

**CITY OF NORWALK  
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2019**

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

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Police Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh; Kathryn Hebert, Director, TMP; Mike Yeosock, Assistant Director TMP; Fred Eshraghi, DPW Traffic Engineer

OTHERS: Colin Grotheer; Lucille Weldon

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public comment.

**1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 17, 2018.**

On page 2, Item 6, change “bust” to “bus”

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR THE BOSTON BUILDUP 25K RUN TO BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR THE BOSTON BUILDUP 25K RUN TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVE THE PARADE ROUTE FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARADE ROUTE FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR PROJECT PURPLE STEPS FOR A CURE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019.**

Chief Kulhawik said that the event has been held the past few years and he does not anticipate any issues. Mayor Rilling asked how long the route is. Chief Kulhawik said it is a 5K.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR PROJECT PURPLE STEPS FOR A CURE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. APPROVE THE BIKE ROUTE FOR THE MS BIKE RIDE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019.**

Chief Kulhawik said that he does not know much about the event but that it is only approximately 90 cyclists and that he doesn't anticipate any problems.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BIKE ROUTE FOR THE MS BIKE RIDE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. APPROVE THE PARKING PLAN FOR ELIZABETH STREET**

Mr. Grotheer presented the proposed parking plan and said that the Clark Building will be constructed into a five story building consisting of 29 apartments above. He said that there will be parking access from the rear and will adhere to city standards, and that they have been in discussions with the Department of Public Works and SNEW and are coordinating with Eversource for the underground utility lines as part of the Walk Bridge Project. He said that the parking plan will include 14 on street parking spaces. Commissioner Yost asked how many parking spaces there currently are. Mr. Grotheer said there are currently 13 parking spaces.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKING PLAN FOR ELIZABETH STREET.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. APPROVE THE NO PARKING ZONE FOR 3 ELMCREST TERRACE.**

Mr. Yeosock said the request is for a no parking zone in the vicinity of the proposed exit driveway for the development which will result in the loss of three un-striped parking spaces along the southbound side of Elmcrest Terrace. Mayor Rilling asked if it will affect the residence or businesses in anyway.

Commissioner Yost asked if the business owners have been notified. Mr. Yeosock said that the adjacent business owners have been notified and the special permit application is scheduled for a public hearing on February 7, 2019.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE NO PARKING ZONE FOR 3 ELMCREST TERRACE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. APPROVE ESTABLISHING A NO-U-TURN SCHOOL ZONE ON STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE BETWEEN COUNTY STREET AND KING STREET.**

Mr. Yeosock said that the u-turn is legal under the state law and that it is creating a dangerous situation. Mayor Rilling agreed and said that there are also sight line issues at that location.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING A NO-U-TURN SCHOOL ZONE ON STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE BETWEEN COUNTY STREET AND KING STREET.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. APPROVE NO PARKING ANYTIME ON CRESCENT STREET, THE WEST SIDE OF HARBOR AVENUE AND THE NORTH SIDE OF BUTLER STREET.**

Mr. Yeosock said that parking by the construction workers for the mall project is creating a safety hazard and they are recommending no parking on Crescent Street, the west side of Harbor Avenue and the North side of Butler Street. Mayor Rilling stated that he is concerned if the parking is taken away there will be not be enough parking for the property owners. Ms. Hebert stated that it is an unsafe environment and that she is receiving complaints on a daily basis. Mayor Rilling stated that the item was tabled last month and asked Mr. Yeosock if letters had been sent out to the property owners. Mr. Yeosock said "yes" and that 150 notices had gone out and that he had received two responses back one in favor of the no parking zone and one opposed.

Ms. Weldon said that parking has been taken away on Orchard Street in which she received no notification about and now she receives a letter that the parking is now going to be taken away on Harbor Avenue and asked where her relatives and visitors are supposed to park. She asked that the commission be more considerate when these decisions are being made and how it will affect the residents in the area. Commissioner Yost asked why this issue has come up. Mr. Yeosock said there are a lot of issues with cars parking there now and that parking was never an issue at that location in the past, and that they have received a lot of complaints and it is a dangerous situation. Mr. Eshraghi said it is a no parking area now and by installing the signage it would make it easier for the police to

enforce. Ms. Weldon said that if the parking is made to be no parking then they will move to other streets and take away the existing parking that is there. Commissioner Yost asked if an arrangement can be made with the contractor to arrange parking somewhere else for the workers and shuttle them to the work site. Ms. Hebert said they do and they have parking available on Norden Place but they are not forced to use the parking and if there is parking available on the street and it is free they will park there. She said the situation is only going to get worst once they trades begin to come in and work on the inside of the mall project and unless there is some regulation there is no way to enforce it. Commissioner Yost suggested removing the no parking on Orchard Street.

Mayor Rilling wished to table the item until the next meeting and asked that the Traffic Department provide any other options that may be available

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TABLE NO PARKING ON CRESCENT STREET, THE WEST SIDE OF HARBOR AVENUE AND THE NORTH SIDE OF BUTLER STREET UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. APPROVE NO PARKING ANYTIME ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST WALL STREET FROM SMITH STREET TO THE DRIVEWAY TO MILL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY DRIVEWAY.**

Ms. Hebert said the parking has is causing a dangerous situation and they are receiving numerous complaints. Mayor Rilling suggested that the Traffic Department work with the Department of Public Works to have the road striped. Mr. Yeosock said that the road is scheduled to be paved this year and there is plan to stripe the shoulder that will be tied into the crosswalks at the bottom of the hill.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE NO PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST WALL STREET FROM SMITH STREET TO THE DRIVEWAY TO MILL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY DRIVEWAY.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. REQUEST THAT THE CT DOT ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ZONE ON NORTH AVENUE (US ROUTE 1) FROM FRANCE STREET TO KNIGHT STREET.**

Mayor Rilling asked if there will be no parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Yeosock said “yes” and if approved a request will be sent to the DOT.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED THE REQUEST THAT THE CT DOT ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ZONE ON NORTH AVENUE (US ROUTE 1) FROM FRANCE STREET TO KNIGHT STREET.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd