

City Council Committee Reports for 2022

DATE: March 7, 2022 __***RECORDER***__***McCauley- Chair*** __

COMMITTEE __***Public Safety***__

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	<i>Address</i>
Ed Cameron		<i>Listed in notes</i>	
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>		
Afroz Khan			
Byron J. Lane			
James J. McCauley	<i>m</i>		
Heather L. Shand			
Connie Preston			
Bruce L. Vogel			
Christine E. Wallace			
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright	<i>m</i>		

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

<i>Approval of Prior Minutes</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 321 2-28-22 Act Auth Continued Employmnt Vorderis</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 323 2-28-22 Rt 1 Speed Limit</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ODNC 107 2-28-22 15 Min Parking Spots</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>COMM 390 2-28-22 Ltr Low St Bright Horizons access to FF</i>	<i>Leave in Committee</i>

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Topic: Public Safety Committee

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Agenda Items

Approval of Previous Minutes for 2-22-22 Meeting: Approval 3-0

ORDR 321 Act Authorizing Continued employment fr Officer Vorderis.

Ask is to approve a request for a Home Rule Petition (to the Ma Legislature) to extend the retirement age from 65 to 70 for Ofc Vorderis. Letter from Marshall supporting—Officer started late (in 30's), exemplary record, role model for younger officers. Fully Supports.

Cnclr Donahue: Q: how long has he been here (A: 30 years), Rank? (A Sgt)

Committee: Vote to Recommend to CC for review and approval 3-0

ORDR 323 2-28-22 Rt 1 Speed Limit.

Cnclr Donahue – sponsor gave an overview: timing is good giving the proposed upgrade/paving to Rt 1, area has changed, need safety measures now. She has reached out to abutters/developers: Hall and Minco who are also in support and will submit a similar request.

Cnclr Wright, Q: will it include the traffic light at Low St? Ans: proposal to cover the area from traffic circle all the way until the Gillis bridge (all of Newburyport).

Committee: Vote to Recommend to CC for review and approval 3-0

ODNC 107 2-28-22 15min parking spots

4 proposed spots in ODNC. They are to help remove pressure on HC spots and other illegal parking as folks “just have to run in for a minute)”

Cnclr Donahue: In favor as it should keep folks out of HC spots.

Cnclr Wright: Q? is there a penalty for overstaying? Ans: unsure but assumed it was consistent with overstaying in Green St, etc. Will follow up.

Committee: Vote to Recommend to CC for review and approval 3-0

ODNC 104 1-31-22 Handicap Parking Space – Liberty St

Review of ODNC. Proposal is to complete the assignment of a Handicap spot at 23 Liberty St (Northern side, east of driveway cutout at 23 Liberty).

This completes out the plan for locating a Loading Zone (ODNC 89) on Liberty St.

Committee Deliberation; Cnclr Donahue, in favor, wanted clarification of relocated HP space.

Committee: Vote to Recommend to CC for review and approval 3-0

COMM 390 2-28-22 Ltr Low St – Bright Horizon Access to Fuller Field.

Greg Caplan (17 Mechanics Row, Amesbury) in attendance to give us an overview of his request:

Looking for pedestrian access from Bright Horizon at 2 Graf Rd to Fuller Field.

Chair: Gave a summary of a walk through today. BH is at the corner of Graf and Low. There is a guard rail and jersey barriers. Behind which is active wetlands/drainage. No area for a sidewalk, Roadway width is maxed out both directions as its function is to carry heavy trucking etc.

Option for BH to consider is to partner with the neighbor (33 Low St – Dr Watts-Opt, Dental office etc) for a route through their land to a spot on Low which the city may then consider for a potential crosswalk access Low to the sidewalk by FF. Long shot.

Cnlr Wright: Deep knowledge of the area as he used to work there when it was formerly a Bank.

Supports that this is NOT pedestrian friendly area.

Cnlr Donahue: Supports BH forging a partnership with Neighbor then having City do its due diligence.

Committee: Vote to HOLD in committee (3-0) Give time for BH and 33 Low st to work out some arrangements, Will involve the City Engineer for their input/opinion.