

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET

OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order. On the call of the roll, the following were present: Diane Gilson, Greg Hildebrand, Jeff Tauscheck, Angie Matzdorf, John Nelson, Dave Herrmann, and John Binder. The following were also present: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, Police Chief Ken Ruggles, Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker, Director of Public Works Cathy Austin, and City Clerk Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the Minutes from August 27, 2024:** Motion was made by Binder/ Herrmann to approve the minutes from August 27. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion on Traffic Study at the intersection of County Rd PP and Highway 67:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee explained Alder Herrmann requested a discussion regarding a potential traffic study be done at the intersection of County Rd PP and Highway 67. This is a proposed site for Dollar General that will be presented to Council on October 29. Staff contacted Kapur to provide options and reached out to Kapur to provide options and reached out to the project developer to obtain information on the expected number of vehicles per hour. Blakeslee explained the several different options including; allowing Plan Commission consider the need for a TIA during the standard site plan review, adopt a resolution recommending that Plan Commission require a TIA during the standard site plan review process, independently complete a full TIA, conduct a speed study of Hill and Dale, staff could prepare a resolution for Common Council asking WisDOT to conduct a more detailed study of the intersection, or a combination of the listed items. Blakeslee added this is not a city-controlled intersection. The speed study option on Hill and Dale is estimated \$3,000 and a Formal Report/Memo for a speed Study is estimated \$9,000. Mayor asked the Committee to each share their thoughts and questions. Herrmann stated he received several concerns from residents with the land being rezoned for retail business in an already heavy residential area. The residents are concerned this will increase the traffic at an already busy and dangerous intersection. Herrmann would like to see a study done at the intersection. Matzdorf asked if the speed study is just for Hill and Dale and if the State would do anything unless it's a TIA study. Austin stated that yes, the speed study would only be for Hill and Dale. Kapur indicated based on the traffic volumes provided by Dollar General that a TIA would not show a need for improvement, based solely on the addition of a Dollar General. Nelson stated he didn't have comments at the moment. Hildebrand stated he sat at that intersection and it seemed like it was a race waiting for an accident to happen. He thought there could be a study

done. Tauscheck asked what the crash statistics were. Deputy Police Chief Starker stated he could guess but it's pretty minimal. He would have to reach out to the Sheriff's Department to get statistics. Gilson stated it's a wicked corner and is in favor of a speed study. Binder stated it's a chaotic intersection and the area is likely to develop in the future. The Mayor stated it's too bad the City doesn't have jurisdiction over the intersection. As the area develops something will probably have to be done. Mayor Pohlman stated if something that would create high traffic in that area like a Kwik Trip or apartment buildings a TIA would be needed more. Director of Public Works Austin stated it's a matter of when the City wants to do a TIA. Dollar General isn't going to generate as much traffic as other businesses could as that area is developed. Nelson stated he thinks the speed limit could change at Suchon Funeral home. Mayor Polman asked the Committee who would be in favor of the \$3,000 speed study. Binder, Gilson, Tauscheck, Hildebrand, and Herrmann were in favor of the speed traffic study. Matzdorf and Nelson were not in favor of the study.

4. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Gilson/Tauscheck to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.