

**CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons; Commissioner Charles Yost

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

OTHERS: Bruce Chimento, Director of Public Works; Fred Eshraghi, Traffic Engineer; Michael Yeosock, Assistant Principal Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:00 p. m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public came forward.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPCIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. RECOMMEND THE CLOSURE OF RT. 136 (ROWAYTON AVENUE) FROM PENNOYER STREET TO MCKINLEY STREET ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017 FROM 5 P. M. TO 10 P. M. FOR THE HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL.

Mr. Yeosock stated that traffic would be directed to Pennoyer Street. Mayor Rilling noted that Pennoyer Street is narrow and recommended traffic be instead directed to Witch Lane.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO CLOSE RT. 136 (ROWAYTON AVENUE) FROM WITCH LANE TO MCKINLEY STREET ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017 FROM 5 P. M. TO 10 P. M. FOR THE HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL.**

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INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Ely Avenue – South Norwalk Parking concerns (on-going)

Mr. Yeosock stated that the Parking Authority has begun to enforce the existing parking regulation in the Ely Avenue areas. He stated that courtesy warning notices were issued and that tickets are now being issued. Mr. Yeosock noted that in the next few weeks, Department of Public Works Traffic staff will meet with police staff to review the effects of enforcement.

2. Rt 136 (Winfield Avenue) at Duck Pond Road intersection (update)

Mr. Yeosock stated that we have reviewed the most recent accident statistics for this intersection. Five accidents have occurred since January of 2015. One occurred in 2015. One occurred in 2016 and three occurred this year. Mr. Chimento stated that sight lines at the intersection have been determined to be sufficient and recommended that no action be taken.

3. Maple Street at Prospect Street crosswalk (update)

Mr. Yeosock stated that there is a 13% slope at the intersection. It is virtually impossible to install a crosswalk at this location that will meet ADA guidelines. Mr. Chimento stated that the crosswalk would need to be installed at least 250 feet to the west where the grade of Maple Street is 8%. Mr. Chimento stated he would meet with Administrators at the Hospital and report back to the Authority.

4. Norwalk Community College – on-street parking proposal

Mr. Chimento stated that a few weeks ago, the Traffic Division met with the Norwalk Bike Walk Advisory Commission and staff from the Norwalk Community College. Various on-street improvements that could be made around the college to decrease speeding, increase pedestrian safety and provide a more appealing street environment were discussed. Mr. Chimento distributed a map of Richards Avenue which showed proposed parking stalls. He stated that the stalls should slow the traffic down. He requested that the item be changed to an action item on the agenda and that approval be given for the layout.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO CHANGE INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM NUMBER 4 TO BUSINESS ITEM NUMBER 3.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND INSTALL PARKING SPACES ON RICHARDS AVENUE IN FRONT OF NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Norwalk Traffic Authority will be held at 4 p. m. on Monday, November 20, 2017. The meeting will be held at Norwalk Police Department at One Monroe Street.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p. m

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services