traffic Control Order 16-00 by adoption of Resolution 2016-013 (*copy att'd*).

Attachments.

1. Resolution 2014-150.
2. TCO 16-001.
3. Resolution 2016-013.

RESOLUTION 2014-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 004-2014.

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic and Safety Committee met on the 30th day of September 2014 to discuss and provide the Clare City Commission a recommendation(s) related to three parking situations within the City that are presently creating congestion, frustration for drivers, and are creating a public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the third of the said situations pertains to delivery truck parking on West Fifth Street adjacent to Maxwell's impeding traffic, producing backups and creating a dangerous situation for loading and delivery drivers; and

WHEREAS, after thorough and lengthy discussion, the Traffic & Safety Committee unanimously recommended that a proposed Traffic Control Order (TCO 004-2014) be drafted; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority subsequently reviewed the proposed Traffic Control Order at their meeting held on October 10, 2014, and unanimously recommended approval to the Clare City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission considered said recommendations of the Traffic & Safety Committee and the Downtown Development Authority and determined them to be prudent and in the best interests of public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Clare City Commission hereby approves Traffic Control Order 004-2014 and directs its City Manager to ensure that appropriate signage is erected to implement the provisions of the Traffic Control Order and that appropriate enforcement actions are taken relative to said Order.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Swanson and supported by Commissioner McConnell. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Jean McConnell, Gus Murphy, and Karla Swanson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution approved for adoption on this 20th day of October 2014.

Diane Lyon, City Clerk

CITY OF CLARE
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

NO: 16-001

A. ISSUED BY: Brian Gregory Chief DATE: 1-18-2016
(TRAFFIC ENGINEER/CHIEF OF POLICE)

B. SIGN ERECTED
OR WORK DONE BY: DPW DATE: Weather permitting

C. Alan Jessup
(Street Supervisor DPW Supt.)

D. FILED AND ATTESTED: _____ DATE: _____
(CITY CLERK)

E. LOCATION:
McEwan St. just north of 5th St. on the west side. The current unloading/loading space in front of "Brewin on McEwan".

F. CONTENT:
Patron and patient parking spaces will be repainted in place of the loading/unloading zone that currently occupies this area. The new load/unload zone will be moved north to the south side of the hospital exit drive.

DATE OF EXPIRATION: _____

DATE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTION BY CITY COMMISSION _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

RESOLUTION 2016-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 16-001.

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic and Safety Committee met on the 18th day of January 2016 to review, discuss, and provide recommendations related to business proprietor complaints related to the elimination of on-street parking availability as a result of the designation of a loading and delivery zone created in 2014; and

WHEREAS, after considerable discussion with the concerned business proprietor and other neighboring business owners regarding the current situation and possible options and alternatives, all parties came to a mutual agreement and recommendation to relocate the loading and delivery zone to a site on McEwan Street north of the existing site and to reinstate the on-street parking spaces eliminated by the creation of the loading and delivery zone in 2014; and

WHEREAS, said recommendation has been incorporated in a proposed Traffic Control Order, said Order being designated as TCO 16-001; and

WHEREAS, said TCO 16-001 has been reviewed and considered by the City Commission and determined to be an appropriate and prudent solution to the aforementioned issues raised by the downtown business proprietor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Clare City Commission hereby approves Traffic Control Order 16-001 and directs its City Manager to ensure that appropriate signage is relocated to implement the provisions of the Traffic Control Order and that appropriate enforcement actions are taken relative to said Order.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 1st day of February 2016.

Diane Lyon, City Clerk