



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

June 26, 2014

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Captain Robert DiBari, Traffic Commissioner, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Ken Galligan, Ross Messina and Councilor Moises Rodrigues. Unable to be present were D.P.W. Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Councilor Dennis Eaniri and member Mort Schleffer. Also present were Councilor Shirley Asack, and resident Steven License.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the May Minutes.

46 RIVER STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli on behalf of Steven License to have a “No Parking” sign installed in front of his resident at 46 River Street.

Mr. Steven License appeared before the Traffic Commission and stated that he and his wife have lived at this address for five years and the parking situation is a problem, mostly on weekends. There is a lot of traffic coming and going for short periods of time. Cars park on both sides of the street and he believes that fire trucks and emergency vehicles would have difficulty getting down the street. He has had a court case with his neighbor on a parking issue, and they have a signed agreement regarding the matter but it appears that some of the parking problems may be deliberately done. Ken Galligan asked which section of the street was a problem, and Mr. License said he is about halfway down on the even-numbered side of the street. Mr. License said that two “no parking” signs have been posted in the vicinity of 10 River Street, but he does not know if those are legitimate signs. Mr. License would like to see a change in the parking on the street, restricting the parking to one side. Ken Galligan asked if Mr. License was looking to restrict the parking on the west side of River Street from the curve down to East Ashland Street and Mr. License said that he was open to ideas that the Traffic Commission may have to resolve the situation. He was also concerned because there are a lot of kids on the street and the cars go flying up and down the street. Councilor Rodrigues asked if the cars parking on the street are residents and Mr. License indicated that there appears to be a lot of short-term traffic at 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. and on weekends you can hardly get down the street. Captain DiBari said that there is no standard answer to this type of problem and the Commission would go out to view the area; he also asked whether the other neighbors complained at all and Mr. License said that his next door neighbors finally moved. He does not think that it is a real problem for most of the neighbors and feels that his family bears the brunt of the parking issues, whether it is personal or coincidental. He believes that it is about 3 houses that cause the issue. He is looking to see if the Traffic Commission can take some action that will give him some relief from the situation; he also stated that there are hard-working families living in the neighborhood and he knows they want places to park and he is not looking to interfere with them either.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

ADDISON STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of residents to have the Traffic Commission address the issue of truck parking on Addison Street and to discuss restricting parking and traveling on that street so that commercial vehicles are not allowed.

Captain DiBari stated that the Subcommittee recommends that no vehicles over 26,000 gvw will be allowed and signs will be placed on Hillcrest Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Manners Avenue and Mellen Street.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To place “No vehicles over 26,000 gvw” signs on Hillcrest Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Manners Avenue and Mellen Street.

PRICE AVENUE, RUTLAND STREET, VINE STREET and PORTER STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of the Montello Business Association and the area residents to view the area around Price Avenue, Rutland Street, Vine Street and Porter Street as this area is used as a cut through and people are congregating in this area for illicit purposes.

Captain DiBari stated that the Subcommittee decided that this is not really a Traffic Commission issue and Councilor Asack stated that Battles Farm management has been contacted and they will increase lighting in the area and Councilor Asack will have the D.P.W. install a new light there.

Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

ANGELO SCHOOL

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of residents to have the Traffic Commission view the area surrounding the Angelo Street on North Main Street due to ongoing parking issues.

Captain DiBari stated that the Subcommittee recommends that “No Parking, Standing or Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days” signs be installed on Ford Street from North Main Street to Coburn Street on the south side of the street and then on Division Street the “No Parking” signs that were on the south side of the street will be replaced. These are to go up against the fence on the poles. Ken Galligan asked that the records be checked to see if it was previously officially posted “No Parking” on the south side of Division Street from Coburn Street to North Main Street. A vote was taken that parking be prohibited on the south side of Division Street from Coburn Street to North Main Street (in the event no prior record is found).

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install “No Parking, Standing or Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days” signs on Ford Street from North Main Street to Coburn Street on the south side of the street and then on Division Street the “No Parking” signs that were on the south side of the street will be replaced. These are to go up against the fence on the poles. And further a vote was taken that parking be prohibited on the south side of Division Street from Coburn Street to North Main Street (in the event no prior record is found).

MANTHALA GEORGE SCHOOL

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of residents to have the Traffic Commission view the area surrounding the Manthala George School on Colonel Bell Drive due to ongoing parking issues. Captain DiBari stated that the school police are going to look into this matter and that no action needs to be taken by the Traffic Commission.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

WESTGATE DRIVE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Harry Minassian, Sr. to have more signage placed on Westgate Drive in the vicinity of Westgate Lanes as there is a speeding problem there.

Councilor Shirley Asack stated that Mr. Minassian called again and the problem is continuing. Captain DiBari said that the traffic enforcement unit went to that location and did not find too many violators. Captain DiBari asked if Councilor Asack could get specific times that the problem is happening and she stated that Mr. Minassian is there from early in the morning until about 3:00 p.m. and that appears to be the time when he is seeing the problem.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer this matter to Subcommittee for review.

RAINBOW CIRCLE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission view the area of Rainbow Circle as there are speeding problems on this street.

Councilor Asack said that this issue has come as a result of the street being repaved and it is a cut-through street from Battles Street and Cross Street and that this is a thickly-settled neighborhood.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review and that the traffic enforcement unit be assigned to that location to check for speeders.

59 RAINBOW CIRCLE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Smith Vil to have an “Autistic Child” sign installed in front of 59 Rainbow Circle.

Councilor Asack said that she informed Mr. Vil that a doctor’s note was needed and that they were on the agenda for this meeting and she thought that he would be in attendance at the meeting. Councilor Asack said that she would get in touch with Mr. Vil again and have him submit the doctor’s note so that the Traffic Commission can act on his request.

Upon motion made by Councilor Moises Rodrigues, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To postpone the matter until a doctor’s note is received from Mr. Vil.

HOLBROOK AVENUE

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of a resident regarding too many cars parked on the street and blocking traffic on Holbrook Avenue. Councilor Stewart would like the Commission to consider restricting parking to one side of the street.

Captain DiBari stated that the Subcommittee decided to take no action until Councilor Asack has had an opportunity to look into the matter.

Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to have the Traffic Commission install a “No Parking on the Sidewalk” sign on a freestanding pole in front of 199 West Chestnut Street.

Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To place a “No Parking on the Sidewalk” sign on a freestanding pole in front of 199 West Chestnut Street.

BROOKSIDE AVENUE

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski at the request of residents to have the Traffic Commission re-review the parking restrictions on Brookside Avenue.

Ken Galligan stated that the map previously provided did not give any information that was helpful and he does not believe that any new information has been provided by the neighbors.

Upon motion made by Councilor Moises Rodrigues, seconded by Ken Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To continue this matter to the next meeting.

CHANNING AVENUE and LONGWOOD AVENUE

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri that a street sign be placed on the telephone pole at the corner of Longwood Avenue and Channing Avenue identifying Channing Avenue. The sign from Longwood Ave is missing. The street is identified from Wilson Street only.

Councilor Moises Rodrigues stated that he had a conversation with Councilor Eaniri as Councilor Eaniri was not able to attend the meeting, and he does not think it needs action by the Traffic Commission as the signs were already there and just need to be replaced.

Upon motion made by Captain Robert DiBari, seconded by Ken Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To replace the Channing Avenue sign on the telephone pole at the corner of Longwood Avenue and Channing Avenue.

201 NEWBURY STREET

Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan on behalf of resident Dorothy Hearn to have an “Autistic Child” sign placed in front of her home at 201 Newbury Street.

Patricia Florio explained that Ms. Hearn came into the Traffic Commission office and it was explained to her that she needed to contact her ward councilor to request this type of sign. Subsequent to that, Councilor Monahan contacted the office and he was going to have Ms. Hearn get a doctor’s note certifying the need for the sign and he requested that the item be placed on the agenda.

Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To postpone this issue until the next meeting pending receipt of a doctor’s note.

PEARL STREET

Request from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Tom Sedell to have the Traffic Commission review the area on Pearl Street headed northbound at Pleasant Street to determine whether the left-turn only lane should be made a dual left-turn or straight ahead lane.

Patricia Florio stated that Councilor Cruise called the office to request that the item be placed on the agenda and explained that Mr. Sedell operates the Wine Basket store on Pearl Street and his customers have a problem trying to enter the parking lot of the plaza. Ross Messina stated that what happens is cars taking a left turn onto Pleasant Street end up swerving around the cars trying to take a left turn into the Wine Basket and that part of the problem is that the line painting on the street is faded and it is difficult to see that it is a left-turn only lane. Ken Galligan stated that there were problems at that intersection and the Traffic Commission voted to make the left-turn only lane and he believes that the lanes work well as they are now.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

There being no further business to come before the Commission upon motion duly made by Captain DiBari, seconded by Deputy Chief Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio
Secretary to the Traffic Commission