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Minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting.

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

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Public Hearing regarding 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.

Roman Pucko, of Peabody, asked how the city is going to enforce the area. He stated that the tractor trailers double park on Fourth Street and Broadway making parking difficult. John Noffle responded that the police and parking enforcement currently are enforcing and ticketing for meter violations and double parking. Alex Train stated that if we implement the program we will have them enforce with extra scrutiny. He noted that the zone at Washington Avenue and Cherry Street will move to the front of Dunkin Donuts on Washington Avenue. Roman Pucko stated that there must be provisions for the soda trucks that deliver to the CVS on Broadway. Alex Train said that they will look into changing their hours of delivery before 9 am by allowing them to park at the meters for free. Roman Pucko asked when this program will go into effect. Alex Train said that it will go before City Council in June and to be in effect this summer. Rich Cuthie, of the Chambers at 308 Broadway, stated that he has concerns limiting the hours in the downtown is not going to make a difference. He has mentioned on many occasions that the small businesses cannot tell the distributors when to make their deliveries. He knows that they do not have the purchasing power to do so. He suggested that the city provide a letter to all the distributors stating this information. He went on to say that none of these changes will solve the problems with tractor trailers and they are the cause to traffic issues in the area. He recommends the city putting pressure on the distributors. Alex Train stated that we can put the letter together and speak to enforcement. Rich Cuthie suggested adding a commercial loading zone at Peaches and Cream Bakery as the other zones are too far away for a delivery person to cross midblock, between Fourth and Third Street. Alex Train said that providing a loading zone to Peaches and Cream would be possible. Bert Taverna made a motion to modify the loading zones between the hours of 8am to 12pm with the exception on B & D's Discount Store, which will have an all-day restriction, and amend a commercial loading zone at 307 Broadway, at Peaches and Cream Bakery. Deputy Chief John Quatieri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Public Hearing regarding a petition for a No Parking/Loading Zone Parking restriction on Parker Street.

Ed Servecinski, of 99 Parker Street, asked what the length that they needed for deliveries was. Alex Train responded that is forty eight (48) feet. Ed Servecinski said that the problem is due to lack of enforcement

and that he had pictures showing that they currently have signage on the building stating 'No Parking.' Alex Train stated that the vehicles were blocking the gas line where the company receives their vegetable oil. Ed Servecinski stated he was confused on the item where he thought he could discuss parking issues regarding the problem is a lack of enforcement and vehicles being parked on the sidewalk. Alex Train said that there are no sidewalks and no curb-cuts in this area. Ed Servecinski said went on to say he has received tickets in the past while others have not. Jeannette Cintron White informed Mr. Servecinski to give her a call or come into the office to further discuss his complaints as they do not pertain to this request. He agreed. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Deputy John Quatieri seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item #3 - Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Alex Train made motion to accept. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Handicapped sign application of April 24, 2018 from Linda Rizzuto DeCicco at 38 Englewood Avenue.

Alex Train made motion to table the item until the next meeting to give Linda Rizzuto DeCicco an opportunity to provide more information on this request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Communication of May 4, 2018 from City Councilor Roy Avellaneda, to discuss the issue of hitched or unhitched trailers being allowed to park overnight on the streets of Chelsea.

John Nofle stated that the problem is that the police cannot ticket if the trailer is legally registered. They will ticket and tow any vehicle that is in violation. Councilor Roy Avellaneda asked the Traffic and Parking Commission to revisit the allowance of unhitched trailers on the streets. He finds that several contractors are leaving their unhitched trailers on the street and leaving them indefinitely. This stems from resident complaints who find its affecting spots available to them. He has witnessed cars parking close to the trailers so that it appears to be hitched but they are not. He noted that the city does not allow tractor trailers to park on the streets so why would we allow unhitched trailers to do so. Bert Taverna asked if landscapers are leaving trailers overnight with no resident stickers. Councilor Roy Avellaneda stated that when it is hitched to a vehicle we have an ordinance that certain commercial vehicles can and certain ones cannot park overnight but we did not think about a resident with a trailer hitched to their vehicle overnight. Bert Taverna agreed. Councilor Roy Avellaneda stated that we should not allow trailers, hitched or unhitched, to park on the streets overnight. Alex Train made a motion to establish an ordinance prohibiting the parking of trailer on the streets overnight. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Handicapped sign application of May 10, 2018 from Rose Ellen Zakrzewski at 34 Reynolds Avenue.

Rose Zakrzewski, of 34 Reynolds Avenue, stated that she has a driveway but she gave her tenants access to the driveway as a condition in their rental agreement. She can only walk 200 feet and parking is difficult in the area. Alex Train stated that we do not normally approve applicants with driveways. She replied that she could not use the driveway due to the agreement and could possibly lose them if she changed their deal. She used to use her husband's handicapped sign but it was recently removed by the Parking Department when they learned of his passing per regulation. Bert Taverna made motion to approve the application. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item #7 - 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.

Councilor Joseph Perlatonda stated that with the summer coming, there are people with motor bikes coming from the housing projects speeding up and down Clinton Street. He is worried about the kids in the summer getting hit. He asked if DPW could install temporary speed bumps to help with the speeding. Bert Taverna stated that he is opposed to temporary speed bumps because they put holes in the street, causing deterioration. John Nofle suggested posting speed monitors as they tend to slow down drivers. He agreed with the speeding issue in that area as they receive calls but by the time the police arrive, they are gone. Joseph Perlatonda mentioned that there are similar speed bumps on Washington Avenue and Grove Street but they make the street too narrow. Bert Taverna stated those are permanent. John Nofle said that we can put the speed monitor and revisit the situation. Alex Train made a motion to collect data and revisit the item in a month. Deputy Chief John Quatieri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of May 11, 2018 from City Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting that the Commission consider changing the residential parking program hours on the left-side of Third Street to accommodate the parking needs of seniors who live across the street.

Alex Train stated that his department is opposed to this centralized request. There are ten (10) hour meters at this location. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega noted there was a request on last month's agenda for a fifteen (15) minute parking space at this same location by a resident. Bert Taverna stated that he does not see how this will help. Deputy Chief John Quatieri made a motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Handicapped sign application of May 16, 2018 from Abdellatif Abadla at 61 Library Street.

Alex Train stated there is currently a handicapped sign located at 61 Library Street. He asked that the applicant be notified of its public use. Alex Train made a motion to deny the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of May 18, 2018 from John K., requesting to make Spencer Avenue a one-way street.

Alex Train stated that he is opposed to this request as it is a public safety issue. Bert Taverna agreed. Alex Train made motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of May 18, 2018 from Patti Rogers, requesting an exemption/ renewal as an annual residential parking sticker without fee as her property sits in both Everett and Chelsea.

Thomas Rogers, of 78 Englewood Avenue in Everett, spoke on behalf of his wife Patti Rogers, who was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that their property is located on both Chelsea and Everett. They do not normally park in Chelsea but in Everett they do not ticket over the weekends beginning Friday nights. He stated that residents of Chelsea will park in Everett forcing them to park on the Chelsea side. Jeannette Cintron White informed the members that they were approved for a non-residential sticker with no fee for five years back in April 2013. They were required to resubmit an exemption request now that the approval has expired. Secretary Rosa Santiago read an email submitted by Councilor Damali Vidot, who could not attend, stating that Patti Rogers house sits on the border of Chelsea and Everett but they pay real estate taxes to the City of Chelsea. She is requesting that due to their unique situation if the Commission would consider extending the benefit of the resident parking program to the Rogers'

family. Jeannette Cintron White asked what would be the requirements when applying. Alex Train said that they would need to submit a copy of their license, registration and a current copy of the property tax bill annually. Jeannette Cintron White informed Mr. Rogers that due to the mailing address being outside of Chelsea, they will need to apply, without reminder by the City, annually in the month of July. Alex Train made the motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Communication of May 21, 2018 from Mark Robinson and Mark White of TransDel Corporation, requesting that the Commission revisit the motion passed making Bryson Road a one-way street between Blossom and Heard Street.

Mark White, of One North, briefly described his involvement in Chelsea and commitment of \$100 million in the development of the property and surrounding area. He worked on a state grant of \$7 million to repair the city's streets, plants, water mains, sewers and sidewalks in this specific area. He worked with DPW, the Fire Dept and the Police as Bryson Road was the lynch man to the project. They agreed to prohibit parking on both sides in order to allow two-way traffic for their residents. He was surprised it was changed back to a one-way street. He addressed the issue of traffic backing up on Blossom Street and Bryson Road to Carter Street, but argued the extent of the backup is during school hours. He visited the area and measured the street as twenty-four feet wide. He did not understand how snow removal is an issue and how the fire apparatus does not have the clearance on such a wide street. He noted that if this is the standard than other streets throughout the city should be made as one-way streets as well. They want the street to return to a two-way as it was intended to be with no parking on either side. He and his colleagues were surprised that they did not receive an abutters notice prior to the change. He stated they have observed the back-up onto Carter Street but it is from those on Blossom Street and not on Bryson Road. He feels as though he is being targeted and held to a different standard as most streets in the city are much narrower than Bryson Road. John Quatieri told Mark White that they did a terrific job since phase two but they have received complaints from Engine I and II. He has witnessed a bottleneck issue when a car comes from Bryson Road to turn onto Blossom Street causing Engine I to wait for traffic to flush out. He was adamant that they cannot make the turn while vehicles are Bryson Road. He does not understand how this one-way street impacts the residents as he views this as a public safety concern. Mark White stated that they do not see the issue the fire department is describing. He stated that Deputy Wayne Ulwick approved the plans when first presented years ago after testing the radius with the fire apparatus. Deputy Chief John Quatieri asked what the negative impact is. Mark White replied that they are getting complaints from eight hundred residents. John Nofle and Bert Taverna stated that they are not being singled out and understood their frustration however if the truck cannot make it to a fire that it would impact those eight hundred residents. They went on to say that they appreciate the transformation by their development. Mark White mentioned that new 'Do No Enter' signs were posted on Heard Street before Bryson Road. Bert Taverna stated that the current 'Do Not Enter' signs were moved for delivery trucks that needed to turn around after making deliveries to the building. He made the decision after observing the issue for himself. Mark Robinson asked how the twenty-four feet was not enough compared to other streets throughout the city. He stated it was not a valid reason as other streets surrounding the building were not as wide and have one-sided parking. He has received complaints from residents who stated they have been negatively impacted by this change. Bert Taverna said that the safety issue for the eight hundred residents was his main concern and the Fire Department is entrusted with the safety of those residents. Councilor Roy Avellaneda suggested that while he respects the opinion of the Fire Department, the Commission table the item to look further into the traffic issues during different times of the day. He is disappointed with the Commission for not having had a public hearing on the issue and surprising the abutters with the change. Mark Robinson recommended allowing two-way traffic during certain hours because of the school congestion. John Quatieri stated that those signs are confusing to the public and hard to enforce. He noted that the surroundings streets allowed for residents to get around to Bryson Road. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending a study by a traffic engineer. Bert Taverna second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 - Communication of May 21, 2018 from City Clerk/Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White, requesting to amend the renewal period of the residential parking program from August 1st

through July 31st to March 1st through February 28th as currently listed in Section 13-5 – Non-residential parking program.

Alex Train stated that this is reasonable. Alex Train made motion to accept the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #14 - Communication of May 22, 2018 from Alex Train of Planning and Development, requesting to expand the Restricted Parking Zones as promulgated in Part 111, Article 11, Article 13, Section 13-4.1 of the City of Chelsea's Traffic and Parking Regulations with the objective of preserving on-street neighborhood parking for residents.


Alex Train stated that due to the new Silver Line and commuters on the 111 bus line, they are making necessary changes around the Box District and portions of Washington Avenue for the 111 bus line. Deputy Chief John Quatieri made motion to accept the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #15 - Communication of May 22, 2018 from Strephton Treadway, regarding the exemption from the nonresidential parking sticker fee for the overnight parking of vehicles owned by religious institutions.

Alex Train made a motion to add a new paragraph following the existing Section 13-5.1: "D. The first transport van of any charitable, educational, or religious non-profit organization shall be exempt from the non-residential fee." Deputy Chief John Quatieri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Alex Train made a motion to adjourn. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.


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