



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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October 1, 2019

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 Nofle. Members present were Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, resident member Brian Wagner and Carolyn Boumila-Vega. Member absent was Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident member Jorge Pazos.

Item #1- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle.

Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting.

Brian Wagner made a motion to accept minutes of September 3, 2019. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 -Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to make Adams Street a one-way from Revere Beach Parkway to Garfield Avenue.

Councilor Bob Bishop stated that he has received several complaints from resident regarding Adams Street. He went on to say that people are driving up Adams Street making left turn on Garfield Street to beat the traffic light. This is causing traffic and lots of road rage. He suggested that maybe installing road barriers to stop people from making that left turn would help. He stated that there is a safety issue with vehicles coming up Adams Street making left turn onto Garfield Avenue and vehicles coming in the opposite direction coming from Garfield Avenue turning right onto Adams Street. Maria Russo, of Stoneham owner of Russo Tux, stated that making Adams Street a one-way would create a huge problem for her business. She stated that she would lose customers because it would be a hassle for them to get to her store. John Saunders, employee of Russo Tux, stated customers would have to go down Route 16 turn around in Revere and come back up the other side of Route 16. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, suggested that maybe painting the ground at the intersection and posting "Do Not Block Intersection" could help. Councilor Bob Bishop stated vehicles could use Wesley Street which is a two-way. Maria Russo, of Stoneham owner of Russo Tux, stated that would just cause more traffic on Garfield Avenue and there are also accidents at that intersection. Michael Giannusca, 13/15 Garfield Avenue, stated that he has witnessed several accidents at the intersection. Alex Train made a motion to table pending investigation with Planning and Development Department and the Department of Public Works. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 -Public Hearing to receive comment on recommendations for the City of Chelsea Resident Parking Program: To Post signs "Residential Parking Only from 7 am to 9 am" and "Residential Parking Only from 4pm to 6 pm" on Broadway, from Crescent Avenue to Library Street, from Central Avenue to Highland Street, and Everett Avenue from Spruce Street to Walnut Street, in an effort to stop cars from coming to Chelsea when non-residents come to use the Silver Line.

Councilor Leo Robinson stated that he had received complaints from residents that people from other cities are parking to use the MBTA and there is no parking when they get home from work. He stated that he would like to eliminate Everett Avenue and Spruce Street from the request. He stated that the Central Avenue area from Highland Street to Eastern Avenue would be also be good to change to two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening for residents only. Councilor Roy Avellaneda stated that restrictions on Forsyth Street should be



changed to a two hour restriction in the morning and evening commute. He stated it would benefit the residents at 10 Forsyth Street that received visitors during the daytime. Alex Train stated that we would need to look more into the Central Avenue area because the area parking meters currently there. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve only the Broadway from Crescent Avenue to Library Street portion. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 - Public Hearing to receive comment in regards to a request for additional parking spaces on Cherry Street at Luther Place.

Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that he has attended a couple of events at Luther Place and has witnessed that the street is too narrow for fire apparatus to get through. Alex Train stated that this request came from the Chamber of Commerce but they are not at the meeting to speak. Alex Train made a motion to table until next meeting to get confirmation with the Fire Department. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to make Carmel Street a one-way street from Addison Street to Washington Avenue.

Henry Louis-Jean, 25 Carmel Street, was in favor. He stated that in the winter month with the snow it is very difficult for two cars coming in opposite direction to get by. He stated at time it caused road rage with drivers. Ingrid Louis-Jean, 25 Carmel Street, was in favor. She stated the same concerns. Yansy Melara, 144 Orange Street, was in favor. She stated the concerns. Joshua Survic, 7 Carmel Street, was in favor. He stated he had the same safety concerns. Jen Hassell, 131 Orange Street, was in favor. She stated that when making the right turn from Addison Street onto Carmel Street it was dangerous when vehicles were coming from the opposite direction of Carmel Street to make the left turn onto Addison Street. Alejandrina Rodriguez, 43 Carmel Street, was in favor. She stated the same concerns with road not being wide enough and causing road rage. Councilor Roy Avellaneda stated that several resident have reached out to him in support of this request. He stated that it is a safety issue with vehicles making turns onto Carmel Street. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request as presented. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to convert metered parking spaces to a commercial loading zone in front of 306 Broadway.

Mustapha Et-Talk, 306 Broadway, stated that he is having issues with receiving deliveries because there is no parking available. He stated that a lot of his vendors have safety guidelines and their delivery drivers are not able to park to far from the location. He went on to say that there is a loading zone in the area but it is too far to be carrying the merchandize back and forth. Thaier Tuffaha, 290 Broadway, stated that it is difficult finding parking and his customers also have trouble finding parking. He stated that if they put in another loading zone that would take away more parking spots. He stated that they could use the loading zone in front of his store for their deliveries. He went on to say that the customers need more parking spaces. Alex Train stated he has witnessed many trucks double parking. Alex Train made a motion to table until next meeting for the two businesses to review usage of the existing loading zone. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of August 29, 2019, from Assistant City Engineer Rebecca Wright, requesting to convert two parking spaces in the Chestnut Street Parking Lot to be labeled as "Electric Vehicle Parking Only".

Rebecca Wright, Assistant City Engineer, stated she had been working with Eversource regarding installing a charging station in the city at no charge. She stated that the most feasible location would be 212 Chestnut Street. She stated that there is a pole located right in the middle that would make it easier to run cables. She stated it was a good cause and encourage residents to purchase a zero omission vehicle. Alex Train agreed and stated we should embrace the idea. Brian Wagner made a motion to accept the request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Communication of September 10, 2019, from Sandy Mojica, 1 Kimball Road, requesting to install speed bumps on Washington Avenue near Kimball Road to prevent vehicles from using excessive speed.



Sandy Mojica, 1 Kimball Road, stated that there has been several accidents on Washington Avenue between Cook Avenue and Garland Street. She stated the vehicles speed up and down Washington Avenue and when vehicles are turning out from one the streets accidents occur. She stated that she has witnessed several accidents and a life was lost in one of them. She went to say that at times she has had to help children crossing the street. She stated that it is a big safety concern and something needs to be done. She stated that at the corner of Garland Street there is a school bus stop and there are always children crossing. Fidel Maltez stated that the topic of speed bumps are not very supportive by the fire department because it is harmful when fire apparatus is trying to get by. He suggested that maybe putting a speed radar in the area might slow down people from speeding. Fidel Maltez made a motion for the Department of Public Works to post speed limit signage and caution signage in the area. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

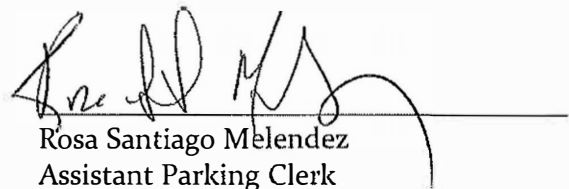
Item #10 - Resubmit and revisit for reconsideration on an amendment to the City of Chelsea Code of Regulations under Article 5-1 in particular Section (h) as follows: (h) In front of any driveway including 2 feet in either direction from the driveway unless the owner, tenant or an individual who has been given expressed consent by the owner or tenant of the property.

Sergeant John Noftle stated that he would like the commission reconsider the previous decision because many residents feel that they should be able to park in front of their own driveway. He stated that if the owner needed a repair done at the house they should be able to have the technician be able to park in front of their home. Carolyn Vega-Boumila stated that it might set a precedence and people will just tend to park blocking driveways. She stated residents might feel it gives special parking privileges to owners of the property. Fidel Maltez stated that if owners parked in front of their driveway it would open a parking space on the street. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 - Communication of September 25, 2019, from Councilor Leo Robinson, requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into putting a crosswalk across Williams Street between the Police Parking Lot and Winnisimmet Lounge.

Councilor Leo Robinson stated that it is dangerous when people are crossing Williams Street to get to Winnisimmet Lounge. He stated that it is a big safety issue. Alex Train stated that Planning and Development had conducted a safety audit with the MASS DOT in that area. Fidel Maltez stated that they would need to install handicap ramps and it is late in the season. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request and implement in the Spring. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm


Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk