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Traffic and Parking Commission

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Minutes of the May 4, 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 6:01 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 Boumila-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 April 6, 2021. 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 his request has been due to an ongoing problem with vehicles speed on Clinton Street. He stated that he had sent an email to Rosa Santiago-Melendez to amend his request from a speed bump to a speed table. He stated that he thinks that would be more feasible. He stated that he just wanted to do something sooner than later about speeding vehicles on Clinton Street. He stated that he is concerned about the safety of the residents in the area especially since there is housing complex at the end of the street. He stated that the city had put up signage but the vehicles slow down and then speed back up again. He stated that if something could be done he would appreciate it. Alex Train stated that since the Commission last met and per the request he has reached out to the city's transportation engineering consultant who will prepare a scope of work for a traffic calming study of the street to look into the speeding concerns. He stated that over the next month they will look into speed bumps, speed table and other traffic calming measures and gage the feasibility on all of them and the cost. He stated that once they develop a plan to approach the traffic calming measure throughout Clinton Street they will present it to the Traffic and Parking Commission as well as the residents in order to solicit opinion before the commission agrees on implementation. He stated that as of now we are contracting with them and by our June meeting we should have some design plan to showcase and recommendations. Fidel Maltez stated that we have done numerous studies like these over the past six months. He stated that the Commission has used our traffic engineers before making any decisions. He stated that he has spoken with the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief and they are opposed to speed bumps due to public safety concerns. He stated that their concerns are with damage to the vehicles and delays in response time. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer 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.

Fidel Maltez stated that the Commission has received several requests like this and will take an in depth look into some of the streets but we can't do it on all streets. He stated that the city has recently just finishing paving the streets around Essex Street, Highland Street and Suffolk Street. He stated that at this time he does not think we should purse the study on these street giving all the other studies the Commission is currently doing other areas. He stated that he recommends to deny this request. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny this request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #5 - 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.

John Nofle stated that the Commission has already voted on this request to move to a public hearing. He stated that due to a problem with the time table of getting the information out to the public we will need to move this to the next meeting.

Item #6 - 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 request is another item that the Commission is assessing to determine the traffic volume and pattern at the intersection. He stated that as well as what measures might be best to mitigate some of the safety issues this resident has identified. He stated that by the June meeting there should be some recommendations for this intersection and we should have some comment on the feasibility of a blinking light and what a light might cost. Aaron Kraemer asked if it was possible to add the intersection of Parker Street and Tudor Street to the study. He stated there is currently a two way stop and people don't see the stop sign. Alex Train stated that we can have our staff look into adding it. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the June meeting pending the outcome of our assessment. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of March 24, 2021, from Thomas Quattromani of the MBTA, requesting the Commission's approval to consolidate two bus stops at Cary Square.

John Nofle stated that the Commission has already voted on this request to move to a public hearing. He stated that due to a problem with the time table of getting the information out to the public we will need to move this to the next meeting

Item #8 - Communication of April 6, 2021 from Paul Koolloian of E-911, requesting to rename the street abutting the senior center known as Riley Way to another street name.

Fidel Maltez state that we received this request due to there are two locations in Chelsea listed Riley Way. He stated that there is one in the produce market area and one across from the City Hall. He stated when you look up Riley Way it causes confusion and some tractor trailers trying to get to the produce market and end up at the City Hall. He stated that the Commission needs to change one of the locations to a different name. He stated however he knows that Riley Way was voted on by some residents so would like to table this request until the Commission could do some more research on why Riley Way was called Riley Way. He stated that he is sensitive to the change of the name if it was done in honor of a resident. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table until the next meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


Item #9 - Communication of April 16, 2021 from Ronnie Valdivia of 5 Medford Street, requesting an exemption to Article 13 Section 13-4 in order to receive a parking permit for a MBTA issued vehicle.

Rosa Santiago-Melendez read a communication from the resident. Fidel Maltez stated that this is a hard one because the Commission has received a couple of requests and understands the concerns of residents with company cars and nonprofit organizations. He stated that unfortunately the Commission is not able to make exceptions. He stated that once the Commission grants one exception it will set a precedence. He stated that the Commission updated the regulation recently it was long process through the residents and the City Council. He stated that he is empathetic to this resident but it is just hard to make exceptions. He stated once one is granted another will follow. Alex Train stated that he echoes Fidel Maltez's that the fear is creating any type of exception will open up a flood gate. He stated that because the Commission does not have a set process out in the regulations on how to make exceptions and how to ensure that it is fair, impartial and objective the Commission would not be supportive of this request. He stated that all though the Commission feels extremely empathetic to the resident. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm



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Assistant Parking Clerk