

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

Members of the public also had the option to join the meeting over Zoom.

8:30 AM

May 4, 2023

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney
Fire Chief William McQuillen
Stefanie Casella, Planning Department
Erica Wygonik (Alternate)
Harold Whitehouse
Mary Lou McElwain
Mark Syracuse

Absent

Steve Pesci

City Staff Present:

Parking Director Ben Fletcher
City Engineer – Parking, Transportation and Planning Eric Eby
Associate Engineer Tyler Reece

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:06:39] Peter Rice moved to accept the Financial Report dated March 31, 2023, and place it on file, seconded by Chief McQuillen. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 9-0.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

[00:07:58] There were five speakers: Barbara Pamboukas spoke regarding traffic on

Maplewood Avenue at Cutts Street. Anne Weidman and Roger Goun spoke in support of increased handicap parking at Prescott Park during events. Anne Poubeau and William Davis spoke regarding the roundabout at Bartlett and Thornton Streets. Ms. Poubeau also mentioned the upcoming bicycle rodeo.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A. [00:19:15] Hanover Street, request to renew valet license, by the 100 Club. Mary Lou McElwain moved to approve renewal of valet license for 1 year, seconded by Erica Wygonik. **Motion passed on unanimous vote, 9-0.**
- B. [00:19:46] Prescott Park parking lot, proposal to provide additional handicap parking for events, and discussion of lot in Zone A, by Chairman. Mark Syracuse moved to approve additional handicap parking spaces during events. **Motion passed on a unanimous vote, 9-0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:26:33] Islington Street and Bartlett Street intersection, request for pedestrian improvements, by resident. Report back on traffic signal adjustments and crosswalks.
- B. [00:28:55] Loading zones, request to lengthen time limits to 1 hour, by business owner. Peter Rice made a motion to place item on file, seconded by Chief McQuillen. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 9-0.**
- C. [00:33:19] Loading zones, report back on sharing loading zones as parking inventory at designated times, by DPW. Erica Wygonik moved to approve change in parking hours at specified loading zones, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. **Motion carried on a unanimous vote 9-0.**

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [00:34:54] Monthly Accident Report from Police.
- B. [00:35:30] McKinley Road, update on traffic calming measures.
- C. [00:37:08] Bartlett Street at Thornton Street, update on temporary roundabout trial.
- D. [00:48:53] Market Street, update on closure for utility project.

- E. [00:49:53] Outdoor dining barrier placement update.
- F. [00:50:23] Bicycle Rodeo and Mayor's bike ride, May 20.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[00:51:48] Harold Whitehouse commented that it would be beneficial for the City Manager to continue attending Parking and Traffic Safety Committee meetings. Discussion ensued that she has other significant demands on her time and staff does report back to her on these meetings.

[00:54:22] Mary-Lou McElwain asked about parking ticketing practices.

[00:58:13] Erica Wygonik requested an update on the Middle Street and Middle Road intersection reconstruction.

[00:58:52] The store at 147 Congress Street, at the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Congress Street, will be undergoing renovations. The sidewalks on that corner will be closed for a month or more.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Syracuse moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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