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Minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the Planning & Development Conference Room. The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Members present were Fire Chief Len Albanese, Alex Train of Planning & Development and resident member Brian Wagner. Also present were Councilor Luis Tejada, Councilor Robert Bishop, and residents: David Camillo and Madonna Bates.

*Agenda Item #1 – Communication of December 12, 2017 from Juan Gallego, requesting one-sided parking on Franklin Street.*

Alex Train stated that the request was denied by Council and suggested to move the item to a public hearing. Councilor Robert Bishop stated that the Council had denied the request as no abutters were notified of the request and he received a couple of calls from neighbors. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending a public hearing at the next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #2 – Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.*

Len Albanese made motion to approve the minutes. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #3 – Handicapped sign application of October 16, 2017 from Juan Rodriguez of 44 Orange Street.*

Alex Train stated that on the application stated that there is off-street parking available. He would like to table the item until the next meeting to give Mr. Rodriguez a chance to attend the meeting in order to explain why the sign is needed. Alex Train made motion to table to next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #4 – Communication of January 29, 2018 from City Manager Tom Ambrosino, regarding MassDOT's official approval of the heavy trucking restrictions on the Tobin Bridge.*

Alex stated that we are affirming the prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles exiting the Tobin Bridge on the Fourth Street and Beacon Street exit. There will be a restriction on the Beacon Street exit to heavy trucks of eight (8) tons and on the Fourth Street exit of ten (10) tons. MassDot officially approved the restrictions on the Tobin Bridge. Sergeant John Nofle stated that the police will start enforcing. Alex Train made a motion to affirm the prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles exiting the Beacon Street exit to eight (8) tons and the Fourth Street exit of ten (10) tons. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #5 – Handicapped sign application of January 31, 2018 from Debra Anderson, of 16 Bassett Street.*

Alex Train stated that the street is a very small street. Len Albanese agreed. Alex Train looked at a picture of the street and suggested that the Commission table the item until the next meeting to allow Ms. Anderson an opportunity to speak on her behalf as to why the sign is needed. Alex Train made a

motion to table the item until the next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #6 – Communication of February 6, 2018 from Deputy Chief John Quatieri, requesting to convert Bryson Road from a two way to a one way road only from Blossom Street to Heard Street.*

Alex Train stated that the traffic coming from Carter Street was backing up to the Route One off-ramp and so the fire apparatus were having trouble making the turn from Blossom Street onto Bryson Road. Len Albanese also mentioned that the traffic backing up onto Carter Street. He went on to say it was a tough area to move around. Alex Train mentioned that it was turned into a two-way street when the One North Project was developed. He suggested that they make it a one-way street from Blossom to Heard Street and post a sign “Do Not Enter” sign at the curb cut on Heard Street just before Bryson Road. Alex Train made a motion to make Bryson Road a one-way street from Blossom Street to Heard Street and post a sign “Do Not Enter” sign on Heard Street. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #7 – Handicapped sign application of February 6, 2018 from Madonna Bates, of 93 Orange Street.*

Madonna Bates stated that she has been living there for several years and has recently had several surgeries. She stated parking in the area is very difficult and must park several blocks away. She has trouble walking to her house. She also stated that there was a sign there before but it was recently removed. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #8 – Communication of February 7, 2018 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting to post a “Slow Down, Children” sign between Lynn Street extension and Highland Street.*

Alex Train stated that DPW could post a “Slow Down, Children” sign without any approval from the Commission. Alex Train made a motion to forward the request to DPW. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #9 – Communication of February 7, 2018 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting to post a “Stop” sign at the corner of Essex and Shawmut Street, coming up from Marginal Street.*

Alex Train stated that this is a four-way intersection and that DPW can post the sign without Commission approval. Alex Train made a motion to forward the request to DPW. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #10 – Communication of February 7, 2018 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting to the Commission look into posting signs restricting the flow of traffic through neighborhood’s during rush hour by posting signs and only allowing residents to be able to go through it freely, and report back to the Council by June 30, 2018.*


Alex Train stated that we cannot do this legally. We can post ‘No Turn’ signs during certain hours. He would like to speak with Councilor Recupero about looking into diverting traffic, if necessary. He also stated that Planning & Development could do a traffic study, if necessary. Alex Train made motion to table the item pending further discussion with the Councilor. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #11 – Communication of February 13, 2018 from Councilor Luis Tejada, requesting to post “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on the corner of Jefferson and Franklin Avenue heading towards Summit Avenue and to remove one of the ‘Stop’ signs from his last request as it is overkill.*

Councilor Luis Tejada stated that there currently is a "Stop" sign on Jefferson Avenue heading to Franklin Avenue and it is overkill. The street is steep heading up. When the cars make the stop during bad weather, it is tough. He suggested that the Commission remove the "Stop" sign and post a "Yield to Pedestrians" instead. He showed Alex Train a video of the traffic at that intersection. Also, he stated that when a bus is coming up from Washington Avenue or children are crossing, there are too many cars parked there – creating a blind spot. Alex Train asked what the neighbors thought. Councilor Tejada stated that they agree with removing the "Stop" sign and posting the "Yield" sign instead. Alex Train stated that we can do so and see how it goes. Councilor Tejada also mentioned that there was a vehicle parked in front of 105 Franklin Avenue every night and it is a safety hazard. He stated that the vehicle never gets ticketed and neighbors are complaining. He suggested we post a sign "No Parking Here to Corner." John Nofle told Councilor Tejada to send him an email and he will send someone to ticket, if necessary. Councilor Tejada stated that it is a hazard and annoying. Alex Train motion to post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on Franklin Avenue and post a "Yield to Pedestrian" sign on Jefferson Avenue. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #12 – Communication of February 14, 2018 from David Camillo, requesting to post proper signage to indicate non-parking area.*

David Camillo stated that he had gone to repair his computer at a shop on Everett Avenue and there was a parking space with no meter. So he debated whether or not to park there but saw the lines painted on the street. He thought it was a spot. He noticed that they were a little faded but decided to park anyway. Alex Train asked him what the address was. David Camillo stated that it was on Everett Avenue. Alex Train looked at the pictures submitted with the request. Sergeant John Nofle stated that we can post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign. David Camillo agreed with the signage. He put money in the meter behind his vehicle not knowing if it was the right meter for this space. Alex Train made the motion to post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
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