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Minutes of the August 21, 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 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Members present were Director of Public Works Bert Taverna, Fire Chief Len Albanese, Director of Planning and Development John DePriest, and resident members: Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Jorge Pazos and Brian Wagner.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Communication of November 21, 2017 from Naomi Zobot, requesting a modification to the speed limit due to public safety concerns.

John DePriest made motion to table the item until the next meeting as the applicant was not present. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Communication of May 11, 2018 from City Councilor Joseph Perlatonda, requesting to have DPW look into putting two temporary rubber speed bumps on Clinton Street, at Washburn Avenue and Lisa Lane.

John Nofle stated that his department posted speed signs and were collecting data. Joseph Perlatonda stated that the speed signs should be pushed back on Clinton Street so it slows down the vehicles. John Nofle stated that they would collect more data. John DePriest made a motion to table the item until more information is collected. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Wanda Williams, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street

Wanda Williams stated that her request is based from the recent accidents as a public safety concern and due to the damage to her home. Bert Taverna stated that his department is currently in the process of replacing the barriers and would like more data on crash reports in the area. John DePriest made a motion to table the request pending further investigation. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Alex Train, regarding a presentation of the Re-imagining Broadway plan for the downtown central business district.

Alex Train presented the revised downtown area plan. Alex Train stated that the plan will be voted on four distinct parts: Fay Square, Bellingham Square, Chelsea Square and Broadway Two-Way. Tom Ambrosino stated that we all know how he feels about the proposed plan and the final decision will be made by the City Council. Tom Ambrosino went on to say that the plan will be divided into four segments so that the City Council can decide on each independently. He would like to celebrate that 80% of the plan is going into new sidewalks, traffic lights and Fay Square is a major improvement. It should be noted that the new plan will retain the bus stop as it is in Bellingham Square. Dorothy Kushmerek, of 91 Franklin Avenue, was opposed to the proposed changes for Broadway as a two way. Katelyn Dennis, of 221 Shurtleff Street, was in favor of keeping the bus stop location at Bellingham

Square. Councilor Damali Vidot was opposed to the plan for a two way due to concerns of ambulance and fire trucks not being able to get down the street in emergency situations. She stated that she has been getting calls from concerned residents. Rich Cuthie, of 112 Beacon Street, was in favor of the plan. He stated that it would make an improvement to many issues on Broadway. Councilor Roy Avellenada stated that a lot of his questions from the last meeting have been answered but still would like to see data collected on the downtown area. He is concerned with the designated spaces for the taxi cabs. Asad Rahman, of 680 Broadway, was in favor of the plan. Jose Irahata, of 73 Essex Street, was in favor of the plan. Bruce Black, of 175 Cottage Street, was in favor of the two way traffic plan for Broadway. Rick Gordon, the business owner of 394 Broadway, was concerned with the impact on the businesses downtown. John DePriest made a motion to approve the revised Faye Square plan. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. John DePriest made a motion to approve the revised Chelsea Square plan. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. John DePriest made a motion to approve the revised City Hall Avenue plan. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. John DePriest made a motion to approve the two-way traffic plan for Broadway. John Nofle, Len Albanese, Jorge Pazos, Brian Wagner, and Bert Taverna were in favor. Carolyn Boumila-Vega was opposed. Motion passed. Carolyn Boumila-Vega made a motion to amend the two-way traffic plan for Broadway by instituting a six month trial period. Jorge Pazos voted in favor. John Nofle, Len Albanese, John DePriest, Brian Wagner, and Bert Taverna was opposed. Motion failed.

Agenda Item #5 - Communication of June 19, 2018 from Youngsoo and EunHee Chung, regarding the Restricted Residential Parking Passes being used at meters in front of the their business all day. Len Albanese asked if there was anything that supersedes this regulation. Councilor Roy Avellenada stated that historically, in 1978, it was ruled that those residents who live at meters on Hawthorn and Pearl Street are allowed to park with the permit. Brian Wagner made a motion to table the item so that the requestors may be present. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item #6 - Minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting.

Brian Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting.

John DePriest made a motion to accept the minutes. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of June 19, 2018 from Susan Arzapalo, requesting to remove a handicap sign located at 67 Eleanor Street.

Bert Taverna made a motion to leave the sign posted as there are no other handicap spaces in the area. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Communication of June 20, 2018 from Sergeant John Nofle, requesting the elimination of two unmetered parking spaces on Everett Avenue under the Tobin Bridge coming from Third Street

John Nofle stated that cars were backing up onto Third Street with traffic going onto the Tobin Bridge. Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Handicap sign application of July 9, 2018 from Josefa Mojica, of 119 Hawthorn Street

Bert Taverna made a motion to approve the request. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of July 19, 2018 from Alex Train, requesting to exempt two parking spaces on Marlboro Street, opposite the Library's handicap ramp entrance, and four spaces on Gerrish Avenue, from the last curb-cut near 22 Gerrish Avenue to Broadway, from the recently enacted modification to Sec. 13-4-1 Restrictive Parking Areas

Alex Train stated that both, the Library and the Neighborhood Developers, have patrons who are not residents. He would like to make two spaces for the Library's use on Marlboro Street with two hour parking signs and four to five spaces on Gerrish Avenue. John DePriest made a motion to approve the request with two parking spaces on Marlboro Street, across from the handicapped ramp, with a two hour limit from 8 am to 10 pm then to revert back to resident parking; and four parking spaces on Gerrish Avenue with two hour limit from 8 am to 10 pm then to revert back to resident parking. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Communication of July 28, 2018 from Carol Brown, regarding a discussion of parking permits and productive ways to cater to new and current resident owners while promoting building/home maintenance and improvements as well as acknowledging the needs of seniors.

Carol Brown was not present. Brian Wagner made a motion to deny the request. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 - Handicap sign application of July 26, 2018 from Keydi Argueta, of 148 Bellingham Street.

John DePriest made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #14 - Communication of July 31, 2018 from Santos Merino, requesting to remove a handicap sign from 83 Bellingham Street.

John DePriest made motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #15 - Communication of August 14, 2018 from Alex Train, requesting the institution of fire lanes on Grove Street, between Broadway and Shurtleff Street, and on Shurtleff Street, between Grove Street and Broadway.

Alex Train stated that DPW had reconstructed Shurtleff Street and the road is now narrower to navigate fire trucks up Grove Street. John DePriest asked why the request is coming from Planning and Development not the Fire Department. Len Albanese stated that after inspecting the foot print navigating up Grove Street that there is a concern with vehicles parking there. He stated there is not enough room to make the turn. He went on to say that they cannot afford fire trucks not being able to go around it as it is densely populated. No vote needed.

Agenda Item #16 - Communication of August 15, 2018 from Alyssa Russell of McCourt Construction, requesting to post a "No Parking" sign on the Washington Avenue Bridge for construction vehicles for a couple of months during construction of the Silver Line.

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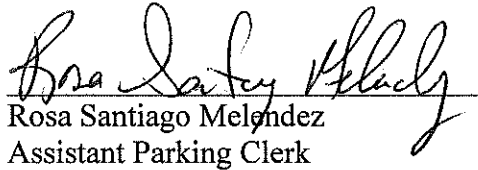
John DePriest stated that McCourt Construction was starting Phase Three. Bert Taverna made motion to accept the request with the scheduled dates starting August 20, 2018 and ending October 31, 2018. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #17 - Communication of August 15, 2018 from Alex Train, to propose traffic calming measures on Beacon and High Street that are associated with an upcoming renovation of the O'Neil Playground.

Alex Train stated there is a new playground and there have been some requests to put in a crosswalk and some bump outs. This would eliminate one parking space. Len Albanese made a motion to accept the plan presented with two painted bump-outs and a crosswalk across Beacon Street. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John DePriest made a motion to adjourn. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.


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