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TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION
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Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. The meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Members present were Director of Public Works Bertram Taverna, Alex Train of Planning and Development, and resident member Carolyn P. Boumila-Vega and Brian Wagner. Members absent were Fire Chief Len Albanese and resident member Jorge Pazos. Also present was City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White, Brijesh Patel, Ashish Patel, City Councilor Damali Vidot, Strehphon Treadway of the Law Department, and resident Judith Dyer.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Communication of July 31, 2017 from Ricardo Valle of Iglesia La Luz De Cristo, requesting special parking permits for use of members during monthly vigils.

Carolyn Boumila-Vega stated that requestor has been given two opportunities to appear and has not attended to speak on matter. Carolyn Boumila-Vega made motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #2 - Communication of September 28, 2017 from Jeannette Cintron White, requesting the review and approval of the codified Traffic and Parking Regulations.

John Nofle stated that Chief Brian Kyes and he were fine with the Traffic and Parking regulation revisions. Alex Train stated that his department has recommendations/changes. In Section 8-3, he noted that a traffic management plan shall be required to be reviewed by the Traffic and Parking Commission instead of Police. In Section 8D, the language should be forty eight (48) hours instead of twenty four (24) hours. In Section 7-27, the language regarding Fourth and Beacon Street shall be removed as it is outside of the City's jurisdiction. And to part B regarding ten tons. In Sections 13.4.2F and 13.4.4J, it shall read sixty (60) days instead of thirty (30) days. In Section 13.4.5C, it shall be changed from twenty four (24) months to twelve (12) months. In Section 13.5.3, it shall be a period of time when care is not being given. In Section 13.5.4.1D, it shall require a tax bill from the last six (6) months. At lastly, to add the definition for through ways. Alex Train made a motion to approve the ratifications. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

Agenda Item #3 - Minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept minutes. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of October 17, 2017 from Councilor Damali Vidot, requesting to install a speed bump the intersection of Summit and Warren Avenue as a public safety concern.

Councilor Damali Vidot stated that the intersection of Warren Avenue and Summit Avenue has been an ongoing issue with cars speeding and not coming to a complete stop at the stop signs. The cars just roll passed the sign into the intersection. It was brought to the police's attention and it was being monitored for a while but it is still happening. At times, she has sat there observing the traffic and saw

all this happening. She also stated that she had sent a letter to the City Clerk regarding this very dangerous issue with the elderly residents at the Soldiers Home. She has tried to go through different channels and feels a speed bump will help the situation. Sergeant John Nofle stated that he does not know if that will help the problem. Bert Taverna suggested painting Stop on the road at the Stop sign and using reflectors on the pole to see if that helps the problem. He would like to revisit the issue at a later date. He would like the opportunity to observe these changes before moving forward with her request. John Nofle agreed with Bert Taverna's ideas. Alex Train suggested more enforcement in the area. Bert Taverna made motion to post a 'Stop Ahead' sign at least 500 feet from the posted "Stop" sign on Summit Avenue, paint Stop on the ground at the Stop sign and add reflectors to the pole. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #5 – Communication of October 10, 2017 from Edwin Barrientos, regarding parking and speeding issues on Cherry Street.

Sergeant John Nofle stated that he was not aware of any problems with speeding on Cherry Street and that thought there is no parking allowed on the street. Bert Taverna agreed with his statements regarding the speeding on this street as he has never received complaints in this regard. Alex Train stated that the communication mentions there is an issue with people parking in the rear of Curly's restaurant. Mr. Barrientos was not present to speak on the issues. Alex Train made a motion to table request until the next meeting to allow Mr. Barrientos another opportunity to be present. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #6 – Communication of October 17, 2017 from Brijesh Patel of Yogi's Variety, requesting a (15) minute parking zone in front of the business.

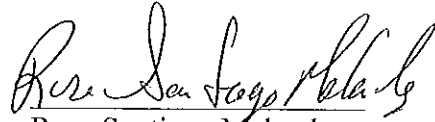
Brijesh Patel, of Yogi's Variety, stated that he owns two stores in Chelsea on Central Avenue and Broadway. He is having an issue with parking in front of his Broadway store for his customers and vendors. When he gets deliveries sometimes they have to double park causing traffic issues. He would like two spaces in front of the store. Alex Train questioned his application because Mr. Patel mentioned wanting two fifteen minute spaces but applied for one loading zone and a fifteen minute space. Alex Train also noted that there was a part of the application that was not completed. Carolyn Boumila-Vega asked Mr. Patel if he had access to the parking area in the rear of his store. Mr. Patel said that he had some access but the parking area in the rear was split between the store and the house located there. Councilor Damali Vidot stated that she was trying to help him with the application and would like to know what else was needed. She stated that Mr. Patel has had his business in Chelsea for many years and was always compliant, clean and a good person. Alex Train told Mr. Patel that he would need to complete the missing part of the application and get a letter from the neighbors on their opinion of his request. Carolyn Boumila-Vega asked Mr. Patel if the lot in the back of the store is shared why not designated a space to his establishment. Mr. Patel stated that he has two spaces there but they are very narrow and it would be difficult for customers to come in and out of the lot. Alex Train told Mr. Patel to reach out to the neighbors to see if they are supportive of his request. Alex Train made a motion to table the request pending the letter submittal and completion of the application. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #7 Communication of October 18, 2017 from Judith Dyer, requesting a speed bump be installed on Heard Street due to high speed traffic towards Washington Avenue.

Judith Dyer, of 11 Heard Street, stated that she has lived in the city all her life. She noted that the school buses and residents use Heard Street to get to Washington Avenue but they are constantly speeding up the street. She has noticed that the cars have been moving slower due to the construction on the street and road bumps from the street being dug up. She would like to have a speed bump put in so that the cars will stop speeding. Alex Train stated that the traffic has been detoured through the

area due to the construction of the Silver Line. Bert Taverna said he would like to revisit the request after the completion of the Silver Line project because the heavy traffic in the area is due to the construction. Judith Dyer said she was under the impression that it would be done in two weeks. Alex Train said that the detours will be in effect until the completion of the project. Alex Train made motion to revisit in April of 2018. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.



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Assistant Parking Clerk