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Traffic & Parking Commission
Minutes of the June 6, 2023 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 6:04 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, Public Works Field Operations Manager James Caron, and resident member Maura Garrity was present. Resident members Aaron Kraemer and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were absent.

Agenda Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to approve the item. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #3 - Approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2023 meeting.

James Caron made a motion to approve the item. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of December 22, 2022 from councilor Norieliz DeJesus, requesting the review of speed bump at the corner of Clinton and Washburn Street.

Alex Train stated that this request pertains to speeding occurring on Clinton Street near Washburn Street. He added that the City will repave and redo the sidewalks during the next construction season. Leonard Albanese asked if the Commission conducted reviews on the issue in the area. Alex Train stated that there are speed bumps on vehicles coming into the neighborhood to and from Broadway. He suggested adding a speed radar sign and signage enhancements. He noted that paving markings would be added to slow traffic down. John Nofle suggested signage and paving markings, along with enforcement. Leonard Albanese informed the members that speed bumps make it impossible when operating fire apparatus. He requested that speed bumps be a last effort. Vedran Vikouzi of 76 Clinton Street, stated that this street is very dangerous and he would like the Commission to add a speed bump. Norieliz DeJesus suggested taking action immediately as there are many children. Alex Train made a motion to enhance enforcement, institute paving markings and temporarily add a small rubber speed bump. Alex Train concluded to revisit the request in six months. Leonard Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #5 - Communication of March 22, 2023 from City Council, requesting more clarification regarding adding a restrictive lane on Everett Avenue, southbound between Arlington Street and Route 1 on-ramp, between 5:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday.

Alex Train explained that this request pertains to a travel lane that will be implemented along the parking aisle adjacent to Kayem. He added that the city council requested to perform some additional outreach in the area and to meet with business owners. Alex Train noted that he has to meet with two businesses. Alex Train made a motion to table the request until he has meet with all business owners. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #6 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recuperero, requesting the City Manager and the Commission to look into implementing handicap parking spaces in the business district on Broadway.

Councilor Giovanni Recuperero asked if the request would be tabled. Alex Train proposed five locations to add handicap signs. He noted that there would be a handicap space at each block, posted at wheelchair ramps. Alex Train identified the five locations as: 400 Broadway, 324 Broadway, 260 Broadway, 230 Broadway and 166 Broadway. James Caron made a motion to approve the five handicap parking spaces on Broadway. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor



Agenda Item #7 - Communication of April 25, 2023 from Roy Blum, requesting additional signage and bollards in the Beacon Street area to deter trailers from traveling outside of the truck route and for public safety.

John Nofle stated that there was a message board directing trucks to travel straight ahead and no turning. He stated the Police will record the plate numbers but noted that the officers have been issuing citations along with the State Police. James Caron stated that they installed bigger bollards to prevent the building from being hit. James Caron made a motion approve the request. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of May 8, 2023 from Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting the review of speed bumps on Chester Avenue.

Councilor Judith Garcia thanked the Commission for taking rapid action on Beacon Street. She stated that speed bumps are necessary for their safety and also stressed that neighbors are being impacted financially by the vehicular accidents. Katsyris Rivera, resident of 52 Chester Avenue, spoke in favor of the request. She expressed concerns regarding speeding from the intersection of Shawmut Street and Chester Avenue. She stated that she found that there have been twenty-two (22) accidents in the last two (2) years through Chelsea Police reports. She suggested that the Commission add a speed radar and speed humps. Sandy Maynard, resident of 52 Chester Avenue, stated that vehicles have been side swiped and there is speeding overnight. She stated that her vehicle has been side swiped twice and has been involved in hit and run accidents of which have cost her over \$1,000. She stated that she witnessed eighty (80) vehicles going 90 mph in a ninety (90) minute span. Tyler Krogh, resident of 84 Chester Avenue, is in favor of the request and stated that he has also been side swiped. James Caron suggested posting a 'Stop' sign on Lynn Street. Alex Train recommended setting this item aside in order so that the traffic engineer can work with neighbors, in conjunction with the Fire Department, for a resolution. He explained that this might take some time in order to properly and effectively address the public safety issues around the Fire response and in reducing traffic. Leonard Albanese suggested adding a 'Stop' sign in the meantime to slow down speeding vehicles. He explained that the speed bumps are not an issue of slowing Fire down because they cannot speed on those streets with the size of the apparatus but rather the issue is with their overall response and effectiveness to manage emergencies. He commented that drivers in Chelsea are speeding due to congestion on the main roads during certain times of the day. He asked if speed bumps are necessary as they also affect snow plowing. Leonard Albanese made a motion to increase enforcement and to post a 'Stop' sign on Chester Avenue at Lynn Street. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #9 - Communication of May 16, 2023 from Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent, requesting the approval of the attached plan removal of sixteen (16) parking spaces

Cate Fox-Lent stated that last year a plan, developed by the city's contracted engineering firm, was approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission to restripe Summit Avenue in order to put in a dividing line to shift travel to the side. She noted that while implementing the approved plan, they realized it intended to remove the spaces but they failed to mark the removal of sixteen (16) parking spaces on Summit Avenue. She noted that most houses have off-street parking and there are frequently four to six spaces available on the other side of the street. She stated that in order to complete the plan, she is requesting the removal of the parking spaces on the north side of Summit Avenue. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending a public hearing. Leonard Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of May 17, 2023 from Linda Levy, requesting to make Clark Avenue from Cabot Street or Webster Avenue a one-way street.

Linda Levy, resident of 260 Clark Avenue, stated that her request is to make Clark Avenue, from Cabot Street to either Stockton Street or Webster Avenue, a one-way street. She stated that seven years ago Clark Avenue was a one-way street from Stockton to Cabot Street. Marilyn Gozdon, resident of 260 Clark Avenue, stated that it has become very difficult for residents of 260 Clark Avenue to get out of the driveway; especially those with wheelchairs. Linda Levy also requested a 'Stop' sign on Cabot Street at the entrance of the hospital. Alexander Floyd-Vargas, resident of 260 Clark Avenue, stated that everyone is using Clark Avenue to turn or to U-turn. Susan Backstrom, resident of 260 Clark Avenue, stated that she is in favor of the request. Alex Train stated that the transportation team is looking into making Clark Avenue a one-way along with other solutions to calm traffic and to prevent cars



from using it as a cut through to avoid the traffic lights on Broadway. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of May 24, 2023 from Councilor Norieliz DeJesus, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street between Webster Avenue and Cabot Street, along with adding a crosswalk in front of 260 Clark Avenue.

Norieliz DeJesus suggested merging the item's #10 and #11 as they are part of the same conversations. James Caron made a motion to combine agenda item #10 and #11. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #12 - Handicap sign application of May 23, 2023 from Angel L. Umana Barahona of 35 Murray Street.
James Caron made a motion to approve the application. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #13 - Handicap sign application of May 24, 2023 from Guy D. Plourde, of 106 Grove Street.
Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #14 - Communication of May 25, 2023 from Hugo Rengifo, regarding issues related to parking situations in the neighborhood.

Alex Train made a motion to table the request, as the resident was not present. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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