

**CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
JULY, 16, 2018**

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

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public came forward.

BUSINESS

1. Approve the minutes of the special meeting of Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Page 1 Change "the ordinance" to "the sign ordinance"
Change "expect" to "except"

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 19, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS).**

2. Approve the closure of Monroe Street from South Main Street to Chestnut Street on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 for Norwalk National Night Out from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF MONROE STREET FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO CHESTNUT STREET ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 FOR NORWALK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FROM 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM.**

Chief Kulhawik stated that the street closures for this event will be the same as the ones that were closed for the event in the previous year.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Approve the closure of Academy Street from Merwin Street to Chapel Street on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Carver Day.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF ACADEMY STREET FROM MERWIN STREET TO CHAPEL STREET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 FROM 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM FOR CARVER DAY.**

Mr. Chimento stated that the closure will be done for a one-day camp event.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Approve the closure of Merritt Street from South Main Street to Chestnut Street on Sunday August 26, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM for Open Door Shelter event.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF MERRITT STREET FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO CHESTNUT STREET ON SUNDAY AUGUST 26, 2018 FROM 1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM FOR OPEN DOOR SHELTER EVENT.**

Ms. Erin McDonough came forward. She stated that the event is being held in collaboration with the regional YMCA.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Approve the closure of Hendricks Street and Sherry Street for the St. Ann's Feast starting Thursday, July 26 and continuing through Sunday July 29, 2018.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF HENDRICKS STREET AND SHERRY STREET FOR THE ST. ANN'S FEAST STARTING THURSDAY, JULY 26 AND CONTINUING THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 29, 2018.**

Mr. Chimento stated that this event has been held for many years. The road closures will be the same as they have been in previous years.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Approve the closure of Washington Street between Water Street and S. Main Street on August 4, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM and August 5, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM for the SoNo Art Festival.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN WATER STREET AND S. MAIN STREET ON AUGUST 4, 2018 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 8:00 PM AND SUGUST 5, 2018 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 5:00 PM FOR THE SONO ART FESTIVAL.**

Mr. Chimento stated that the organizers of the event have requested that the area of closures be expanded.

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS AMENDED HER MOTION CLOSE WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN WATER STREET AND NORTH MAIN STREET; NORTH MAIN STREET BETWEEN WASHINGTON STREET AND MARSHALL STREET; WEST WASHINGTON BETWEEN SOUTH MAIN AND MADISON STREET ON AUGUST 4, 2018 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 8:00 PM AND SUGUST 5, 2018 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 5:00 PM FOR THE SONO ART FESTIVAL.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Approve the installation of a one-way traffic pattern on Merritt Street west-bound.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN ON MERRITT STREET WEST-BOUND.**

Mr. Frank Concepcion came forward in opposition to the item. He stated that the Norwalk Community Health Center bus will have difficulty parking in front of the shelter if the street is made to be one-way only. He requested that the bus be allowed to approach against traffic and park in front of the shelter, or change the direction of one-way traffic.

Mr. Yeosock stated that the street is narrow and lends itself to being one-way. Mayor Rilling stated reversing the one-way traffic flow would conflict with traffic pattern of the nearby one-way streets.

Mr. Concepcion stated that the bus could park on the northern part of the street. Mr. Yeosock stated that the no parking signs in that area can be removed so that the bus can park there legally.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Approve the installation of 8 parking spaces on the north side of Orchard Street as shown on the sketch entitled Orchard Street parking layout.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF 8 PARKING SPACES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ORCHARD STREET AS SHOWN ON THE SKETCH ENTITLED ORCHARD STREET PARKING LAYOUT.**

Mr. Yeosock stated that the area is currently a no parking zone. Many people have been parking there and getting tickets.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Approve replacement of traffic signal at Ward Street and Freese Court with a 3-way stop.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WARD STREET AND FREESE COURT WITH A 3-WAY STOP.**

Mr. Chimento stated that the traffic lights were taken down, and the 3-way stop has been working well. Residents have stated that they prefer the stop signs rather than the traffic light.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Approve the one-way traffic plan for Chestnut Street between Henry Street and Monroe Street between 8:30 AM and 9:15 AM and 3:15 PM and 4:00 PM on school days.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PLAN FOR CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN HENRY STREET AND MONROE STREET BETWEEN 8:30 AM AND 9:15 AM AND 3:15 PM AND 4:00 PM ON SCHOOL DAYS.**

Mayor Rilling asked that the effectiveness of the traffic plan be reviewed six months after installation. He stated that, at that point, changes may have to be made.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Approve the temporary traffic diversionary plan for Pine Street Extension beginning August 6, 2018 and continuing through September 17, 2018.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSIONARY PLAN FOR PINE STREET EXTENSION BEGINNING AUGUST 6, 2018 AND CONTINUING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.**

Mr. Chimento stated that the diversionary plan is being put in place for the residents of the condos. A left turn can be made at Grace Baptist Church. Pine Street will be used as the exit. The plan will be in place for 42 days.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. 9/11 Ride

Mr. Chimento stated that the request has been removed. The organizers of the event are working with GGP on a parking area for the motorcycles.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADD THE OYSTER FEST TRAFFIC PLAN TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling stated that the Oyster Fest Traffic plan is identical to the plan that was used for the previous year.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE OYSTER FEST TRAFFIC PLAN.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 27, 2018 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services