

City Council Committee Reports for 2020

DATE: Feb 17,2021 RECORDER: McCauley-Chair

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
Barry N. Connell		<i>Jim McCarthy</i>	<i>17 Russia</i>
Joseph H. Devlin		<i>Joe DiBiase</i>	<i>15 Frances</i>
Afroz Khan		<i>Jennie Donahue</i>	<i>18 Cherry</i>
Byron J. Lane	<i>X</i>	<i>Barb Griffith</i>	<i>Exch Club</i>
James J. McCauley	<i>X</i>	<i>Jamie Collins</i>	<i>Exch Club</i>
Heather L. Shand		<i>Howard Salt</i>	<i>Masons</i>
Charles F. Tontar		<i>Nate Allard</i>	<i>Chamber</i>
Bruce L. Vogel	<i>X</i>		
Christine E. Wallace			
Sharif I. Zeid			
Jared J. Eigerman			

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

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Approval of Minutes	<i>none</i>
COMM282 1-27-21 Jim McCarthy Sign Proposal	<i>hold</i>
COMM283 1-27-21 Jim McCarthy Proposal to reduce Speed on Rt 1 from/to Rotary	<i>In committee</i>

Approval of Minutes from prior Public Safety Meeting

Minutes not circulated.

COMM282 1-27-2021 Proposal for a Service Sign

Jim McCarthy provided a proposal to build a sign for consolidation of all service organizations (ie Exch Club, Masons, Lions, Kiwanis, etc). Currently there are over 10 signs scattered along the ROW, and the proposal would be to build a single sign.

Part of his proposal is to offer some private funding.

Cnlr Vogel: Q: where is the proposed location? Ans: on Rt113 by Famous Pizza

Input from the Service Org's in attendance: OK with idea, want to work thru details prior to committing further.

Suggestion made to have 2-3 smaller signs (both ends of town) vs 1 main one.

Questions about how effective are the signs now given internet/online access.

Chamber is neutral

Committee: 3-0 let this stay in committee as more info is gathered.

COMM283 1-27-2021 Proposal to Reduce Speed Limits entering/exiting Rt 1 Rotary

Jim McCarthy provided a proposal to petition MADOT to reduce the speed limit entering/exiting the Rt 1 Rotary. A number of reasons: RTrail will cross a section of Rotary (with crosswalks), More population coming from SMART growth in that area, additional entrances/exits on Rt1 from the new development already in place. Drop speed to 35 from 45.

Cnlr Lane: Favors lowering speed limit, is it enough? Will this be the trigger for a pedestrian bridge?

Cnlr Vogel: Favors lowering...the whole strip within Newburyport .

Public Comment

Jennie Donahue: Crossing Rt is a challenge now, and will be a challenge ongoing.

Actions:

Committee vote to keep in committee while following actions play out. (3-0)

Take recommendation to TSAC (4/8) for input

MADOT upcoming public hearing on the repaving of Rt 1...add this as traffic calming

Begin the process of requesting change with MADOT

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