

**CITY OF NORWALK  
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2020**

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

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh; Michael Yeosock, Asst. Director, TMP

OTHERS: Judd Aley

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation this evening.

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020.**

**\*\*COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.**

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

2. **APPROVE THE PARKING AND ROADWAY PAVEMENT MARKING LAYOUT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE.**

Mr. Yeosock said they would like to install 15 parking spaces on the north side of Washington Street between Madison Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. He said it will require them to move the center line a bit but the parking spaces are needed especially with the loss of parking spaces on Washington Street for the outdoor dining.

Mr. Aley said the parking is needed and there will be ample room for turning lanes on each end and he thinks it is a great plan. Mayor Rilling said this was discussed before but he thought there was going to be an indentation in front of 50 Washington Street. Mr. Yeosock said that there is a LOCIP project coming up next which will include crosswalks across Washington Street, and we were trying to do the two projects in conjunction but there is a need for parking now so we wanted to accelerate the parking. Mayor Rilling said he is concerned about the loss of the one lane as well as the merged lane.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said she is concerned especially since a backup occurs already with two lanes in front of the post office going from Martin Luther King Drive to North Main Street, and the one lane of traffic where the 15 parking spaces are being proposed is very narrow so the extra lane is needed for people trying to get in and out of their cars.

Commissioner Straniti asked if it would be possible to look at installing 12 parking spaces rather than 15 to allow for extra space to merge. Mr. Yeosock said “yes” that can be an option.

Mayor Rilling requested a revised plan be brought back to the Traffic Authority.

**\*\*COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TABLE THE PARKING AND ROADWAY PAVEMENT MARKING LAYOUT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE UNTIL A REVISED PLAN IS SUBMITTED.**

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

**3. APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SUMMITT AVENUE FROM CEDAR STREET TO GOLDEN HILL STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET FROM INTERSECTION WITH CEDAR STREET SOUTH TO 20’ SOUTH OF THE DRIVEWAY TO CEDAR CREST AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN.**

Mr. Yeosock said that new sidewalks were installed so people can no longer park their cars on the sidewalk and the street is too narrow to support parking on both sides of the street and would like to define one side of the street for parking. He said almost all the cars park on the east side of the street so we would like to take the parking off of the west side of the street. Mayor Rilling asked if the residents have adequate off street parking available. Mr. Yeosock said “yes” most do and there should be enough parking available on the street to support the parking on one side. Mayor Rilling asked if the residents have been notified. Mr. Yeosock said “no” but that it has been discussed at several of the Golden Hill Association meetings. Mayor Rilling requested that the residents be notified.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO TABLE THE REMOVAL OF PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SUMMITT AVENUE FROM CEDAR STREET TO GOLDEN HILL STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET FROM INTERSECTION WITH CEDAR STREET SOUTH TO 20' SOUTH OF THE DRIVEWAY TO CEDAR CREST AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN UNTIL THE RESIDENTS ARE NOTIFIED.**

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

**4. APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR THE 2020 CT UNITED RIDE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020.**

Mayor Rilling said this item can be removed from the agenda because he had a conversation with organizer and had convinced him that we could not allow 1,000 plus motorcyclists at Norden Place due to Covid-19 and they have cancelled the ride.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. BOUTON STREET- REMOVAL OF PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF THE STREET FROM LOWE STREET TO THE WESTERN END.**

Mr. Yeosock people are parking on both sides of the street and a lot of cars are getting clipped by the industrial trucks and would like to notify the residents that we would like to remove parking from one side of the street.

Mayor Rilling said he would like to cancel the meeting of August 17, 2020, if there are no objections. He requested that Mr. Yeosock send the revisions to the parking plan for West Washington Street to the Commissioners so they can determine whether the project will move forward and if a meeting in August will be necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd