

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

April 4, 2011

5:45 PM

Chairman Roy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Osborne, Long, Ouellette, Shaw

Messrs: K. Sheppard, T. Arnold

Chairman Roy addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed:

ONE WAY STREET:

Lawton Street, from Young Street, southerly, thence easterly to Belmont Street
Alderman Shea

NO PARKING ANYTIME – EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

On Somerville Street, north side, from a point 155 feet east of Maple Street to a
point 30 feet east
Alderman Shea

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to approve the traffic agenda submitted.

Chairman Roy addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, requesting on behalf of Easter Seals twenty on-street parking permits free of charge for their annual walk to be held Thursday, June 9, 2011.

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

Chairman Roy addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, requesting on behalf of the YWCA the use of Arms Park on April 28, 2011, for their annual Take Back the Night event.

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

Chairman Roy addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, submitting an amendment to Ordinance Section 70.55 expanding Residential Parking Permit Zone #2 to include the Gaslight District.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to table this item.

TABLED ITEMS

7. Discussion regarding a revised Ordinance proposal related to commercial motor vehicles.
(Note: Tabled 1/3/2011; the Parking Division, Traffic Division and City Solicitor to meet with Committee representatives.)

This item remained on the table.

8. Communication from Joseph Parrotto, Beaver Street resident, regarding traffic issues in the area of Candia Road and Hanover Street.
(Note: Retabled 1/3/2011 with a recommendation to be submitted by NHDOT. Originally tabled 12/6/2010. A review from NHDOT submitted on 2/28/2011 is attached.)

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roy stated I believe we have one new item of business. Brandy Stanley called me the other day and asked if we could bring this in under new business. It is the Gold Star Mothers, who are constructing the statue on Elm Street, are looking for three parking spaces from today until May 1, 2011. This would be while they are doing the construction.

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

Alderman Ouellette stated I have another item of new business. I attended the last CIP meeting and heard the discussion about the School District's project at Parker Varney. Seeing the four different plans that are out there, I noticed that the adopted one, which is plan #1, included a roundabout on Lewis Street and James Pollock Drive. That process has not gone through this Committee. I think that it is the purview of this Committee to approve such a project, not the School District. I would make a motion, Mr. Chairman, that the Clerk send a letter to the Building and Sites Committee of the Board of School Committee, as well as the Superintendent and the Director of Parks and Recreation. I don't know if Mr. Sheppard wants to speak to that, but I informed him that I was going to be making that motion tonight and he was in agreement.

Alderman Ouellette moved to have the Clerk send a letter to the Building and Sites Committee of the Board of School Committee, as well as the Superintendent and the Director of Parks and Recreation. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Ouellette stated I would just note that anytime any traffic patterns are being discussed, no matter what department in the City, it must come to this Committee first. I am told that they are going to be maybe moving ahead with the project in terms of putting some playground equipment in, thinking that this is all approved and that wouldn't be the wisest thing. Thank you.

Mr. Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director, stated I can tell you, and obviously I think you are familiar, that option one versus option 4, the playground is in different locations. I believe they came to the CIP Committee, I am not sure if that is the proper procedure, the City Solicitor can confirm. We will obviously have to hold back, if the Solicitor feels that they need to come before this Committee. I don't know what the next step will be.

Chairman Roy stated Tom, if in fact they are going to do anything in the streets, it is my belief that they need to come through this Committee. Is that correct, if they are going to put a roundabout or anything like that in the street?

Mr. Thomas Arnold, Deputy City Solicitor, replied if they are going to change a traffic regulation or a pattern than yes, I believe that should come to this Committee. However, typically where it involves initial construction, does not come to this Committee. I don't believe there is a traffic circle out there now, so we are probably in the area of new construction.

Alderman Ouellette asked so the short answer is that it has to come to this Committee?

Chairman Roy replied that is what I believe. It should come through us, especially if they are planning on doing something like that.

Mr. Arnold stated if they are planning on altering a traffic pattern on an existing street than yes. As I said, I am not real familiar with the alternatives other than having seen them at the last CIP Committee meeting.

Chairman Roy stated there will be no new streets constructed. It is going to be a reconfiguration.

On motion of Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted that the Clerk send a letter to the Building and Sites Committee of the Board of School Committee, as well as the Superintendent and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Ouellette, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee