

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

March 7, 2000

6:15 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Sysyn, Vaillancourt, Pariseau

Absent: Alderman Hirschmann

Messrs: T. Lolicata, Lt. Tracy

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Roger Bjornberg expressing his concerns relative to the parking situation on Notre Dame Avenue in the vicinity of CMC.

Alderman Pariseau asked is the issue resident parking.

Alderman Sysyn stated you have them downtown because of the parking meters. People in my neighborhood would like parking permits too.

Mr. Lolicata stated this goes way back. If you take away that special parking in the morning, they will be there from the night before. They can park on either side. It is either that or you are going to have to have a special parking permit there. I would take out the signs first of all and try it unlimited.

Chairman Clancy asked what kinds of signs are in that neighborhood.

Mr. Lolicata answered it is something like 7 AM – 9:30 AM you can park and that is because of the shift coming into the hospital and taking up the spaces. Now it is getting worse. These people should be parking in the big parking lot that they have.

Chairman Clancy stated why don't we send a letter to CMC warning them that we are getting complaints from the residents in the area and ask them to make sure that their employees use their parking lot.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked how many spaces are we talking about.

Mr. Lolicata answered I think it goes a whole block. It goes all the way down to the next street.

Alderman Pariseau stated it goes from Putnam all the way down to Wayne, if not halfway down to Hill and Amory.

Mr. Lolicata stated in all honesty the ordinance is kind of hurting it one way or the other.

Chairman Clancy asked well is it a good idea to send a letter to CMC and ask for their cooperation.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is fine, but do you want to rescind the signs at the same time or leave them up.

Chairman Clancy replied leave them up.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated what does that do to solve the problem.

Chairman Clancy replied we are going to have the people who work at CMC park in their parking lot and give the people who live there a chance to park in front of their houses.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated but they can't park there.

Alderman Sysyn stated you have to take the signs down.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to rescind the parking signs on Notre Dame Avenue.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Fred Harris, President of Riverfest, Inc., seeking permission of various requests as outlined below during the Riverfest celebration scheduled for September 8, 9 & 10, 2000:

- (a) requesting those possessing valid Arms lease stickers be allowed to park "free-of-charge" in either the Canal Street or Wall Street garages from September 5-11, 2000;
- (b) the closure of Arms Parking Lot from September 5-11,2000; and
- (c) the closure of the Bedford Street Parking Lot for additional tent set-up and other activities.

Mr. Taylor stated I don't have any objection to the request, but what I want to do for the record is make sure that the Committee understands that the City does have a lease with the University of New Hampshire for 192 spaces down there.

Chairman Clancy asked where are they.

Mr. Taylor answered there are 100 on the Arms Lot and 92 at the Bedford Lot.

Chairman Clancy asked does Fred Harris know this.

Mr. Taylor answered I don't know. The lease is effective July 1, 2000 and it allows us to remove them from those lots if we are going to use them for an event, but it does require that we notify them in writing seven days prior. It also requires us to help them find substitute parking. I just want that on the record so that the Solicitor or whoever is responsible for providing the written notice does so in a timely manner and that the Traffic Director will work with them to try and find alternate spaces.

Chairman Clancy asked, Mr. Lolicata, have you heard anything from Fred Harris.

Mr. Lolicata answered this is the second or third letter I have seen. He is expanding a little bit more this year. Last year was the first year that they utilized the whole Bedford Lot for a tent and something else and that is what he is looking for here. I had to place some people that were in that lot on Canal Street, which is getting filled. Wall Street is available, but anywhere down in the Millyard people with this permit can park in open spaces.

Alderman Sysyn asked when do they start, Friday night.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked they need three days to set-up.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes. What I am trying to get at is that pretty soon we are going to have to squeeze 300 or 400 people somewhere. It is getting tougher now.

Alderman Pariseau moved to deny Item C. Riverfest shouldn't be encroaching on other properties that we need to accommodate other citizens of the City. I wasn't aware that they had the use of the Bedford Lot last year.

Mr. Lolicata replied they have had it for about three years now.

Chairman Clancy stated so you said they have 100 parking spaces in the Arms Lot and 92 in the Bedford Lot. Why can't we take the people and shift them up to Canal Street?

Mr. Lolicata replied I can probably place them this year, but after July when UNH comes in and starts adding more cars, we are going to find ourselves pretty tight.

Chairman Clancy stated well maybe we have to send a letter to Mr. Harris and tell him what the story is.

Mr. Lolicata stated I would hate to put a damper on it this year. It is a big event for the City and they need that space. I can probably take care of most of them at Wall Street probably. As a matter of fact, I will have them extend even further as long as they have their ticket on their car. I will have the Police take care of that part. All I am saying is that next year might be a problem.

Alderman Levasseur asked are the parking spaces for the employees.

Mr. Lolicata answered no. This is all for the public.

Alderman Pariseau asked where do the vendors that sell at Riverfest park.

Mr. Lolicata answered once they are set-up down there, I imagine that they walk to their cars like anybody else.

Chairman Clancy asked but where would they park their car.

Mr. Lolicata answered I don't know. I never thought about it. It must be down in the Millyard like everybody else.

Alderman Levasseur stated that is a problem that I have with this whole situation because the way that I read it it is for their employees.

Mr. Lolicata answered no.

Chairman Clancy asked so what are you going to do, send a letter to Fred Harris stating that this is the last time they are going to be able to use the Bedford Parking Lot. Maybe they can use the Armory Parking Lot and have a shuttle.

Mr. Lolicata answered it is such a big event that you have to be careful with it.

Alderman Sysyn stated shuttling is a good idea like they do at Glendi.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to send Fred Harris a letter stating that next year he won't be able to use the Bedford Street Parking Lot and we suggest that he use the Pearl Street Parking Lot or the State Armory Parking Lot and shuttle people in.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Tara Mazzuchelli, Sexual Assault Advocate for the YWCA Crisis Service seeking permission to hold a "Take Back the Night candle light march and rally on Sunday, April 9, 2000 from 7:00-9:00 PM departing from the Hartnett Parking Lot, marching across Chestnut Street, down Concord Street, up Elm Street to Veterans Park.

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Tom Roscoe, Safe Boat Week Chairman, requesting the use of Arms Parking Lot on May 20, 2000 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to kick-off "*Safe Boating Week*" (rain date of May 21, 2000.)

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from the St. Patrick's Parade Committee requesting "No Parking" on both sides of Elm Street from Bridge Street to Lake Avenue on Sunday, March 26th and also requesting the painting of a 5th shamrock at the intersection of Elm and Pleasant Streets and one additional shamrock at the intersection of Elm and Hanover Streets.

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Joseph Webster, Northern Region of the Central NE Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society requesting the use of the Arms Parking Lot for its annual MS Walk on April 8 & 9, 2000 as outlined herein.

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

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME: (UNLIMITED):

**On Calef Road, east side, from Dudley Street to a point 60 feet southerly
Alderman Pariseau**

NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

**On North Bay Street, east side, from Madeline Rd. to a point 250 feet
southerly
Alderman Wihby**

STOP SIGNS:

**On Bennington Road at North Bay Street, SWC
Alderman Wihby**

**On Madeline Road at North Bay Street, NEC
Alderman Wihby**

NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS (Emergency Act):

**On Merrill Street, south side, from Jewett Street to Woodman Street
Alderman Shea**

NO PARKING:

**On Laurel Street, north side, from Hall Street to Belmont Street
Alderman Sysyn**

RESCIND NO PARKING:

**On Laurel Street, north side, from Hall Street to a point 70 feet easterly
Alderman Sysyn**

Alderman Pariseau asked about Calef Road. You have it right from Dudley Street to 60 feet southerly. There is a problem with vision for people coming down from that hill on Dudley looking south. I don't know if we want them there at that intersection.

Mr. Lolicata answered they have new people who moved in down there. The handicapped person isn't there anymore. I spoke to the other two who are now living there. We used to have an ordinance for the whole block there, and then it was down to 60 feet. I was thinking that if you pass this and have a no parking

here to corner for about 30 feet for a clearance. I am going to keep the sign up there for clearance, but for another 30 feet so they can park there, I can't see...

Alderman Pariseau stated that is fine.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to accept the traffic agenda.

DISCUSSION:

No Trucks allowed on Donald Street, 9:30 PM – 7:00AM AM, from Milford Street to the town line
Alderman Cashin

Mr. Lolicata stated Alderman Cashin spoke to me about this. He would like to leave it that way with a time limit and try that for about a year unless there are more complaints. You can't shut off traffic going into another town and he doesn't want to do that. He wants to put a night limit and try it for now because of what is going on down there. The complaints aren't that bad, but it is a town line and he doesn't want to do that. He would like to try it for about a year and if that doesn't work we will have to start talking about putting No Truck signs there, which I don't want to get into right now.

Alderman Pariseau asked from Donald Street are we talking the one from Milford all the way down to the cemetery or beyond the golf course.

Chairman Clancy stated the town line runs by the cemetery.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to approve the item.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Sysyn asked can we use the Hartnett Parking Lot for teachers or students. I have a real problem. They can walk two blocks. They have to walk two blocks now. We can charge them a nominal amount. I let people park in my driveway and I am happy to do it and I don't charge them and I would still do it because they are right across the street and they can walk right over, but I know that even some of the teachers can't park at Central High. It would alleviate some of the problems.

Mr. Lolicata answered I have some parking spaces left over for the public with the meters. Everything else is taken by lease. We lost about 11 spaces when they reconstructed the parking lot.

Alderman Sysyn stated when I drive by there I see empty spaces.

Mr. Lolicata replied those are for the public using the library and other places.

Alderman Sysyn asked could we look at it.

Mr. Lolicata answered they could lease them like anybody else. I don't think we should start giving spaces away.

Chairman Clancy asked how many spaces do you need.

Alderman Sysyn answered Tom would know better than I would how many are not used because I go by there sometimes during the day and there are a lot of spaces that aren't utilized like on the Lowell Street side.

Mr. Lolicata stated I would say right now we are 80%-85% full as far as leases.

Alderman Sysyn asked even if you had 20 spaces that they could use it might alleviate the problem. The kids block driveways, etc.

Chairman Clancy stated they have the same problem at West High School.

Alderman Sysyn asked they just got a new parking lot didn't they.

Mr. Lolicata answered if I get to it this year, I might be able to add another 8-10 more parking spaces on Amherst if I go to the angled parking. I went to Central High two years ago and I am trying to get something done over there, but it is impossible. I don't know how to alleviate those meters over there to allow this particular type of parking.

Alderman Sysyn stated they didn't ask me. It is just something that I want to look into.

Mr. Lolicata stated I couldn't even come close to 20 spaces right now. I am full. Outside of the meters and then they would have to pay like anybody else. That is all I can tell you right now.

Alderman Sysyn replied I just thought it was something that you could look at.

Alderman Pariseau asked does the City own the property by Standard Fruit.

Alderman Sysyn answered no that is his. Somebody just bought it. They used to lease parking there for people from Central, but the new people won't.

Mr. Lolicata stated for \$2.75 a day they can park at a meter. I have no answer for you right now. I will think about it.

Alderman Sysyn stated I also want to know where my two cones are.

Mr. Lolicata replied I called the State and am in touch with them. When they get their supply, I have to sign a lease. I have to sign for liability and that the City of Manchester is buying them and all of that. As soon as they come in, they are going to call me and I will get them for you.

Chairman Clancy introduced Lt. Tracy to the Committee. He is going to be in charge of the Traffic Division now.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked, Lt. Tracy, who decides where the radar machines go on a given day.

Lt. Tracy answered I do.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked could we make requests here. We had the Mayor's meeting in Ward 8 last night and there is a real need for that out on Huse Road.

Lt. Tracy answered it is scheduled for Huse and Chestnut tomorrow.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee