



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
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Minutes of October 6, 2020 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Director of Housing & Community Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident members: Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Aaron Kraemer were present.

Item #1 – Approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 – Communication of March 23, 2020 from Roy Avellaneda of Pan Y Café, requesting that the “No Parking Here to Corner” sign located at 173 Washington Avenue be moved closer to the crosswalk in order to allow space for another parking space.

Alex Train stated that he visited the site with a city project manager and measured the length of the area. He stated that there is enough space to accommodate one parking space and still be within twenty feet of the intersection. Fidel Maltez stated that after visiting the site he is in favor of adding one more parking space that will not cause any hazards. Alex Train made a motion to add one additional parking space in front of 173 Washington Avenue and move the “No Parking Here to Corner” sign down closer to crosswalk. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 – Communication of July 14, 2020 from Joseph Perlatonda of 89 Clinton Street, requesting to look into placing speed bumps to slow down traffic speeding on Clinton Street.

Fidel Maltez stated that the commission receives a lot of request for speed bumps. He stated that DPW installed a temporary speed bump on Shawmut Street and have had success with it. They remove it in the winter months. He recommended tabling the request until the Spring since we are going into the winter months. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table the request until the Spring. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Public Hearing to receive comment regarding the removal of street sweeping signs from the following streets along Broadway as these metered spaces are being swept under a typical schedule: Hawthorn Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Central Avenue, Congress Avenue.

Fidel Maltez stated that this request came forth because of the conflict of metered spaces and street sweeping. He stated that the metered spaces are not being used half of the day because of the street sweeping schedule. He went on to say that we should remove the street sweeping signs and make the spaces available all day. He stated that the Department of Public Works will do their best to keep up with the litter in those areas. Alex Train stated that his department was in agreement with this request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #5 – Handicap sign application of September 9, 2020 from Norma Mojica at 122 Chestnut Street.
Richard Perisie made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 – Communication of September 14, 2020 from Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, requesting to eliminate three to four parking spaces on Marlboro Street, at the curve after 158 Marlboro Street, and to post the area as “No Parking Anytime.”

The request was withdrawn by Fire Chief Leonard Albanese. No vote taken.

Item #7 – Communication of September 23, 2020 from Councilor Recuperero, requesting the Commission to look into placing speed bumps between Suffolk and Marginal Street and on Essex Street, between Highland and Lynn Street.

Councilor Giovanni Recuperero stated that he would like to have a temporary speed bumps installed so that there is no issues removing them. He stated that there are always cars speeding and there are a lot of children in the area. He went on to say that the city has installed some in other areas with no problems. Fidel Maltez stated that the city has installed one on Shawmut Street and had got some good results which we will be removing soon due to the winter. He recommends not doing this now because we are going into the winter months. Councilor Recuperero stated that he is just asking for a temporary one. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table the item until April 2021. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 – Communication of September 14, 2020 from Councilor Recuperero, requesting the Commission to look into removing the one-way sign between Essex Street, Shurtleff Street and Congress Avenue.

Councilor Giovanni Recuperero stated that the last time he was told the street was not wide enough. He was informed that the fire department was opposed to his request. He stated that all the streets are the same size. He went on to say that he is willing to compromise during school bus sessions and posted hours. He stated that other streets are two way and it doesn't make sense. He stated to give people a compromise and post hours they cannot drive through like in other cities. He stated that residents have to go all around to get home. Richard Perisie stated that he was not at the last meeting and was not made aware that the fire department was opposed to this request but was willing to meet with him at the site with fire apparatus. Richard Perisie suggested to meet with Councilor Recuperero to visit all intersections in the area to make sure fire apparatus can get by. Richard Perisie made a motion to table the item until next month. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 – Handicap sign application of September 25, 2020 from George Caron Jr. at 67 Gillooly Road.

Alex Train made a motion to approve this request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

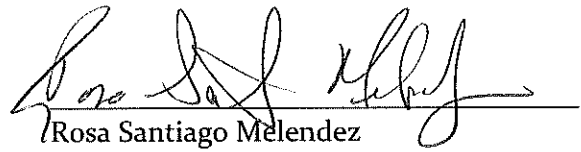
Item #10 – Communication of September 30, 2020 from Michael O’Shea, requesting the Commission to look into installing a stop sign, speed bump or other traffic calming measures on Addison Street, between Carter and Maple Street.

Michael O’Shea, of 124 Addison Street, stated that he is concerned with speeding on Addison Street. He stated that the cars coming from Route One and Carter Street turn onto Addison Street at a high speed and there are children in the area. He went on to say that he would like to see if the city could install a speed bump or find traffic calming measures that would slow down the traffic. Nicky Enriquez, of 124



Addison Street, stated that she would leave it up to the Commission to find traffic measures to slow down the traffic in the area. She stated that there are a large percentage of young children in the area. She stated that there are schools close by so there is a lot students walking on that street. Alex Train stated that the city is currently working on a safety project design on Carter Street with the implementation of a bicycle lane. He stated that they can have their traffic engineers look at the area. He stated that the current design to be implemented should slow down traffic. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending further investigation. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk