

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Johnson, Swiston, Yates, Fuller and Kalis

Absent: Ald. Schwartz and Harney

City Staff: Jim Danila, Transportation Engineer and David Koses, Transportation Planner

#70-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting to increase the full time complement of personnel in Police Dispatch by 1 FTE for the period beginning April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Currently, a full time employee is out on extended medial leave on a “no pay” status. This request enables the department to cover the dispatch center with a technician as opposed to paying overtime to a sworn officer. [03/12/12 @ 4:09 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0, Ald. Fuller not voting**

NOTE: Chair Ciccone stated that Chief Cummings requested this item be voted no action necessary because the request is no longer necessary. Overtime pay will not be paid to an officer to cover this request. Therefore, without discussion, Ald. Johnson moved no action necessary. Committee members agreed 5-0, Ald. Fuller not voting.

#86-12 ALD. CICCONE, requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-30(a), Procedures for Traffic Council, to require all Traffic Council meetings be held in the evening. [03/16/12 @ 1:44 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0**

NOTE: Chair Ciccone stated that he spoke with Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer regarding this item. It is the Executive Department’s intention to write a policy allowing other Committees the opportunity to meet during the day as long as citizen participation is not necessary. Mr. Rooney requested that the ordinance not be changed.

Without discussion, Ald. Yates made the motion to hold this item pending a written policy from the Executive Department for review. Committee members agreed 6-0.

#87-12 ALD. SALVUCCI, requesting the establishment of a permit parking program for the Melrose Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Auburndale to assist abutting businesses with parking for their employees. [03/23/12 @ 12:52 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0**

NOTE: Chair Ciccone said that the MBTA is now charging a fee to park in the Auburn Street municipal parking lot. It appears commuters are now parking in the business district occupying employee parking.

He then said that Ald. Harney and the Ward 4 Aldermen would docket an item for Traffic Council's consideration to implement a two-hour parking restriction during the morning hours to deter commuters.

Ald. Kalis made the motion to hold this item allowing the Ward 4 Aldermen the opportunity to docket an item for Traffic Council's consideration. Committee members agreed 6-0.

At approximately 8:05 pm, Ald. Johnson moved to adjourn. Committee members agreed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Deleted language struck through:

Sec. 19-30. Procedures for Traffic Council; effective date.

(a) In order to promote citizen participation, the traffic council shall ~~endeavor to~~ hold its meetings during evening hours when the board of aldermen or its committees do not have regularly scheduled meetings.

(b) A majority of the members of the traffic council shall constitute a quorum. A vote to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation or to establish or discontinue a field trial shall require agreement among no fewer than three of the members, but while a quorum is present, any other motion may be adopted by a simple majority vote.

(c) The traffic council shall make every effort to complete its review of each item within three (3) months from the date the matter first appears on its agenda.

(d) Whenever the traffic council receives a petition concerning a matter which was the subject of a traffic council decision within the prior twelve month period, the traffic council shall immediately deny the petition on the ground that no action is deemed necessary, unless the traffic council determines that there has been a material and compelling change of conditions which merits further analysis.

(e) In rendering a final decision on a petition, the traffic council may approve, deny, or amend the petition, provided the petition as amended is effective within the same or a reduced geographic area.

(f) Subject to the provisions of section 19-33(c), regulations adopted, amended or repealed by the traffic council pursuant to section 19-26(a) shall become effective at the expiration of twenty days or at any later date specified by the traffic council.

(g) By September 30 of each year, the traffic council shall submit to the board of aldermen an annual report on the work of the council, which shall include a statistical summary of the items on the council's agenda, and the disposition or status of each item. The report shall include the date of the filing of each petition and the date of its disposition. (Ord. No. Z-12, 12-03-07)

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ORDINANCE NO.

March , 2012

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to **Section 19-30 Procedures for traffic Council, effective date** as follows:

Delete, in the second clause of paragraph (a) of Sec. 19-30, after the word "shall" and before the word "hold", the words: "endeavor to"

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved: June 21, 2006

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
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