

**CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MAY 21, 2018**

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

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

OTHERS: Bruce Chimento, Director of Public Works; Michael Yeosock, Assistant Principal Engineer; Lt. Terry Blake, NPD

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jud Aley thanked the staff members of the Department of Public Works for meeting with him to discuss the crosswalk on Wall Street.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2018 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVE THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2018.

Mr. Yeosock stated that a request has been submitted for a road closure for a procession. The procession will make a loop from the St. Matthew parking lot to the intersection with Richards Avenue and Fillow Street and back. The route is approximately 1.3 miles.

Lt. Blake stated that there are five locations in this route that would require road closure areas. He recommended that six officers be assigned to cover the event. He stated that he received initial contact from the church but that they have not followed up with him to confirm the details of the event.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 WITH THE CONDITION THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARD STREET AND FREESE COURT AND REPLACE IT WITH AN ALL-WAY STOP.

Mr. Chimento stated that the traffic light was knocked down by a truck. We have placed a stop sign at the location and it has been working well. Mr. Yeosock stated that we do not know if the driver of the truck was identified.

Mayor Rilling stated that he would like to table the item. We may be able to submit an insurance claim if we know the identity of the driver of the truck.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARD STREET AND FREESE COURT AND REPLACE IT WITH AN ALL-WAY STOP.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON WALL STREET AT KNIGHT STREET.

Mr. Chimento stated that the original request was for just a crosswalk at Wall Street. We would also like to add a safety zone in front of the restaurant with two crosswalks to connect it.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON WALL STREET AT KNIGHT STREET WITH FLEXIBLE BOLLARDS INCLUDING THE BUMP OUTS AND PARKING JUST TO THE EAST OF KNIGHT STREET.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Wall Street – Request for parking spaces on Wall Street in front of Mill Hill Historical complex.

Mr. Yeosock stated that we have not done designs yet, but we are planning on putting five or six parking spots on Wall Street in front of the Mill Hill Historical complex. Mayor Rilling noted that there is a large amount of traffic congestion at that location.

2. East Avenue at St. Paul’s crosswalk update.

Mr. Yeosock stated that we are considering a long range plan for a pedestrian hybrid beacon at this location. Mr. Chimento stated that there needs to be a traffic light protecting the pedestrians that are crossing East Avenue. He stated that the plan would need to be approved by the State. Mayor Rilling directed Mr. Chimento to develop a plan and report back to the commission.

Closure of Wall Street on June 17th

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADD THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF WALL STREET ON JUNE 17TH TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Pastor Blaze Robertson came forward in support of the item. He stated that Hillsong CT church will be launching our first Sunday service. He stated that we would like to have two food trucks, an ice cream truck, a dunk tank, petting zoo, and two bounce houses on Wall Street. He stated that the event will go from 11:30 – 1:00 p. m. Clean-up after the event will be completed by 2:00 p. m.

Mayor Rilling stated that Police Department requirements must be complied with and local businesses need to be notified.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF WALL STREET FROM ISAACS STREET TO THE CROSSWALK IN FRONT OF THE WALL STREET THEATHER ON JUNE 17, 2018 FROM 9:00 A. M. – 2:00 P. M.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services