

# AGENDA

## Work Session

STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Thursday – May 25, 2023

STE. GENEVIEVE CITY HALL

Immediately Following 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Progress Parkway Property – Gilmore & Bell **(The tentative agenda for this meeting also includes an optional vote to close part of this meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (1), Legal actions, causes of actions, privileged communications, (2) Leasing, purchasing, or sale of real estate)**
2. Jefferson Street No Parking
3. Wrong Way Driving on Market

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### ADJOURNMENT

*Any person requiring special accommodations (i.e. qualified interpreter, large print, hearing assistance) in order to attend the meeting please notify this office at 573-883-5400 no later than forty-eight hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the meeting.*

Join us on the Zoom app at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84811211564?pwd=VnR5QVppTEhYMWYxWGszT2xqTW1YZz09>

Or by phone at (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 848 1121 1564 Passcode: 808225

Find the Zoom Link at [www.facebook.com/stegenevievecityhall/](http://www.facebook.com/stegenevievecityhall/)

*Posted 5/20/2023*

*Happy Welch*

**Staff Report**

May 25, 2023

To: Board of Aldermen  
From: Happy Welch  
Re: Progress Parkway Property



**Issue:**

At the last work session the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Corporation requested that Mark Spykerman with Gilmore & Bell discuss the previous Plaza TIF and other items that relate to the proposed Progress Parkway housing development with the board at this work session and the board agreed.

**Recommendation:**

**Staff Report**

May 25, 2023

To: Board of Aldermen  
From: Happy Welch  
Re: No Parking Jefferson St.



**Issue:**

Alderman Bennett received a request for the board to consider no parking along the south side of Jefferson Street from the Valle High School parking lot to N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. There have been a couple of accidents along that street due to the parking congestion and low visibility.

**Recommendation:**

Review and discuss restricting parking at certain areas, for certain times, on certain days or certain vehicles, or other options.

Dear Chief Crump,

I agree that obstructed views are an issue in some locations. Because we are also going to be reducing the number of parking spaces on our lot with the imminent installation of a new playground for our Early Childhood Development Center, I unfortunately do think the loss of 10 spots will create even more of a "crunch".

Do you think it's feasible to reach some sort of lesser compromise on the number of spaces lost along the street? I know most of the students who tend to park along the street own jacked up trucks, which is surely part of the issue. Would the same issue exist if the spaces were limited to sedans only?

I know there have already sometimes been issues between students and homeowners over parking a little further out from campus.

As I prepare to leave Valle, I also wanted to express my gratitude for the efforts of your department and our good relationship over the years. I wish you many quiet years in this community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Greg Miller  
Principal  
Valle Catholic High School

**Staff Report**

May 25, 2023

To: Board of Aldermen  
From: Happy Welch  
Re: Market St. Wrong Way Driving



**Issue:**

Nichole French, co-owner of Sweet Things Sweet Shop sent an email about too many wrong way drivers on Market St.

She included some recommendations and I wanted to see if the board had any input on improvements we can make. These improvements could apply to Merchant St. as well.

**Recommendation:**

## Happy Welch

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**Subject:** FW: Street Concerns

**From:** Nichole F <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** Happy Welch <[hwelch@stegenevieve.org](mailto:hwelch@stegenevieve.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Street Concerns

Happy,

Yes, many of the drivers are coming up the street from the 2nd and Main Street intersections but I occasionally see people leaving the county lot (and now the Lutheran church lot) going the wrong way as well.

I often see people pull into the Lutheran church/ old Wood funeral home lot and exit going the opposite direction or sometimes they will exit then turn into the county lot bc I can only assume they missed the two entrances.

I am currently seeing 1-2 wrong way drivers each day. More on Saturdays.

If I am outside I try to flag them down but that is not always possible during business hours.

I am worried a pedestrian will be struck because not everyone knows to look both ways on a one-way street.

On Tue, May 2, 2023 at 11:51 AM Happy Welch <[hwelch@stegenevieve.org](mailto:hwelch@stegenevieve.org)> wrote:

Nichole,

Are you seeing them coming from Second and Main Sts., as well as the county parking lot? That's a bigger problem area than what I am thinking.

Thanks,

Happy

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**From:** Nichole F <[nich10@gmail.com](mailto:nich10@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:14 AM  
**To:** Happy Welch <[hwelch@stegenevieve.org](mailto:hwelch@stegenevieve.org)>  
**Subject:** Street Concerns

Dear City Administrator, Happy Welch,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the increase in wrong-way drivers in the downtown historic district of Ste. Genevieve, specifically on Market Street. As a resident of the city, and a business owner on

Market Street, I am deeply troubled by this growing problem, and I believe that immediate action needs to be taken to address it.

The presence of wrong-way drivers on Market Street is not only dangerous but also detracts from the charm of our downtown. Firstly, it can pose a significant danger to both pedestrians and other motorists. When a driver travels in the wrong direction on a one-way street, it increases the risk of collisions and accidents, which can result in property damage, personal injuries, and even fatalities. This can be especially concerning in a historic district where pedestrians and tourists may be more likely to be walking and exploring on foot.

Secondly, wrong-way driving can negatively impact the ambiance and charm of the historic district. A town's historic district is often a major attraction for visitors and can be an important source of economic activity for local businesses. If the area is marred by traffic congestion and confusion caused by wrong-way driving, it can detract from the overall experience for tourists and diminish the appeal of the district for shoppers and diners.

It is imperative that steps are taken to prevent further incidents and protect both the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

To this end, I would like to suggest several solutions that I believe could be effective in reducing the number of wrong-way drivers in the area. Firstly, increased, or rather, better signage should be installed along Market Street, indicating the proper direction of travel. Additionally, pavement markings indicating the direction of traffic could be added to the road to provide clear visual cues for drivers. Pavement markings, while not currently utilized, will not deter from the scenery and landscape of our downtown district the way signs tend to.

Secondly, it may be worthwhile to consider the installation of physical barriers, such as bollards or planters, at key intersections and locations along Market Street. These barriers would help to prevent drivers from accidentally entering the street in the wrong direction. Due to our narrow streetscapes, I understand this option may not be ideal-- but I do believe it may be worth exploring before the option of adding *more or bigger* signs.

Finally, the city could implement a public awareness campaign, including social media and print materials, to educate drivers about the dangers of wrong-way driving and the importance of adhering to posted traffic signs and signals. Effective social media campaigns can be a great way to reach and educate a broad audience-- not just tourists. I also believe one-way streets could be more clearly identified on our downtown maps as well. If I am not mistaken, there are currently no markings indicating proper driving directions on our city maps.

I believe that these solutions, if implemented in a comprehensive manner, could help to reduce the number of wrong-way drivers on Market Street (and throughout our downtown district) and improve safety for all who use the area. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing action taken to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

**-Nichole French-**  
*Co-Owner of Sweet Things Sweet Shop*  
*242 Market Street*  
*Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670*