

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

Remote Participation:

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Captain Jeffrey Boudreau, Newton Police Department; Jeremy Freudberg, Alternate Resident Member; Councilor Downs; and Isaac Prizant, Traffic Engineer

Also Present: Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning; Nathan Giacalone, Committee Clerk

Ms. Freedman provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report.

TC165-20 COUNCILORS LEARY AND GREENBERG, requesting to add EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles into the Adams Street Parking Lot. (Ward 1)
[11/25/20 @ 2:37 PM]

ACTION: **HOLD 5-0. Held for a trial of the following: Up to two parking spaces in the Adams Street Parking Lot may be removed and replaced by a combination of spaces reserved for shared electric vehicles and spaces reserved for electric vehicle charging.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos, and recommendation.

Ms. Freedman said that the Adams Street Parking Lot currently has 27 spots and no parking meters. The proposal would change two parking spaces to “other,” which would be EV charging stations. One charger would be intended for general public use while the other would be for an EV car share program similar to the Lexington and Richardson parking lots. Ms. Freedman said that the TPR would need to be updated to specify how these spaces would be used. Mr. Koses added that the recommendation to hold items TC165-20 and TC166-20 is to allow construction to begin as soon as weather allows on these stations. Ms. Freedman said that Eversource will cover the cost of installation.

Councilor Downs asked if these charging stations could ever be altered to accommodate electric bicycles, which Ms. Freedman answered could be included in a future plan at some point.

Councilor Downs asked if there would ever be meters in the lot. Mr. Koses said that this is being discussed but meters are unlikely to be installed during the pandemic. Councilor Downs added that meters should be based on demand and to address abuses of the three-hour time limit. Mr.

Koses also referred to an earlier parking survey of Nonantum which found that there was not enough long-term parking. Metering these lots would allow for long-term parking.

Mr. Freudberg asked if the Chapel Street lot was considered for installation of these spaces. Ms. Freedman answered that the Chapel Street lot was presented to Eversource along with the other options and it was determined that Adams Street was a better value for the power.

There were no residents present who wished to speak on the item.

Mr. Prizant moved to hold the item for trial which carried 5-0.

TC166-20 COUNCILORS LEARY AND GREENBERG, requesting to add EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles into the Pearl Street Parking Lot. (Ward 1) [11/25/20 @ 2:37 PM]

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Ms. Freedman said that the Pearl Street Parking Lot is being reconstructed soon and as a result can add the EV chargers. will take these EV chargers into account. As with TC165-20, the recommendation is to hold TC166-20 for trial to allow for a speedy construction of the EV chargers. There are currently 72 total parking spaces in the lot. While there are no final estimates yet for the number of proposed parking spots, these can be confirmed later in the spring.

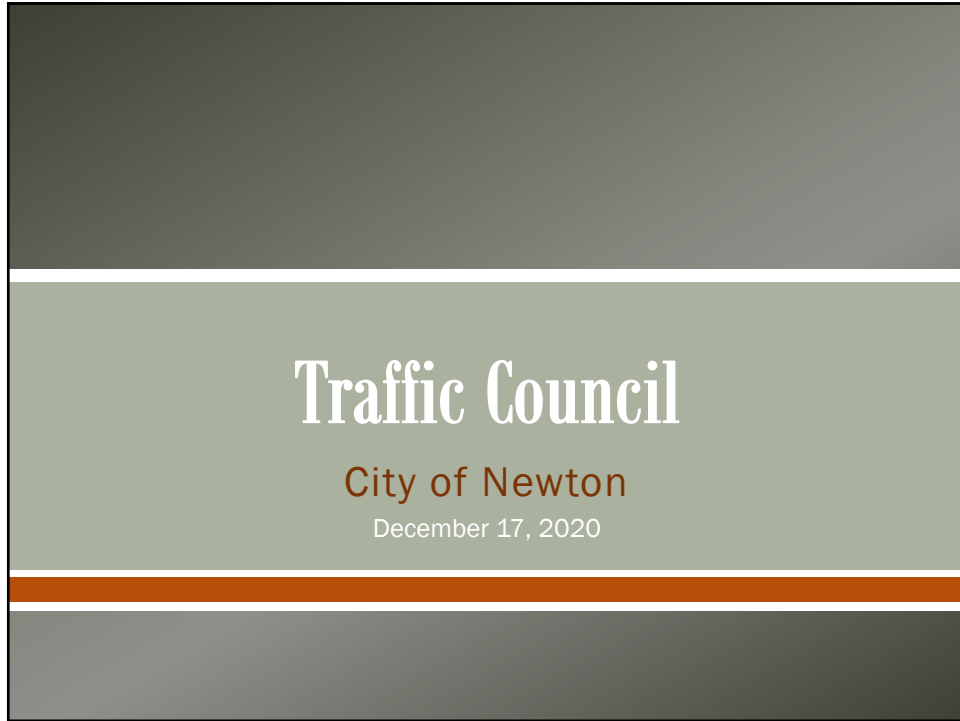
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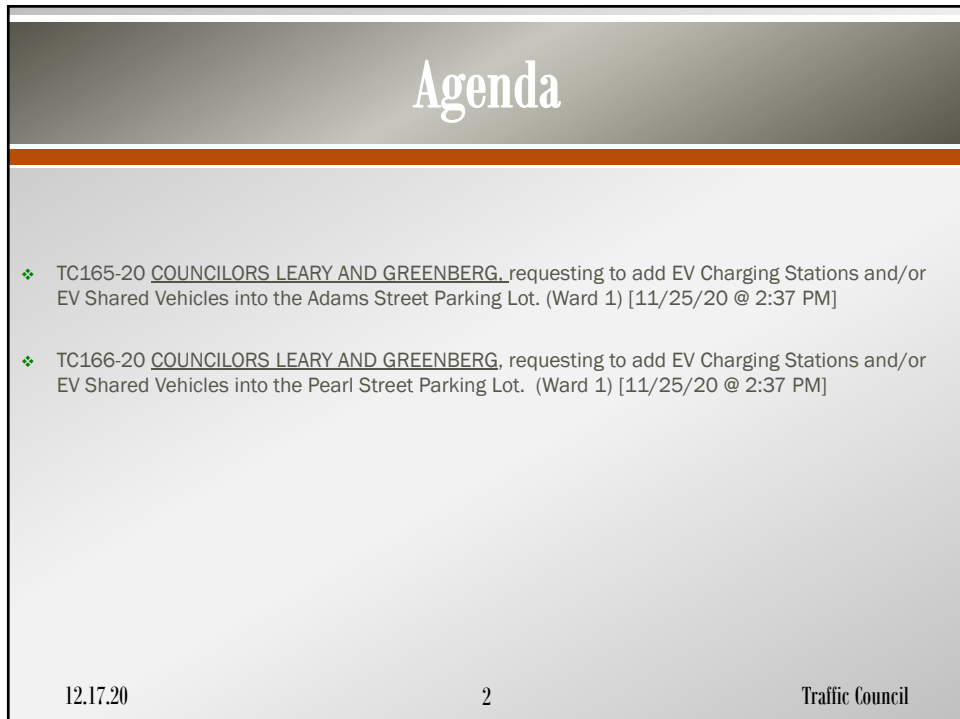
The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair



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Adams Street Lot Location Map

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Summary

3 Hr spaces = 25

HP spaces = 2

Total = 27



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Current & Proposed Distribution

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Distribution of Time Limits in the Adams Street Parking Lot


	3 hour	Accessible and Other	Total
Existing #	25	2	27
Proposed #	23	4	27

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<h2>Proposed Future TPR language</h2>	<h2>TC165-20</h2>																					
<p>ADD the new Sec. TPR-196. Time limits in municipal off-street parking areas. The following municipal off-street parking areas are hereby designated parking zones that do not require payment. The distribution of time limits within each municipal off-street parking area, and the time periods within which payment is required, is shown in the following table.</p>																						
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<h2>Photo of Similar EV Spaces Lexington Street Lot</h2>	<h2>TC165-20</h2>
	
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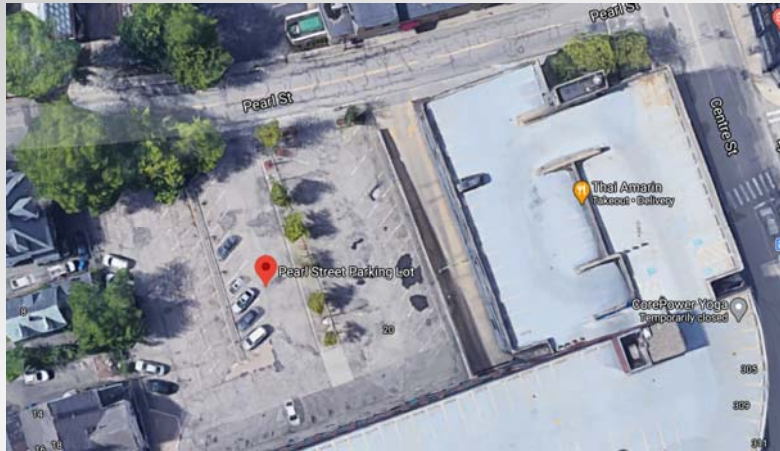
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Existing Pearl Street Lot Location Map

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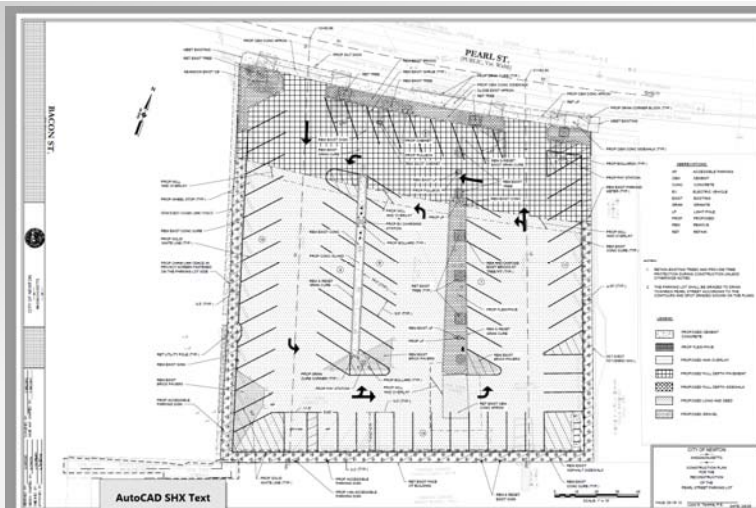
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Planned Pearl Street Lot Location Map

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