



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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November 12, 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 Noffle. Members present were Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega. Member absent was resident member Brian Wagner.

Item # 1- Approval of the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept minutes of October 1, 2019. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 2 -Communication of June 20, 2019, from Councilor Robert Bishop regarding a request to make Adams Street a one-way from Revere Beach Parkway to Garfield Avenue.

Alex Train stated that he understands the traffic situation with vehicles going up into the Prattville area. He stated that the Department of Planning look into the area and is opposed to the change. Fidel Maltez stated that he definitely understands Councilor Bishops point with the vehicles using Adam Street as a cut through to not get the traffic light. He went on to say that there was no winning in this situation. That making it would cause more concerns. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that he visited the area twelve times at different times of the day. He stated that he found vehicles parking on both sides of the street and only leaves enough for one vehicle to pass through. Councilor Bishop stated that the whole issue is to stop vehicles from turning left onto Garfield Street causing more traffic and road rage. He went on to say that vehicles coming down Route 16 are cutting into Wesley Street and Adam Street to not have to stop at the traffic light. He also stated that signs were placed "No Left Turn" but people are still making the turn because there isn't much enforcement. Richard Perisie stated that is it possible to talk to MASSDOT and look into the timing on the traffic lights. Alex Train stated that MASS Transport is looking into doing a study on the signal system there. Councilor Robert Bishop suggested that the city should do it on a trial basis. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 -Communication of August 2, 2019, from Sergio Jaramillo of the Chamber of Commerce, a request for additional parking spaces on Cherry Street at Luther Place.

Alex Train stated that he needed to verify with the fire department on the access to Cherry Street. Richard Perisie stated that the only question the Fire Chief has was whether it was going to be horizontal or diagonal parking spaces. Alex Train stated that the walkway there was privately owned and they would need to speak with the owner. Alex Train made a motion to table to next meeting to be able to speak with owner of the property next to the area and Sergio Jaramillo to clarify on his request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 - Communication of August 26, 2019, from Mustapha Et-Talk, 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 the situation is getting worse. He stated that there are three of his vendors refusing to make deliveries to his store because there is no parking. He stated that they need to park away



from the store and carry the furniture on the busy sidewalks. Alex Train stated that he had observed the area and did not see any problems with granting the request. Fidel Maltez stated that it would be difficult to take two parking spots away from that busy area. Mustapha el-Talk stated he just needed it for morning deliveries. He went on to say that he is really having difficulties for deliveries because of a liability on their policies. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny the request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Carolyn Boumila-Vega and John Nofle were in favor. Alex Train was opposed.

Item #5 – Handicap sign application of September 26, 2019, from Lucy Tramonte, of 27 Gardner Street.

Lucy Tramonte was not present at meeting. Richard Perisie made a motion to approve request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 – Handicap sign application of September 27, 2019, from Karen Molina, of 26 Blossom Street.

Karen Molina stated that she had a handicap at her previous address and now moved to Blossom Street. Alex Train made a motion to approve request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 – Handicap sign application of October 8, 2019, from Jesus Valladares, of 89 Congress Avenue.

Jesus Valladares was not present at the meeting. Alex Train made a motion to approve request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 – Handicap application of October 10, 2019, from Manuel Murillo Caceres, of 76 Highland Street.

Alex Train stated that the vehicle registration is of the property owner not the applicant. Alex Train made a motion to table until the next meeting to have the applicant come in and clarify some questions. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 – Communication of October 11, 2019, from Councilor Joseph Perlatonda, requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission remove one of the parking spaces in the City Hall parking lot close to the City Hall entrance and make it a handicap parking space.

Fidel Maltez stated that the Department of Public Works had removed the pillars on the Washington Avenue side of the City Hall. He stated that opened more access for the handicap signs there. He stated that he feels that this request is not necessary. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 – Handicap sign application of October 22, 2019, from Michael Turner, of 42 Carroll Street.

Michael Turner stated that it is hard for him to leave his house because it's hard to find parking when he gets home. He stated he would have to park far from his house and has difficulty walking far. Richard Perisie made a motion to approve the request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 – Communication of October 30, 2019, from Department of Public Works commissioner Fidel Maltez, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission grant permission to install a temporary and removable speed bump near 260 Clark Avenue as a pilot program.

Fidel Maltez stated that he made the request per Councilor Joseph Perlatonda and Councilor Leo Robinson. He stated that they were getting lots of complaints from the residents of the Margolis Building on Clark Avenue about vehicles speeding in the area. Alex Floyd-Vargas, 260 Clark Avenue, stated that vehicles are always speeding up and down the street. He went on to say that there are also issues with semi-trailers going down the street to make a U-turn. He stated that there are lots of elderly people coming in and out of the parking lot there and it is dangerous. Richard Perisie suggested maybe more signage in the area will resolve the issue. Fidel Maltez stated that they can put up some signage and



flashing sign also. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request and have Department of Public Works put up some additional signage. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #12 – Communication of October 31, 2019, from Manny Ortiz, of 47 Congress Avenue, requesting to have a discussion to repeal the decision made to make Ellsworth Street a one-way.

Manny Ortiz, 47 Congress Avenue, stated that he made a request a while ago to make Ellsworth Street a one-way street but now would like to turn it back to a two-way. He stated that since the city repaired the sidewalks and the curb cuts it is difficult for him to get in and out of his driveway. Fidel Maltez stated that he had spoken to Councilor Giovanni Recupero and he stated that he is in agreement to reverse the decision. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing to get feedback from the residents in the area. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13 – Communication of November 7, 2019, Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting to have a discussion to consider moving parking on Grove Street from Highland Street intersection to Marlboro Street to the even side of the street instead of the current requirement which is the odd side.

Councilor Judith Garcia stated that this fall she had spoken with resident about trying to bring parking relief to Grove Street. She stated that on the odd side of Grove Street there are more garages than the even side which makes less parking spaces. Sandra Agiluz, 133 Grove Street, stated that five years ago they had changed the parking from the even side to the odd side but doesn't make sense because it is less parking spaces. She stated that some of her neighbors have to park blocks away. She stated there is only one parking space between most of the garages. She stated it would benefit residents if the change was made. John Nofle stated that he drove by the area and found that there is only a difference of maybe one or two spaces. Alex Train made a motion to move to a public hearing to get feedback from residents in the area. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosa Santiago Melendez', written over a horizontal line.

Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk