

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

June 1, 2009

5:00 PM

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Shea, Sullivan, J. Roy, Ouellette

Absent: Alderman O'Neil

Messrs: B. Stanley

Chairman Shea addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. The Traffic and Parking Divisions have submitted agendas which need to be addressed:

**TWO HOUR PARKING – 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.:**

On Hanover Street, north side, from a point 55 feet east of Pennsylvania Avenue.,  
to a point 50 feet east

Alderman Jim Roy

**RESCIND 30 MINUTE PARKING:**

On Joliette Street, west side, from a point 26 feet south of Kelley Street to a point  
36 feet southerly (Ord. 3162)

Alderman Ouellette

**30 MINUTE PARKING – 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY UNTIL 9:00 P.M.:**

On Joliette Street, west side, from a point 20 feet south of Kelley Street to a point  
40 feet south

Alderman Ouellette

**NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

On Joliette Street, west side, from a point 60 feet south of Kelley Street to a point  
44 feet south

Alderman Ouellette

On Wheelock Street, east side, from a point 150 feet south of Goffe Street to a point 15 feet south

Alderman Smith

**NO PARKING APRIL 1 – AUGUST 1:**

On Gay Street, east side, from Greenleaf Street to a point 200 feet north

Alderman DeVries

**RESCIND METERS – 2 HOURS:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 40 feet east of Elm Street to Chestnut Street  
ORD 7703

Alderman Sullivan

**METERS – 2 HOURS:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 80 feet east of Elm Street to Kosciuszko Street

Alderman Sullivan

**RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 45 feet west of Chestnut Street to a point 20 feet west

ORD 8513

Alderman Sullivan

**RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE – MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00**

**A.M.-5:00 P.M.:**

Lowell Street, north side, from Kosciuszko Street to a point 36 feet north

ORD 6479

Alderman Sullivan

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE – MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.-5:00**

**P.M.:**

Lowell Street, north side, from Kosciuszko Street to a point 36 feet east

Alderman Sullivan

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE – MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.-5:00**

**P.M.:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 129 feet east of Kosciuszko Street to a point 18 feet easterly

Alderman Sullivan

**METERS – 2 HOURS:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 36 feet east of Kosciuszko Street to a point 93 feet west of Chestnut Street  
Alderman Sullivan

**METERS – 2 HOURS:**

Lowell Street, north side, from a point 147 feet east of Kosciuszko Street to Chestnut Street  
Alderman Sullivan

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to approve the Traffic agenda.

Chairman Shea addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Ratify and confirm phone poll conducted May 11, 2009 approving the request from the Manchester District Court for free parking for four custodial employees at metered spaces on Chestnut or Amherst Street from 4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and from May 2009 through December 2009.  
*(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman J. Roy who was unavailable.)*

On motion of Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman J. Roy, it was voted to ratify and confirm the phone poll.

Chairman Shea addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, submitting a request from Cruising Downtown for the use of parking spaces on Elm Street and all connecting side streets bound by Bridge Street, Chestnut Street, Lake Avenue and Canal Street from the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at no charge.

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Ouellette, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Shea addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Request submitted from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager on behalf of Scott Fuller, Manchester Police Department, for the use of Arms Parking Lot on Saturday, June 27, 2009 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 P.M. as a staging area for a motorcycle ride benefitting the Police Department's mounted unit.

On motion of Alderman Sullivan, duly seconded by Alderman Ouellette, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Shea addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Communication from Tim Soucy, Public Health Director, requesting permission to post 11-12 signs for directional indicators, stamp sidewalks with paint along the route and in Bronstein Park along the one mile route for the American Heart Association's Start! Walking Program.

On motion of Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Shea addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Communication from Bruce Willey, Kiwanis Club of Manchester, requesting permission to replace and add road signs.

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Shea addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, regarding amendments to the new Ordinance Section 70.36 Walking Disability as well as a related Ordinance amendment to Section 70.06 Definitions.

On motion of Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman J. Roy, it was voted to discuss this item.

Ms. Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, stated the existing Ordinance came to our attention about two weeks ago when we started losing cases in court for people who were parked on access aisles. The judge interpreted the existing language to say that a person displaying a valid placard or plate could legally park overlapping or in an access aisle. When we looked at the language, we agreed with the way it was stated and its interpretation, so we want to change it so we can be in line with the state RSA and legally prohibit cars from parking in access aisles.

Alderman Sullivan asked is the Solicitor okay with this? Does this look like it corrects the problem?

Mr. Tom Clark, City Solicitor, replied yes, it does. I know Tom Arnold has worked with Brandy on this.

On motion of Alderman Sullivan, duly seconded by Alderman J. Roy, it was voted to approve this item.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

10. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, submitting a snow removal policy clarifying the duties of certain departments.  
*(Tabled 1/20/09)*

This item remained on the table.

11. Summary of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices submitted by James Hoben, Traffic Division, if available.  
*(Note: Communication from Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director, attached. Tabled 1/20/09)*

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman J. Roy asked correct me if I'm wrong, Matt, but this report is pretty thick and it's in your office, correct?

City Clerk Matt Normand replied that's correct. It's contained in a four-inch binder.

Alderman J. Roy stated we can go down there and take a look if we want to.

Alderman Ouellette stated I know there are some issues with what they called warrants, but if you want to have a stop sign put up or a stop light put up, and Jim you can correct me if I'm wrong, you have to meet certain criteria in order to do that legally, is that correct?

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Ouellette, it was voted to receive and file this item.

### **New Business**

City Clerk Normand stated there is a handout that has been submitted to the Committee tonight from Brandy Stanley and it contains two Ordinance amendments that she is looking the Board to report on tomorrow.

Ms. Stanley stated these two Ordinances establish a new parking lot and rates associated with it. The lot is located on the corner of Granite and Canal Streets. It was previously being used as a staging area for the bridge construction. It is between Granite and Hampshire First Bank, over by Granite and Depot. The City does actually own that. This was brought to me fairly recently by the Economic Development Director who had been working with the contractor and the Highway Department and recommended that it be turned into a 23-space parking lot that could be managed by the City. The intent is to sell the spaces during the day, predominantly to users of the bus station because we know that parking is an issue for the commuters. This would be a great location for the people who are commuting and it would also be a great lot to use for event parking for both the baseball stadium and the arena. The contractor that has been working on the road is under an obligation to return the land to the state it was before construction began. Basically, they are already obligated to spend some money to restore it, but we are asking for an additional \$35,000 to install a Pay and Display meter and pave it. In terms of the source of funding we expect, though we don't know for sure, the proceeds of the lot will pay for the construction in FY2010 and still have \$11,000 in revenue left over. We still need to go through the CIP Committee to establish a CIP account and get the appropriate funding source all figured out, but in the meantime, because this involves a fee, the Ordinance does have to layover. In order to get construction completed by the end of the month, we're trying to work a parallel path: one through this Committee so we can get the Ordinances on the books and then Aldermen Lopez and O'Neil will be bringing in something tomorrow night requesting that it be referred to the CIP Committee so that they can get everything all set up.

Alderman J. Roy asked Brandy, is this going to be permanent parking only? I know you said a kiosk was going in there for events, but I think in the beginning of your statement you said it was going to be for people parking for the buses. Is your intent to have it permit parking during the day? How's that going to work?

Ms. Stanley replied if we get enough demand for monthly parking permits, we would make it permanent parking only and turn the meter off so you couldn't actually use it. We do need a meter, however, because we don't want to staff the lot for events, so we can use the meter in place of an attendant. If for some reason there are open spaces after we have satisfied all the monthly permit demands, we can turn the meter on and allow transient parking. We don't know exactly how it's going to shake out yet.

Chairman Shea asked so it would be amending Chapter 7, Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Manchester, Section 70.57 Parking Rates and establish event parking and hourly rates for the Canal Street Lot?

Alderman J. Roy stated one question for Tom. Tom, have you looked at this? Is it all good?

Mr. Clark replied this is the first I've seen it, but we will look at it before tomorrow night.

Alderman Ouellette asked the event parking, \$5 to \$10 per event, why are we charging that when we charge \$1 for on-street parking?

Ms. Stanley replied the other parking lot that we sell for event parking is ordained for a rate between \$6 and \$10 and depending on the event we will charge between \$6 and \$10. We were trying to be in line with the other off-street parking lot that we operate. If we sold event parking for \$1 we would have difficulty generating revenue on that lot.

Alderman Ouellette asked where is the other lot that you sell?

Ms. Stanley replied that's the Pine Street Lot, which is right behind the Federal Court House, in between the residential high-rise and the Fire Department; between Pine and Chestnut Streets.

Alderman Ouellette asked between Central and Merrimack Streets?

Alderman J. Roy asked and we receive the revenues for that?

Ms. Stanley replied yes, we do.

Alderman J. Roy asked who collects the money for that? Is it a person in your department?

Ms. Stanley replied yes.

Alderman J. Roy asked so it will be the same for this parking lot, someone in your department will be receiving those revenues?

Ms. Stanley replied yes.

Alderman Sullivan stated something for clarification. You just said someone will be there collecting revenue. Is it someone physically there or is it the kiosk that collects the revenue?

Ms. Stanley replied I'm sorry, I wasn't clear. It would be the kiosk. However, the City would receive the money.

Alderman Sullivan asked the City would receive it, but it would be the kiosk that does the actual collection?

Ms. Stanley replied that's correct.

Alderman Sullivan asked, while we're on the topic, has any thought been given to putting a kiosk in at the Pine Street Lot? Would that be more cost effective than having someone paid to monitor that lot?

Ms. Stanley replied it probably would be, depending on the event. For larger events where we sell over 100 cars, having a Pay and Display meter isn't going to work. For some of the smaller events like a Wolves game or a Monarchs game where we don't do that many cars that would definitely save us some money.

Alderman Sullivan stated we'll have that discussion at some other time I guess.

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to approve amendments 70.57 and 70.54.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee