

## COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

**February 18, 1997**

Ald. Sysyn, Reiniger, Soucy,  
Domaingue, Robert

**6:30 PM**

**Executive Conference Room**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Reiniger, Soucy, Domaingue  
Absent: Alderman Robert

3. Communication from the Public Works Director expanding on and offering a few suggestions in response to a communication from the General Manager of the MTA dated December 17, 1996, concerning the removal of snow from bus stops and bus shelters.

Mr. Tierney addressed the committee stating as part of the permitting process for the bus shelters the MTA agreed that they would clean and maintain the bus shelters.

Alderman Reiniger questioned what would be appropriate as far as requesting the MTA to address it. Chairman Sysyn questioned if there was an agreement with MTA. Mr. Tierney replied he was not aware of any. Alderman Reiniger noted that someone had to be directed to do it.

Chairman Sysyn suggested they send a letter to MTA. Alderman Reiniger stated that the MTA would probably say they do not have the crews or money to do it. Mr. Lolicata noted that MTA did have a maintenance crew because they have to maintain their own bus signs, and he agreed with Mr. Thomas that the MTA should maintain those themselves; that those came as an aftermath, they built them on the sidewalks.

Alderman Soucy asked how many there were. Mr. Tierney was not sure, but noted that they maintained them for years and all of a sudden decided that they were not going to take care of them anymore he guessed.

Chairman Sysyn noted that Highway could not take care of it, they had lost people over the last few years.

Alderman Reiniger moved to send a letter to the MTA directing them to clean the bus stops including snow removal. Alderman Soucy seconded the motion and requested that it be mentioned that it was past practice. The motion carried.

4. Communication from Jon Erdahl, requesting the use of Arms Park and the Bridge Street Bridge on Sunday, May 25, 1997 (with a rain date of Monday, May 26, 1997) for the 6th Annual Memorial Weekend Fireworks display.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve the request.

5. Communications from Christine Churchill and Mark Morrissette expressing their concerns regarding events that occurred on January 27 & 28, 1997, at which time their vehicles had been impounded and the treatment they received when attempting to retrieve their vehicles.

Lt. Tessier commented that over the last several weeks they had a couple of meetings with the commission and the mayor's office in reference to this matter, and at present they were reviewing their cost figures. If the aldermen were to pass the ordinance it appeared that they may be able to drop the fee down to \$70. to \$75. which would not effect the fee that the wreckers get but would effect what would go to the city. The reduced rate would cover our expenses. Lt. Tessier noted that at that particular storm it didn't start snowing until after midnight, and it was business as usual the next day which rarely happened, they had evaluated it the next day and there was a long line and they added another person at the cash window and he did not think they would see that happen again.

Alderman Soucy asked if the revenue numbers had been looked at by Finance. Lt. Tessier explained that the wrecker service got \$55. and the balance went to the city, and he believed there would be a proposal coming forward from the mayor's office to reduce the fee.

Alderman Reiniger noted that he was told in past years he was told the police car would travel in front of the clearing and use their siren. Lt. Tessier advised that when they go down the streets the cruisers use their spotlights and flashing lights to alert people in the neighborhood; that they now before they allow a wrecker to hook up to a car they will blast their sirens so people are afforded the opportunity to come out; that any vehicle that is hooked up and someone comes out the vehicle will be dropped, there will be a drop fee that comes out of the city's money so the wrecker doesn't lose its fee, and they are now looking at whether if they drop the vehicle a snow emergency parking ticket will be added which was still being evaluated.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to request the Police Department to send a letter to the communicants advising of the current review relative to the snow emergency.

6. Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed as follows:

**STOP SIGNS:**

ON KARATZAS AVENUE AT OLD WELLINGTON ROAD, SEC  
ALDERMAN SOUCY

**NO PARKING:**

ON ASH STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM BRIDGE STREET TO A POINT  
140 FEET NORTHERLY  
ALDERMAN SYSYN

ON BARTLETT STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM AMORY STREET TO A  
POINT 500 FEET WESTERLY  
ALDERMAN ROBERT

ON TAYLOR STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM SOMERVILLE STREET TO  
ROY AVENUE  
ALDERMAN SHEA

**NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

ON LOIS STREET, BOTH SIDES, FROM ROYSAN STREET TO A POINT  
290  
FEET SOUTHERLY  
ALDERMAN DOMAINGUE

**RIGHT TURN ON RED PROHIBITED:**

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD AT MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTHBOUND  
(EMERGENCY ACT)  
ALDERMEN SHEA AND CLANCY

**PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM):**

ON BEECH STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM AMHERST STREET TO A POINT  
75 FEET SOUTHERLY  
ALDERMAN SYSYN

ON BEECH STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 120 FEET SOUTH OF  
AMHERST STREET TO HANOVER STREET  
ALDERMAN SYSYN

**RESCIND NO PARKING (UNLIMITED):**

ON WEST NORTH COURT, EAST SIDE, FROM NORTH STREET TO A  
POINT 75 FEET NORTHERLY  
ALDERMAN REINIGER

**METERS - PARKING 2 HOURS @ .50 PER HOUR:**

ON BRIDGE STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF  
CHESTNUT STREET TO A POINT 100 FEET EAST OF CHURCH  
STREET, 12 METERS  
ON SPRING STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM ELM STREET TO A POINT 200  
FEET EAST OF CANAL STREET, 13 METERS  
ON MECHANIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CANAL STREET TO A  
POINT 120 FEET WEST OF HAMPSHIRE LANE, 18 METERS  
ON MECHANIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 20 FEET EAST OF  
HAMPSHIRE LANE TO ELM STREET, 3 METERS  
ON STARK STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM ELM STREET TO HAMPSHIRE  
LANE, 4 METERS  
ON STARK STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF  
ELM STREET TO A POINT 45 FEET WESTERLY , 2 METERS  
ON STARK STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM HAMPSHIRE LANE TO CANAL  
STREET, 38 METERS  
ON MARKET STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 120 FEET WEST OF

HAMPSHIRE LANE TO UNITED WAY, 3 METERS  
ON MARKET STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM UNITED WAY TO A POINT  
50

FEET EAST OF CANAL STREET, 16 METERS  
ON MARKET STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CANAL STREET TO  
FRANKLIN STREET, 19 METERS  
ON MIDDLE STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 90 FEET WEST OF  
FRANKLIN STREET TO CANAL STREET, 20 METERS  
ON MIDDLE STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CANAL STREET TO  
FRANKLIN STREET, 28 METERS

ON WEST MERRIMACK STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM HAMPSHIRE  
LANE

TO FRANKLIN STREET, 3 METERS  
ON WEST MERRIMACK STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM FRANKLIN  
STREET TO CANAL STREET, 26 METERS  
ON WEST MERRIMACK STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CANAL STREET  
TO FRANKLIN STREET TO FRANKLIN WEST BACK STREET, 22  
METERS

ON WEST MERRIMACK STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM FRANKLIN  
STREET TO ELM STREET, 8 METERS

ON PLEASANT STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 85 FEET WEST  
OF

ELM STREET TO FRANKLIN STREET, 5 METERS  
ON PLEASANT STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM FRANKLIN STREET TO A  
POINT 130 FEET EAST OF CANAL STREET, 16 METERS  
ON PLEASANT STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 40 FEET EAST OF  
CANAL STREET TO A POINT 280 FEET EASTERLY, 13 METERS  
ON FRANKLIN STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 145 NORTH OF  
WEST MERRIMACK STREET 6 METERS

ON FRANKLIN STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM MARKET STREET TO  
PLEASANT STREET, 17 METERS

ON OLD GRANITE STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 105 FEET  
WEST OF ELM STREET TO A POINT 85 FEET EAST OF GRANITE  
STREET, 14 METERS

ON OLD GRANITE STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 150 FEET  
EAST

OF GRANITE STREET TO HAMPSHIRE LANE, 9 METERS  
MIDDLE STREET PARKING LOT - ALL PARKING SPACES (50 METERS)  
EXCEPT THE EAST SIDE OF THE LOT THAT IS LEASED (17  
SPACES)

**RESCIND PARKING FOR POLICE ONLY:**

ON STARK STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM HAMPSHIRE LANE TO A POINT

85 FEET WESTERLY

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM):**

ON OLD GRANITE STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 105 FEET WEST OF ELM STREET TO A POINT 85 FEET EAST OF GRANITE STREET

ON OLD GRANITE STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 150 FEET EAST

OF GRANITE STREET TO HAMPSHIRE LANE

**RESCIND PARKING 10 HOURS (METERS):**

ON MARKET STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM CANAL STREET EASTERLY, 20 SPACES

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM - METERS):**

ON MARKET STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 160 FEET WEST OF UNITED WAY TO CANAL ST.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Reiniger was recorded in opposition to the meters.

**TABLED ITEMS**

7. Communication from Alderman Reiniger submitting proposed revisions to existing City ordinances.  
(Tabled 2/26/96)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

8. Communication from former Chief Favreau, requesting consideration that 10-hour meters along the south side of Manchester Street, between Pine Street and the driveway to the Police station be installed.  
(Tabled 5/21/96)

It was noted that the parking proposal being reviewed at this time was relative to angled parking, they were not sure at this point if meters could go in and it was suggested that the communication be received and filed.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to receive and file this item.

9. Discussion with Highway and Police Departments regarding the development and/or recommendations for methods of slowing down traffic on certain neighborhood streets.  
(Tabled 8/26/96)

This item remained on the table.

10. Communication from Alderman Pariseau requesting the Committee rescind its previous recommendation relative to the installation of "Right Turn Only" signs at the intersection of Westwood and Donahue Drives; and further requesting that the "Right Turn Only" signs be installed at the intersection of Sherwood and Westwood Drives.  
(Tabled 10/21/96)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

12. Communication from Rick Gelinis regarding neighborhood parking problems in the residential area surrounding the Federal building.  
(Tabled 11/19/96)

It was suggested to refer this item to the Traffic Director for examination of possible metering at a future date.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was so voted to refer the communication to the Traffic Director.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

13. Communication from Marie Wingate submitting a petition on behalf of area residents requesting a 3-way traffic signal at the intersection of Bridge and Belmont Streets.  
(Tabled 11/19/96)

It was noted that this item was addressed at a previous meeting, and it appeared that she was satisfied with the explanations given.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

14. Discussion with the Director of Planning relative to the traffic calming report.  
(Tabled 12/17/96)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

11. Communication from Sister Barbara McLean, Principal, St. Joseph Regional Junior High School expressing concern over various issues pertaining to school bus service, the sidewalk in front of Pulaski Park, Special Services and parking meters.  
(Tabled 10/21/96 pending further report from Traffic.)

Alderman Reiniger noted that they had reached an impasse regarding this matter and that the Clerk could pursue the committee's feelings on the matter.

It was noted that Sister Barbara apparently wanted the 23 plus spaces and that was it. Mr. Lolicata noted that he had spoken with her for over an hour and a half and he did not think that Sister Barbara wished to compromise about anything, it was not only the meters it was also the other things.

Discussion ensued relative to the snow issues where the Clerk noted that she believed Highway had addressed the issue but would verify that with Sister Barbara and Mr. Thomas if they wished.

Chairman Sysyn asked if the loading zone had been offered. Mr. Lolicata responded that they had offered a loading zone and in front of her building, and he put the 10 hour meters on the High Street side instead of the 2 hour meters recommended. Mr. Lolicata noted that they would be putting those in shortly. Mr. Lolicata noted that they had not gotten back to anyone regarding the loading zone. Mr. Lolicata noted the only thing they had done was to put the 10 hour meters around the school so they could park all day if they wanted to for now. Mr. Lolicata noted that they had been looking for a permit situation, which he explained could not be done at this time.

Discussion ensued where Alderman Soucy suggested the clerk forward a letter to Sister Barbara explaining that the meters will be 10 hours which will be close to the school and accessible; that we offered to do a loading zone unless she can come in with some other proposal other than 20 free parking spaces.

Alderman Reiniger noted that she had talked about having parking permits for teachers in the area. General discussion of that issue followed where concern was noted for permit parking because other teachers such as Central, West and other schools would want it.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to refer the matter to the City Clerk's office and have them forward a letter advising that there will be 10 hour meters and that this parking would be accessible to her teachers. Clerk Johnson noted that she would attempt to contact Sister Barbara prior to forwarding the letter to advise her of the committee's decision.

Alderman Soucy noted that if she was willing to come up with anything else they would be willing to listen but 20 plus free spaces was not feasible.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee