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Minutes of the April 24, 2018 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 6:04 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Members present were Alex Train of Planning and Development, and resident members Jorge Pazos, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, and Brian Wagner. Fire Chief Len Albanese and Director of Public Works Bert Taverna were absent.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to approve the minutes. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Handicapped sign application of February 22, 2018 from William Dwyer, of 4 Reynolds Avenue.

William Dwyer stated his garage is full and he is not able to put his car in it. He once used two dumpsters to empty the garage. There are handicapped signs in the area but they are too far away from his home. Alex Train stated that it is a short street but he empathizes with his request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Communication of March 6, 2018 from City Councilor Joseph Perlatonda requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into improving the overall resident parking program to better benefit the residents of Chelsea.

Councilor Joseph Perlatonda stated that there is not enough parking in Chelsea due to commuters taking the Silver Line. We need to revamp the resident program to go twenty four seven. He went on to say that we should look into our current visitor passes and see what other cities are doing. Will the new overflow of hotels and restaurants, the Chelsea residents do not have enough space to park when they come home from work. He mentioned that in the City of Revere, they can't park within a vicinity of certain areas until 10am to prevent commuters from parking in the city. He believes the Planning and Development one and a half parking space per unit needs to be changed in order to find a resolution. Alex Train stated that his office will be submitting a new restricted parking zone around the new Silver Line. He told Councilor Perlatonda to give Planning and Development a call and they would get together to go over some ideas and research on the subject. Alex Train made a motion to dismiss request due to the Planning and Development submittal of revisions to the Commission in May. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of March 20, 2018 from Alex Train of Planning and Development would like the commission to consider replacing the existing downtown commercial loading and 15 minute parking zone program with an expanded, modified curbside management policy comprised of the relocation of certain commercial loading zones, the addition of new commercial loading, and revision of operating hours for certain zones.

Alex Train made motion to table the item pending a public hearing at the May meeting. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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New Business:

Agenda Item #5 - Minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting.

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Jorge Pazos made a motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Communication of March 26, 2018 from Mohamed Lamaallem of Al Huda Society requesting parking relief for Ramadan (May 15 – June 15).

Alex Train stated that Mohamed Lamaallem is a very respectful and good community member. Each year, the Commission has granted his request and have never had any issues. Jorge Pazos made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Communication of March 28, 2108 from City Manager Tom Ambrosino requesting that Churches/Synagogues/Mosques/Temples receive waiver for \$300 non-resident sticker fee for their first transport van

Alex Train stated that the request seems reasonable. Jeannette Cintron-White stated that they are tax exempt. Jorge Pazos made a motion to approve the request. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of March 29, 2018 from Wanda Williams of 162 Clark Avenue requesting some sort of barriers be put around the intersection of Clark Avenue and Webster Avenue for the safety of residents living in the area

Wanda Williams, of 162 Clark Avenue, stated that she has been living there since 2016 and has never been able to enjoy her living room because it is right on the side of the house where there have been so many accidents. She fears that one day a car is going to crash into her house. The cars speed down Clark Avenue and make the turn onto Webster Avenue. She asked if they could make Clark Avenue a one way or put up some kind of barriers or signal lights. She is hopeful something can be done because it is a very dangerous intersection. Alex Train stated that there have been four accidents in 2018 and pedestrians have been hit by cars there. He suggested that Planning and Development and Department of Public Works meet to see what modifications can be made. The curb is low and allows for a vehicle to jump the curb. Alex Train made the motion to table the item in order to work with Department of Public Works on a redesign and revisit in June. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Communication of April 9, 2018 from Tom Quattromani of the MBTA requesting a temporary path and new temporary stop for outbound Route 111, due to the closure of the Beacon Street off-ramp for Massport's Tobin Bridge repair work.

Alex Train stated that due to the closure of the Beacon Street ramp the 111 bus route will be rerouted as follows: it will exit off of the Fourth Street exit ramp and turn right onto Broadway. At Second Street, it will turn left and stop at a new temporary stop at the head of the park, at Chelsea Square. The bus will then turn onto Park Street and continue on to its usual route. This will bypass two southern stops, one at Beacon Street and the other at the corner of Park Street and Williams Street. Alex Train stated that he had no issues with the request. Jorge Pazos made motion to approve. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of April 13, 2018 from Council President Damali Vidot requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into painting the crosswalk on Marginal Street, somewhere between Highland Street and Willow Street

Adi Nochur, of Walk for Boston, stated that he has had the pleasure of working with Alex Train. He works for a nonprofit and they have had great progress with the city. He has had lots of walks around the city. He mentioned that the street is very wide and is looking at Marginal in the big picture. He is in support of the crosswalk and feels that it is very dangerous for pedestrians crossing on Marginal Street. Lorraine Freire, a teen of Walk for Boston, spoke as a representative of ECO. She has had trouble while walking at the edge of the bridge where she crosses and was almost killed. She believes hundreds of people are crossing here from Harbor Plans. She began to demand for crosswalks. Alex Train stated that we can entertain one crosswalk as the other is currently out to bid closer to the Port Park with lights. He stated that they can look into traffic signals towards the park. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega stated that there was blind curve on Marginal Street, coming from Eastern Avenue. She asked if they can place a "Blind Turn/ Pedestrian Crossing" sign at the bend. Alex Train said that there are currently many signs in the area. John Nofle added that they can monitor the area for speeding. Alex Train mentioned that it was a state owned road and it is a truck route. Alex Train made a motion to install a crosswalk on Marginal Street with the discretion of Department of Public Works. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of April 18, 2018 from Jim Taber of JSB Industries to petition for a No Parking/Loading Zone Parking restriction on Parker Street

Jim Taber, of Muffin Town, was representing JSB Industries and stated that they are requesting the restriction primarily from the hours of 6 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. There are requesting no parking on the Parker Street side of their building due to deliveries of vegetable oil. It takes about an hour for the delivery of 45,000 pounds of vegetable oil to be done. When cars are parked there, the cars will block their pumps and they are not able to get their deliveries – they are shut down. Also, they have gas shut-off valves on that side of which they could not access in case of an emergency but this is less of an issue on the weekends. There are no sidewalks causing people to park on the sidewalk against the building. In the winter, we remove all the snow around the building and are not able to due to cars parked there. They do not receive deliveries on the weekend. He went on to say there are not a lot of house at that end of the street. He thinks it will only affect two to three cars. John Nofle asked if there are no sidewalks should the cars be allowed to park there. Alex Train stated that there are currently no signs posted. Alex Train stated that the Commission would have to move the item to a public hearing to give abutters a chance to attend and speak. Alex Train made motion to table the request pending a public hearing at the next meeting. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.


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