

### ***City Council Committee Reports for 2020***

**DATE:** October 21, 2020 **RECORDER:** McCauley-Chair

**COMMITTEE:** Public Safety

<b>Councillors Attending</b>		<b>Others Attending</b>	<b>Address</b>
Barry N. Connell		<i>Caitlin Blais</i>	<i>5 Daniel Lucy Way</i>
Joseph H. Devlin		<i>Rebekah Elmore</i>	<i>29 Daniel Lucy Way</i>
Afroz Khan		<i>Varflay Kessley</i>	<i>10 Morin Rd</i>
Byron J. Lane	<i>X</i>	<i>Micheal Milander</i>	<i>1 Arthur Welch Dr</i>
James J. McCauley	<i>X</i>	<i>Judy Timon</i>	<i>39 Lime St</i>
Heather L. Shand		<i>Jim McCarthy</i>	<i>17 Russia St</i>
Charles F. Tontar		<i>Jane Snow</i>	<i>9 Coffin St</i>
Bruce L. Vogel		<i>Sgt William Steeves</i>	<i>NPD</i>
Christine E. Wallace	<i>X</i>	<i>Tony Furnari</i>	<i>DPS</i>
Sharif I. Zeid			
Jared J. Eigerman	<i>x</i>		

#### ***AGENDA ITEMS***

#### ***ACTION TAKEN***

Approve Minutes from PS meeting 8/5/20	<i>approved</i>
ODNC 059 6-29-2020 Truck Routes	<i>3-0 recommend to CC</i>
ODNC 062 9-29-2020 Extension of Residential Permit Zones	<i>3-0 recommend to CC</i>
Open Discussion regarding impact of speeding on the neighborhoods	
<i>Good of the Order</i>	
<i>Safety Concerns at Rt1 Rotary and Rail Trail</i>	
<i>ODR200 Crosswalk Inventory</i>	

ODNC062 9-29-2020. Extension of Residential Permit Zones.

Sponsored by Councillor Eigerman. Amends language of an existing ODNC to extend the time of day (to 6pm) and the date thru Sept 30<sup>th</sup> for summer hours in residential restricted parking areas (basically the downtown area).

Per Cnlr Eigerman, this was from a recommendation from the Parking Clerk/Parking Dept. to help ease the pressure of residents returning from work finding neighborhood parking. This is the alternative vs going residential-only in these areas.

Cnclr Lane: Any data on impact to employee parking program? Ans: No, it should not have an effect as we've made concessions lowering the price and these are free spots in neighborhoods.

Cnclr Wallace: Define area? Ans: Downtown Summer St to Federal St, Water to High.

No public Comment

Committee recommended 3-0 to forward to CC for review and approval.

ODNC059 6-29-2020 Establish Truck Routes.

Sponsored by Councillor Eigerman. Establishes a new section (8) within our traffic code that establishes preferred truck routes through the city. Specific routes named (suggested) as the baseline from which we can begin to establish routes.

Proposal OK'd by TSAC (police, fire, dps), and MVPC will begin a study of truck traffic on Turkey Hill Rd in the spring—road is not designed to handle the volume of truck traffic. This ODNC establishes a framework from which we can work with MA DOT to create potential restrictions. We plan to notify GPS carriers of these restrictions.

No Public Comment

Committee recommended 3-0 to forward to CC for review and approval.

Discussion on Speeding

Public Comment:

Caitlin Blais: Speeding, no signs, visitors to Maudslay, overcrowded with traffic. Would like speed bumps.

Rebekah Ellmore: Speeding has impact, would like to see traffic restricted—safety issue for firetrucks passing. Maudslay cut through for NHS Xcountry.

Varflay Kessley: Speeding. Culprits are visitors, food delivery. Would like to see physical barriers: Bollards, signs, speed bumps.

Michael Milander: speeding. Many kids in neighborhood (25-30). Signs only visible 1 way. Speed bumps by soccer field.

Judy Timon: Speeding. Appropriate street design would slow traffic

Jim McCarthy: Speeding. Needs an enforcement component. Asking for stats back from 2017. (We took as follow up: 1100 tickets issued since 2017, did not include warnings).

Jane Snow: Speeding. Can understand impact to neighborhoods. Tough to drive 25mph on some of larger roads.

Close Public Comment:

Committee: Cnclr Wallace: speeding has become a bigger issue. Add to list Mosley Ave, plus Merrimack St. Suggest City Engineer set speed safety standards (ie design impacts) going forward on roads. Impacting speed is not just 1 thing, so we need to address all-options: signs, stripping, physical barriers, education.

Cnclr Lane: could add add'l complaints: Pine Hill Rd, Noble, etc. How do we take action?

Recommended actions from the committee

Committee to embark on a campaign of Awareness – Education – Enforcement.

Awareness: (item: Councillor McCauley)

- Letter to Daily News, social Media.
- Letter to Delivery-restaurants

Education (Item: Councillor Wallace)

- Craft a plan to plan in-street awareness: ie signs, bollards.
- Acquire additional electronic speed signs (ie 2-3 per ward)

Enforcement (items: Ask of Police Marshall).

- Ask NPD to be more visible in enforcement of current speed laws (25mph)

Committee recommends leaving item in committee and follow up in 3 weeks for status.

Good of the Order

While not full agenda items, 2 items were identified for discussion with regards to how the committee wanted to handle these items;

ODR200 Crosswalk Inventory: Agreed to further work to align the versions of Xwalk inventory prior to presenting to council. More work needed prior to submission (Councillor Wallace)

A letter was sent raising awareness of concern on potential safety issues within the design for the crossing of the Rail Trail at the Rt1 Rotary. Agreed to submit the letter to CC and have it referred Public Safety so as to have a public hearing on the matter.

Motion to Adjourn.