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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2006-0455	Communication	In Committee
	Communication from City Engineer regarding oversized/overweight load permits.	
	Introduced: 7/5/2006	Controlling Body: Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION Place on File

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>07-05-06</u>	<u>Sengstock</u>	<u>Vitale</u>	Barczak				
			Czaplewski				
			Dobrowski	✓			
			Kopplin	✓			
			Lajsic				
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke				
	✓		Sengstock	✓			
		✓	Vitale	✓			
			Weigel				
			TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>		

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

[Signature] _____
 Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION **PLACE ON FILE**

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>JUL 05 2006</u>		✓	Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
			Dobrowski	✓			
			Kopplin	✓			
			Lajsic	✓			
	✓		Narlock	✓			
			Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock	✓			
			Vitale	✓			
			Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	<u>10</u>			



CITY OF WEST ALLIS

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Memorandum



Engineering Department

MICHAEL G. LEWIS
City Engineer

TO: Richard Narlock, Chair, Board of Public Works
Vincent Vitale, First District
Kurt Kopplin, Second District
Linda Dobrowski, Fourth District
James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM: Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE: June 30, 2006

RE: **Communication from City Engineer Regarding Oversize/Overweight Permits.**

Attached is a letter from Mr. Wayne Kokta, Transportation Manager for Dawes complaining about the oversize/overweight permit fees. The Engineering Department has not changed its policy regarding oversize/overweight load permits. The last change in fees was in 2001 when it went from \$75 to \$85. We are pleased that they told us Milwaukee charges \$100, we thought we were in range, but we will need to look at it now.

As way of a little history, here is part of Brian Block's e-mail on the letter:

Back in 2001 the city issued a total of 54 oversized load permits (with 9 going to Dawes). In 2005 the city issued a total of 235 oversized load permits (with 3 going to Dawes). So far in 2006 the city issued a total of 238 oversized load permits (with 14 going to Dawes). It appears that Dawes is obtaining permits this year. Did the Police step up enforcement? I don't know the answer to that but if they are I would support their efforts.

I don't believe Mr. Kokta proposal is reasonable above and beyond the impact to roads in that it doesn't provide the city with any type of insurance if things go south during a move. Examples would be damages that occur to city utility (light poles, signs, hydrant, median areas) or if the load somehow became stuck in traffic. Right now we assume we are controlling who is running when, for instance if we had a oversized load running east on a road we may not want to find an oversized load (one that Dawes thinks doesn't need an escort or "standard" permit) running in the opposite direction. This is especially true in tighter areas, say for instance, just about any route south, west or east from the Dawes location. We don't have "established routes" but we do have roads that have no restrictions on trucking. On Mr. Kokta's "established routes" a number of conflicts could appear on daily basis, such as street maintenance work, utility work, parades... Does Mr. Kokta plan to call us for "established routes" for that day or just simply take his chances?

I don't know why we would want to subsidize Dawes business operations. I would recommend the letter be filed and that I respond in a letter to Mr. Kokta.



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CITY OF WEST ALLIS
ENGINEERING DEPT.

May 30th, 2006

Mr. Mike Lewis – City Engineer
City of West Allis
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

RE: Oversize – Overweight permits – Trucking

Dear Mr. Lewis:

There has been a recent step up of enforcement of your City's oversize load permit Code, and this has had a negative impact on our business, and that of our customers. These fees continuously increase with little regard for their ultimate result. The \$85.00 fee along with the accompanying police escort is excessive and time consuming, particularly on the smaller loads. Being situated on the Milwaukee – West Allis border, we are subject to Milwaukee's \$100 permits as well. Add in West Milwaukee's fees, and a local move within the Milwaukee County Commercial Zone, can have permit fees greater than the trucking costs of the shipment!!

West Allis has been the backbone to the Milwaukee Area's heavy industry for centuries, and many intercity shipments are merely of components and parts and subassemblies of products that will ship again once worked on or completed. Some shipments into our yard are merely oversize air handling units going onto area hospitals and office buildings under construction, we hold them until they're ready to set them, then reship them to site. Many of these moves are subject to a double whammy!! And the States permits cost between \$10.00 to \$25.00 to cover the move.

This is getting out of hand, and eventually businesses (and your tax base) will move out. Taking with them good jobs, with benefits for the area residents. We service, refurbish, repair and sell our equipment right here in West Allis, and it is getting costly to move into, then out of our property. As an area business, servicing area businesses, we need to reach a compromise. We should be paying \$100 per year for an annual permit, with established through routes, thus lightening up the load for your office and police force. We know when an \$85 permit with police is needed and we call when that is the case just as we always have. When can we meet to discuss this? I can be reached @ 453-5335.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne P. Kokta".

Wayne P. Kokta

Transportation Manager – Dawes Crane/ DST Inc.