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Minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the Planning and Development Conference Room, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Noffle. Members present were, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and Director of Public Works Bertram Taverna. Absent were resident members Jorge Pazos, Brian Wagner and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.

Public Hearings:

Agenda Item #1 - Public Hearing regarding a request for four "Two Hour Parking Only" spaces in front of the First Congregational Church located at 26 County Road.

Reverend Ellen Rohan Ball, of 26 County Road, stated that she petitioned for the spaces because members of the church come to do repairs and work at the church. They have a hard time finding parking. She went on to say that she was just looking for two hour parking during the week. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that he believes the request for the church was due to the Silver Line and questioned if a study was done. He went on to say that the city should take into consideration doing a traffic study. City Councilor Roy Avellaneda pointed out to Reverend Ellen Rohan Ball that the residents of Washington Avenue are dealing with the same recent change due to the 111 bus route and are being fined for parked beyond the two hour limit even with a permit displayed. He stated that it defeats the purpose by not having an exclusion for the residents. Alex Train made a motion to convert three parking spaces to "Two Hour Parking, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, Except Residential Permits" at the First Congregational Church located at 26 County Road. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Public Hearing regarding a request (1) to install three "Commercial Loading Zone, 7AM to 4PM" signs at Emily's Inc. 88 Winnisimmet Street; (2) to post signage restricting parking ten (10) feet of the curb-cut for delivery trucks at their driveway; and (3) to post a thirty minute parking space at the rear entrance located on School Street.

Tad Bailey, of 27 Williams Street, was opposed with concerns that it would wipe out street parking in the area with the new tavern moving in. Dayle Vecchione, of 10 School Street, was opposed with concerns because of the limited parking in the area and the noise from the trucks loading and unloading early in the morning. City Councilor Calvin Brown stated that he had concerns that it would put a strain and burden on the residents. He stated that it would have been better if Emily's came to the City Council before submitting their request. He went on to say that he was in agreement with the residents of School Street who believe the request was not necessary. It is a very dense area and could impede emergency vehicles. Christopher Barnes, of 116 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with concerns on zoning issues and the limited parking already with the Police Department also parking in the area. He went on to say that Emily's has outgrown their space as it is a residential area. Scott Happeny, of Emily's Inc., apologized for inconveniencing everyone. He stated that they have not outgrown their location rather they have done repairs due a fire that they had. He stated that his request stems from the many trucks trying to load at the same time. He was not looking for the parking spaces all day and

overnight, instead just as short term loading zones. He went on to say that the School Street request was primarily an alternative if they were denied for the Winnisimmet Street request. He stated that the neighborhood was congested and people are parking too close to the entrance to his driveway making it difficult for his trucks to get in and out. He ended by saying that the business has been there for twenty years and did not think it was an unreasonable request. Beverly Kammerer, of 25 Williams Street, was opposed with concerns that there is not enough parking in the area and with new construction coming in there will be insufficient parking for all. David Granados, of 25 Williams Street, was opposed with the same concerns of not enough parking. Alley Welsh, of 122 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with concerns regarding the challenges of finding parking. Adam Olshansky, of 122 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with the same concerns on parking. John Kennard, of 122 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with the same concerns about parking. Caitlin Patriquin, of 122 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with the shared concerns on parking. Brenda Colgan, of 122 Winnisimmet Street, was opposed with concerns on the parking in the area being limited with the Police Department also parking in the area. She also stated with the winter coming that Emily's plows and makes piles of snow which take up parking spaces. City Councilor Calvin Brown stated that Emily's should rescind their request and meet with the City Council. Scott Happeny asked if he could only have signs posted at his driveway so people do not park so close to the entrance and he would withdraw the other requests. Alex Train made a motion to table the item until the next meeting so that Emily's could consult with their neighbors. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Hearing regarding a request (1) to block traffic from Congress Avenue and Hawthorn Street, only allowing bus access to Hawthorn Street during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM; (2) to move a school bus lane from Shurtleff Street to Hawthorn Street; (3) to install a painted "Buses Only" parking area in front of the school on Hawthorn Street; and (4) to change the existing language on the signage to "No Parking, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, School Buses Only."

Frank Henry, of the Chelsea School Department, stated that there is a problem with the traffic around the school during the morning hours when the students are being dropped off by their parents and the school buses. He stated that the School Department would like for parents to drop-off their children on Shurtleff Street only and have the school buses drop-off students on Hawthorn Street. He also stated that if possible he would like to change the morning hours on the current signage from 7 am to 6 am in order to assist with snow removal in the winter. Kena Warungu, of 80 Hawthorn Street, stated her concerns with the parking on Hawthorn Street as it is hard to find parking. She went on to say that with the food deliveries for the school and trash trucks, the traffic is always backed up. Bert Taverna stated that the Department of Public Works has done so much work around the school and the request is a good idea. Bert Taverna made a motion to (1) block traffic from Congress Avenue and Hawthorn Street, only allowing bus access to Hawthorn Street during the hours of 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM; (2) to move a school bus lane from Shurtleff Street to Hawthorn Street; (3) to install a painted "Buses Only" parking area in front of the school on Hawthorn Street; and (4) to change the existing language on the signage to "No Parking, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, School Buses Only." Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Public Hearing regarding the relocation of the bus stops for routes 111, 112, 116 & 117 Broadway and Fourth Street.

Bert Taverna stated that he was opposed to the request. He stated that it would back up traffic on Fourth Street and obstruct the intersection. He compared it to the bus stop located on Washington Avenue, at Heard Street, as he has witnessed the congestion for himself. Bert Taverna made a motion to deny the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Agenda Item # 5 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Wanda Williams, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street.

Bert Taverna stated that he visited the intersection of Clark and Webster Avenue and suggested instituting “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on four corners of the intersection. John Nofle stated that he did a study on all accidents reported in this area and the issue was with vehicles entering the intersection and not being able to see when making the turn onto Webster Avenue. Bert Taverna made a motion to deny the one-way request and table the item until the spring to institute the “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on Clark and Webster Avenue. They will revisit the request at that time. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Communication of September 4, 2018 from Fire Chief Len Albanese, requesting that Chestnut Street, from Fourth Street to Everett Avenue, remain a one-way permanently Southbound as currently configured with the Tobin Bridge construction project.

Fire Chief Len Albanese rescinded on the request from the agenda and would like to revisit the item in the future if the Reimaging Broadway configuration makes it necessary. No vote taken.

New Business:

Agenda Item #7 - Minutes of the October 30, 2018

Alex Train made a motion to accept minutes. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of November 6, 2018 from Ana Martinez, requesting to post a handicap sign at 56 Maverick Street.

Teresa Martinez, the daughter of Ana Martinez, stated that her mother was 92 years old and she has difficulty getting her to appointments because it is difficult to find parking close to her home. She noted that she has a handicap brother that she also takes out for dialysis treatments. City Councilor Enio Lopez stated that he has witnessed her several times trying to get her mother into the vehicle and he was in support of her request. Bert Taverna made motion to approve the handicap sign. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Communication of November 8, 2018 from Evelyn Manning, requesting a discussion on the one set of visitor passes per household restriction.

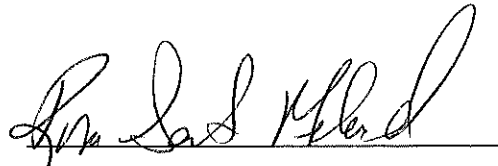
Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that Evelyn Manning was unable to attend the meeting and asked if the item can be tabled until next meeting. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending her attendance at the next meeting. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of November 16, 2018 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting to remove two “Do Not Enter” signs posted on Clark Avenue at Cabot Street.

Bert Taverna made a motion to remove sign. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bertram Taverna made a motion to adjourn. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.



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Assistant Parking Clerk

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