council - Neighborhood concern

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Public Safety Comm.

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I am William Dabbs   I have lived at 4222 Dwight Drive for 29.5 years.

For over 1 1/2 years, since the remodeling of the K&L gas station at 4220 E. Washington Ave., gangs of people "hanging out", have created a problem for the neighbors. Cars park on both sides of the block of Continental Lane, between E. Washington & Dwight Drive with loud music, swearing, car doors slamming, tires squealing and loud mufflers. They slam the doors of their vehicles, speed up Continental to Dwight, and squeal around the island race back down the hill slamming on the brakes to the cheers of all. The buses often have problems because of the street being full.

The police have been called and some tickets were issued. These people must have scanners because if the police are called, they suddenly slam the car doors and leave in different directions. If it is shift change, the police only give warnings. I believe this is because of the paperwork.

I do not understand why, with the taxes we pay, no one can figure out that imposing parking restrictions, from 8:00 p.m. till 6:00 a.m., on the block of Continental Lane noted above, (and enforcing them) would quickly curb the on going problem. Taxes are to pay for the Mayor, Police Chief, and the Transportation Department, thinking people, who have been elected to have the welfare of the community in mind.

Now my question for Mayor Dave Cieslewicz is: Should our city managers be paid part-time wages since they don't seem to be able to come to full-time solutions? Why can't action be taken when citizens report problems the first or second time rather than waiting to take action only after people have become angry and frustrated at being ignored.

Sincerely

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