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**Traffic & Parking Commission**  
**Minutes of the May 2, 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 6:01 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Noffle. Director of Housing and Community Alex Train, Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, Public Works Field Operations Manager James Caron, and the resident members: Aaron Kramer, Maura Garrity, and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present. All members were present.

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

James Caron made a motion to table the item. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Hearing regarding the approval of the removal of the "Stop" sign at the top of Highland and Marlboro Street.

No attendees for public comment. Alex Train stated that the Department of Housing and Community Development finds this request to be beneficial due to the incline. James Caron made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #4 - Public Hearing regarding the approval to make Clark Avenue a one-way street, in the southwest direction, between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

Crystal Coronel, of 932 Broadway, stated that the change would significantly affect her and she is opposed to the request. There were no other public comments. Alex Train stated that his department examined crash data and did not find data to justify the request. He stated that their office found that residents were not in favor of the request. He went on to say that the Department of Housing and Community Development was opposed to the request. James Caron stated that the Department of Public Works is opposed to the request. James Caron made a motion to deny the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #5 - Public Hearing regarding the approval of a daytime restriction of the Residential Parking Program on Chestnut Street, from Third Street to Fourth Street.

No attendees for public comment. James Caron stated that the request provides relief to the residents due to construction and the outside commuters who park in Chelsea to ride the bus. Alex Train stated that the Department of Housing and Community Development agrees given that the area is centrally located within a commuter area. James Caron made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #6 - Public Hearing regarding the approval of posting "No Parking" signs (eliminating one (1) or two (2) parking spaces at Carter and Vale Street.

No attendees for public comment. Alex Train proposed to approve the request for the elimination of one (1) parking space as more than one would be excessive. Alex Train made a motion to approve the elimination of one (1) parking space. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #7 - 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 briefly went over the previously approved plan. He spoke with Council and his office will reach out to the local businesses in this area. Maura Garrity asked whether the plan would deter traffic jams. Alex Train responded that it would. Alex Train made a motion to table the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the City Manager and the Commission to look into implementing handicap parking spaces in the business district on Broadway.

Alex Train stated that this request is included in the city's long-term plans for Bellingham Square and the Downtown area. He will work with DPW for recommendations for a short-term remedy. Alex Train made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #9 - Communication of March 31, 2023 from DPW Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent, requesting "No Parking" signs on the east side of Charles Street, between Marginal and Suffolk Street, and to add street sweeping signs to the west side of the street.

James Caron stated that the area has new ADA complaint sidewalks, which shortened the width of the traffic lane. He believes there is a public safety issue with two-sided parking. John Nofle asked if two-sided parking was allowed in the past. James Caron confirmed that there was because there were no sidewalks in past. Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of April 19, 2023 from the Director of Facilities Joseph F. Cooney, III, requesting the approval to shut down a portion of Shurtleff Street, from Central to Congress Avenue, for their one-day ELC's Spirit Day event on June 14, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 2:45 PM.

Alex Train explained that this request was an annual request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of April 20, 2023 from Acting City Manager Ned Keefe with the Innes Development Team, requesting a modified on-street parking program during the construction of the Innes Residential Project.

Ned Keefe distributed a full color map to all the members. Alex Train stated that the request was previously approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission; however, the City revisited the plans with the residents and the contractor to revise the plan for the remaining duration of the project. He briefly went over the map and the parking spaces. Maura Garrity and John Nofle asked about the number of parking spaces in the anticipated garage. Alex Train responded with 270 spaces. He noted that once the garage is complete, that the residents will be allowed to park inside. Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. James Caron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #12 - 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.

Roy Blum, of 133 Beacon Street, went over the progress being made in his area and explained that he would like to request more signage with fines and bollards. He went on to say that he is interested in reverting the direction of traffic on Pine, Beacon and Mulberry Street. James Caron shared his traffic concerns with such a change. Maura Garrity asked if the City can speak to the State regarding the off-ramp signage. Alex Train and James Caron noted that trucks are not suppose to use the off-ramp but continue to do so. Alex Train stated that he will confer with DPW regarding the bollards, the issuance of fine by State law and the posting of signage listing fines. James Caron expressed concerns with reverting the direction of traffic in this area with snow conditions, the incline of Mulberry Street, and with the fire and police department response. He noted that Mulberry would become a cut through towards Broadway. James Caron made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item #13 - Communication of April 25, 2023 from DPW Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent on behalf of resident Linda Dude, requesting a speed bump on Pine Street to help reduce speeds.



John Nofle is unaware of speeding being an issue on this street. Cate Fox-Lent stated that she is only submitting the request on her behalf and is unaware of any issues at this location. John Nofle stated that they do not have traffic data on this street. James Caron recommended posting the speed radar and posting "Slow Blind Person" signage as they do with the caution sign for children. Alex Train made a motion to post signage and a temporary speed radar. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #14 - Handicap sign application of April 25, 2023 from Ana Orellana de Aguilar, of 115 Clark Avenue.*

John Nofle noted that the current signage is further down from this request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.