

**CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Commissioner Kelly Straniti; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh; Fred Eshragi TMP

OTHERS: Michael Galante, Frederick P. Clark Associates; Attorney Robert Maslan, Maslan Associates

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

On page 1, change “Ms. Straniti” to “Commissioner Straniti”

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVE THE BOSTON BUILDUP 25K ROAD RACE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020.

Chief Kulhawik said the race has been held for the past 20 years with no issues.

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOSTON BUILDUP 25K ROAD RACE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVE THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE NORWALK HOSPITAL 5K RACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020.

A representative from Norwalk Hospital said the course has changed from last year and it will begin at Calf Pasture Beach Road and go up to Gregory Blvd. and back down Calf Pasture Beach Road. Mayor Rilling asked how many people will be participating in the event. The representative said 300-400. Mayor Rilling asked if they have met with the Police Department to go over the plan. The representative said "yes" they have met with Sgt. Gulino and reviewed the plan.

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE NORWALK HOSPITAL 5K RACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CT DOT TO ADD NO PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF 320 WILSON AVENUE.

Mr. Eshraghi said a driveway will be installed and because they will have trucks going in and out of the driveway during construction they will need a line of sight and are proposing the removal of parking as shown on the plan. Mr. Galante said in order to install the driveway a separate approval is required from the DOT. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if the Transportation Department was contacted regarding their employee parking. Attorney Maslan said that he had emailed and spoke with Ms. Zantvetor of the Board of Education Transportation Department on this matter and she said

that if they administration had any issues she would contact him but that he has not received any response.

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CT DOT TO ADD NO PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF 320 WILSON AVENUE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF PARKING AS SHOWN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 111 ROWAYTON AVENUE.

Mayor Rilling said this item had come before the commission last month and his concern was that the residents and business owners in the area hadn't been notified. Mr. Eshraghi said they have been sent a letter and they have not had received any responses to the letter. Mr. Galante said at the last meeting there was a concern about the removal of parking for Rowayton Pizza and he had send a letter to the owner on January 7, 2020 and has not received any response.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF PARKING AS SHOWN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 111 ROWAYTON AVENUE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. APPROVE THE PARKING LAYOUT PLAN FOR CHAPEL STREET

Mr. Eshraghi said due to the new sidewalk on the road there is not enough space for on street parking on both sides of the street and are proposing to remove the on street parking on the north side of the street as shown on the plan. He said based on a citizen request there is one parking space at #15 Chapel Street which is on the south side which will also be removed. Mayor Rilling asked how many parking spaces in total will be removed. Mr. Eshraghi said eight to nine. Mayor Rilling asked if the residents have been notified. Mr. Eshraghi said "yes" to his knowledge. Mayor Rilling said he is never comfortable voting on something when he is not sure that the residents who will be effected have been notified and recommended the item be tabled until the next meeting.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE PARKING LAYOUT PLAN FOR CHAPEL STREET.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd