

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

*Members of the public also had the opportunity to join the meeting via
Zoom*

8:30 AM

November 7th, 2024

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney
Stephanie Casella, Planning Department
Erica Wygonik
Mark Syracuse
Mary Lou McElwain
Dave Allen (alternate)

Fire Chief William McQuillen arrived at 8:39 AM

City Staff Present:

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

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:03:57] Mark Syracuse moved to accept the financial report dated September 30th, 2024, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

[00:04:20] There was one speaker: Olari Lane, representing the four apartments at 306 Hanover Street, spoke to the desire for the re-implementation of a resident parking program for the Islington Creek neighborhood and the general confusion regarding the existing 'resident only' parking signs.

V. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. [00:10:34] Hanover Street, request to renew annual valet license agreement for The One

Hundred Club, by business owner. Peter Rice moved to approve the annual renewal of the valet license for the One Hundred Club. The motion passed unanimously, with Committee Chair Bagley recusing from the vote.

- B. [00:11:20] Marston Street, request to install STOP sign and NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign near intersection with South Street and to trim vegetation to improve sight lines at intersection, by resident. Erica Wygonik moved to approve the installation of stop sign and No Parking Here to Corner sign on Marston Street at the intersection with South Street, and to trim vegetation within city right of way to improve sight lines, with the understanding that any sign installation would be preceded by input from the legal department. The motion was seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. The motion passed 8-0, with Public Works Director Peter Rice recusing from the vote.
- C. [00:22:49] South Street, request for crosswalk at Rand Court, by resident. Mary Lou McElwain moved to refer to staff for evaluation and a report back at a future meeting, seconded by Dave Allen. The motion passed 9-0.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:26:02] Bartlett Street, Cate Street, Hodgdon Way pedestrian and vehicular concerns, by residents. City Engineer Eric Eby spoke regarding sight lines and traffic speeds on Cate Street, as well as pedestrian volumes at the Cate Street / Hodgdon Way intersection. Erica Wygonik moved to have City Staff report back to the Homeowners Association with site plan recommendations that could be taken to improve sight lines with regards to hedge trimming in addition to directional traffic changes at the driveway in question, and that City Staff have reviewed the situation and there are limited actions that the City can take to alleviate this issue. Mary Lou McElwain seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [00:37:06] Police monthly accident report
- B. [00:38:01] City road construction projects update
- C. [00:51:56] New sign design for private parking lots

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[00:49:56] Mary Lou McElwain commented that the speed feedback signs do not appear to be functional as often as they used to be. City Engineer Eric Eby explained that all the speed feedback signs in the City have been reprogrammed to only display a speed when vehicles exceed 5 MPH or more over the posted speed limit, to better target speeding drivers.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bagley adjourned the meeting at 9:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Reese
Associate Engineer, Department of Public Works