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September 3, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie, Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez and resident member Brian Wagner. Member absent was resident member Jorge Pazos, Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Director of Public Works Bert Taverna.

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 June 4, 2019 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept minutes of June 4, 2019. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Communication of April 2, 2019, from Tewodros Tanaye, of 119 Highland Street, requesting a discussion on safety concerns regarding a series of accidents at the intersection of Highland Street and Chester Avenue.

Alex Train stated that there has not been any more complaints since the pedestrian signs have been installed. Alex Train declared problem has been resolved. No vote taken.

Item #4 - Communication of June 14, 2019, from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White, requesting amendments to the Citywide Parking Program Article 13 of the Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations to the following sections:

- 1. To amend Section 13-5-5 (B) of the Non-Residential Parking Program to read as: "Trade/Craft Contractor Parking Passes – the fee for acquiring a trade/craft contractor pass is five dollars (\$5.00) a day for daily pass, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) a week for weekly pass or thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month for a monthly pass."*
- 2. To amend Section 13-5-4.2 (B) of the Non-Residential Parking Program to read as: "Landlord Visitor Parking Passes – Landlord visitor passes are ten dollars (\$10.00) for a six (6) month period or any part thereof. A lost, stolen or damaged landlord visitor parking pass may be replaced one time at the discretion of the Parking Clerk."*

Richard Perisie made a motion to accept request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 - Communication of June 20, 2019, from Councilor Robert Bishop, requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into making Adams Street a one-way from Revere Beach Parkway to Garfield Avenue and hold a public hearing on the subject.

Councilor Robert Bishop stated that there are a lot of problems in the area with vehicles coming up Adam Street from Route 16 and take a left onto Garfield Avenue to beat the traffic light. He went on to say that doing so they block off traffic coming in the opposite direction trying to get onto Garfield Avenue. He has spoken with the Department of Public Works about putting up barriers so that the vehicle are not able to make the left turn but not possible because vehicles won't be able to make the turn onto Adam Street from Garfield Avenue. Alex Train made a motion to move to a public hearing. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #6 - Communication of June 20, 2019, from Councilor Enio Lopez, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission to look into feasibility of installing two removable rubber speed bumps during the summer at 125 Marlborough Street and at 70 Shawmut Street to avoid cars driving fast at these two areas where there are many children playing. Councilor Enio Lopez stated that he was concerned that now with the children going back to school and walking that vehicles speed up Marlboro Street and don't even stop at the "Stop" sign. He also stated that on Shawmut Street there is the same issue with vehicles speeding. Terry Englen, 109 Marlboro Street, stated that when she is backing out of her driveway it is dangerous. Fidel Maltez stated that his concern was if there would be issues with the fire department getting through. He suggested that we could do a pilot program for a couple of months to see if there are any issues. Richard Perisie agreed we can try a pilot program. Alex Train made a motion to approve a pilot program for 3 months and revisit. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of July 2, 2019 from Councilor Leo Robinson, regarding recommendations for the Traffic and Parking Commission to review.

Option #1: It is time for 24-hour residential parking with visitor parking spots located around the city. The question will be: what about people who work here? There would be an option for non-residents to purchase a City-Wide parking pass at a cost.

Option#2: Have "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 the commission should explore the two options because of people using the MBTA and Silver Line and taking up residential parking. Alex Train stated it could be worth exploring. Fidel Maltez stated that option one is good but would upset a lot of people. Alex Train suggest the option two would be good idea to explore. Alex Train made a motion to move option two to a public hearing. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of July 2, 2019 from Daniel Bardsley, of 14 Lisa Lane, requesting to revisit his communication of April 12, 2019 to discuss and propose a solution regarding parking concerns at the corner of Lisa Lane and Clinton Street.

Daniel Bardleys, 14 Lisa Lane, stated that there was a fire in front of his house and the fire truck was not able to make the turn onto Lisa Lane because of a vehicle parked too close to the corner. He stated that the fire department had to knock the door of the home to have the vehicle moved. He stated that his original request was to have "No Parking Tow Zone" sign posted and vehicles be towed. He stated that the current sign "No Parking Here to Corner" sign is not a practical solution. He stated that residents are constantly calling police because of vehicles being parked there. He went on to say that even if the vehicle gets ticketed they still constantly park there. John Noftle stated that it is at the discretion of the supervisor on duty if the vehicle is towed. That they have been monitoring the area and have not seen a problem. He stated he could notify the police to keep a better eye on the area. Daniel Bardsley stated that all he is asking is that the city be more proactive. Richard Perisie stated that he spoke with Fire Chief Albanese who feels that what was done is sufficient. Richard Perisie went on to say that he has gone by the area several times and feels that the problem is resolved with the current sign and if the fire trucks needed to get by for an emergency there would be no issues. He went on to say that if there was an emergency no one will be in jeopardy. Alex Train stated that the commission feels no other action needs to be done. Brian Wagner made a motion to deny any further action be taken. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 9 - Communication of July 29, 2019, from Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting a "No Parking on Sidewalk" sign be placed outside of 92 Chester Avenue.



Councilor Judith Garcia stated she was there to speak on behalf of some of her constituents. She stated that vehicles are constantly parking on the sidewalk on Chester Avenue leaving it hard for residents to walk by on the sidewalk. She also stated that many of the residents walking with strollers and children are not able to get by and have to go onto the street. Gladys Sazo, 92 Chester Avenue stated that there are vehicles parking on the sidewalk in front of her house making it difficult for her elderly mother to be able to get into their yard. She also stated that it is hard for her to take out her trash on trash day. Fidel Maltez stated that putting signs up won't help it is an enforcement issue. Councilor Judith Garcia stated that it is happening around 5 pm. John Nofle stated that it is illegal to park on the sidewalk and the police could target the area and tow if needed. Fidel Maltez suggested that we post a "No Parking This Side" and see if it resolves the solution. Alex Train made a motion to post a "No Parking This Side" sign in front of 92 Chester Avenue. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 - Communication of August 2, 2019, from Sergio Jaramillo of The Chamber of Commerce, requesting the commission to consider adding parking spaces on Cherry Street (Luther Place).

Alex Train stated that he had spoken to business owners in the area on this. Carlos Metz, 308 Broadway, stated that he knows how valuable parking is in the area. He went on to say that the portion of Cherry Street entering from Fourth Street there is plenty of room to make parking spaces. He stated that they have events at The Chamber of Commerce and it is very difficult to find parking. Alex Train stated that meter spaces would be ideal. Rich Cuthie, 308 Broadway, stated that he sees this as a great opportunity to make more parking spaces. He stated that Luther Place has events sometimes and the parking spaces are taken away. Alex Train recommended to move to a public hearing and take measurements to make sure that fire apparatus is able to access area. Rich Cuthie, 308 Broadway, stated that instead of putting in meters it can be made mobile app accessible. Alex Train made a motion to move to a public hearing. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 - Handicap sign application of August 9, 2019 from Madeline Pagan of 34 Maverick Street..

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that Madeline Pagan called and asked to have this tabled to next meeting.

Item # 12 - Communication of August 15, 2019, from Fidel Maltez, representing the members of the Beautification Committee, requesting to make Carmel Street a one way street in the direction from Addison Street to Washington Avenue.

Alejandrina Rodriguez, 43 Carmel Street, stated that it was a one way before and should be changed back again. She also stated it was dangerous. Ingrid Louis-Jean, 25 Carmel Street, stated that it used to be a one way 15 years ago and should be made back to a one way. Salvador Mendoza, 26 Carmel Street, stated his same concerns that it was dangerous with the vehicles coming in both direction and the road is narrow. Karen Zelaya, also stated that the same concerns. Councilor Judith Garcia stated that she supported the residents that lived there. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie stated that if we made it a one way it would be difficult for fire apparatus to make the turns. He went on to say that we might have to remove some parking spaces. Alex Train stated that we need to review and move to a public hearing. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie stated that over the years the fire apparatus has gotten bigger. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13 - Handicap sign application of August 15, 2019 from Reina Villanueva of 65 Fourth Street

Reina Villanueva was not present at meeting. Brian Wagner made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #14 - Communication of August 26, 2019, from Mustapha Et-Talk, requesting a loading zone in front of 306 Broadway

Mustapha Et-Talk stated that he is having difficulty receiving out of state deliveries because they are not able to park in front of his store. He stated that currently there is a loading zone further down but they have to carry the merchandise back and forth and sometimes it is large and heavy furniture. He stated that some companies will not deliver for that reason. Alex Train stated the BD's Furniture currently has a



loading zone but it is constantly used. Alex Train made a motion to move to a Public Hearing. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 pm

Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk

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