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Minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train and resident member Aaron Kraemer were present. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident member Carolyn Boumilla-Vega were absent.

Item #2 – Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting. Aaron Kraemer 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 on Clinton Street.

Joseph Perlatonda stated that he is requesting to have temporary speed bumps installed due to the high flow of traffic and vehicles speeding. He stated that last July, there was an accident involving a motorcycle in front of his house. He stated that he is concerned with the safety of the children in the area with the Chelsea Housing apartments at the end of the street. He stated that North Suffolk Mental health is also opening a facility soon in the area where there will be residents with special needs. He would like to have temporary speed bumps installed but they can be removed during the winter months. He believes that the speed monitors approved and posted by the Commission are not working. Alex Train stated that the Commission generally looks for other traffic calming measures where safety issues are consistent. He suggested a pilot program but would like comment from the Fire Department before rendering a decision. He commended tabling the request until the next meeting. Fidel Maltez stated that the Commission receives lots of request for speed bumps. He echoed Alex Train's suggestion to hear from the Fire Department. He explained that the Fire Department has concerns with speed bumps as they damage their vehicles and they slow down their response time. Alex Train stated that he could speak with the city consultant for traffic calming measures before the next meeting. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting to consult with Fire Department. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Communication of September 23, 2020 from Councilor Recupero, requesting the Commission to look into placing speed bumps between Suffolk Street and Marginal Street and on Essex Street, between Highland Street and Lynn Street.

Alex Train stated that this request is similar the previous request and would need to consult with the Fire Department. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 – Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to install an "Electric Vehicle Charging Station" at City Hall.

Rosa Santiago Melendez read a communication from resident Lisa Santagate, of 221 Shurtleff Street. Lisa Santagate is in favor of the request. Alex Train stated that his department strongly supports the request. He acknowledged the on-street parking challenges for residents; however, with the growth of electric vehicles it is important from our prospective to expand the number of charging stations in the city. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request as presented. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #6 – Communication of March 5, 2021, from Commissioner of DPW Fidel Maltez to change the two parking meters in front of E-911 from two hour maximum to ten hour maximum.

Fidel Maltez stated that they will need to eliminate two ten hour parking meters due to the installation of the electric charging station on City Hall Avenue. He stated that the two meters in front of the E-911 building are currently only two hour meters. He is requesting to have them changed to ten hour meters to help with parking efficiency around City Hall. Joseph Perlatonda expressed concerns with customers visiting local businesses in the area would not be able to find parking and there will be no turn-around time. He stated that it would take parking away. Fidel Maltez stated that there are thirty (30) minute parking spaces on Washington Avenue and in the City Hall lot. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 – Communication of March 8, 2021, from Jillian Jenkins of 64 Parker Street, requesting to install a blinking red light at the corner of Parker Street and Clark Avenue.

Alex Train stated that this intersection has been an issue over the past couple of years. He stated that there have been ongoing problems with speeding and car accidents. He has notified their consulting firm to perform a study and it would take one month to do an assessment. Alex Train made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 – Communication of March 18, 2021, from Denisse Chino of Mi Salvador Mexicano Restaurant, requesting the approval of site plans for outdoor seating parklet at 222 Broadway.

The request was rescinded by Denisse Chino. No vote taken.

Item #9 – Communication of March 24, 2021, from Thomas Quattromani of the MBTA, requesting the Commission's approval to consolidate two bus stops at Cary Square.

Alex Train stated that Mr. Quattromani was not able to attend due to other meeting conflicts. It is his feeling that it should be moved to a public hearing as it will effect on-street parking for residents in the area. Alex Train made a motion to move this request to a public hearing. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

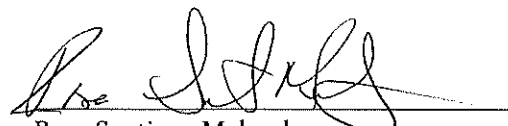
Item #10 – Handicap sign application of March 25, 2021, from Edwin Molina at 641 Broadway.

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 – Communication of March 31, 2021, from Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta of the Chelsea Public Schools, requesting the Commission to allow Chelsea Public School staff to park on residential streets in the vicinity of the Williams Middle School until the end of the school year due to the State's work on the Route One viaduct.

Monica Lamboy, of the Chelsea Public Schools, stated that the schools will be reopening and with the construction on Route One viaduct, they are unable to use the school parking lots. She stated that they are going to convert the school basketball court into parking to try to accommodate some of the staff but they will need more parking as it is not enough. Fidel Maltez stated that it is a hard transition and with all the construction it makes it more difficult. Sergeant Nofle commented that if it were approved, then the staff must make sure that the permit is visible for the Parking Enforcement. Alex Train suggested amending the request by eliminating the parking area between Second Street and Everett Avenue and instead adding Arlington Street between Second and Williams Street. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the request with an amendment to eliminate the parking area between Second Street and Everett Avenue and to add Arlington Street between Second and Williams Street instead. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk