

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & TRAFFIC

February 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Barry called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Barry, Long, Stewart, Sharonov

Absent: Alderman George-Kelly

Messrs.: A. Aldenberg

1. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed:

15-MINUTE PARKING

On Bremer Street, north side, from Rimmon Street to Hevey Street East Back
Alderman Gamache

1 HOUR PARKING

On Bremer Street, north side, from Hevey Street to Hevey Street East Back
Alderman Gamache

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Cleveland Street, north side, from a point 40 feet west of Second Street to Third Street

Alderman Barry

HANDICAP PARKING ONLY

On Cleveland Street, north side, from Second Street to a point 40 feet west
Alderman Barry

RESCIND 1 HOUR PARKING

On Bremer Street, north side, from Rimmon Street to Hevey Street (ORD 2693)
Alderman Gamache

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Taylor Street, west side, from Howe Street to a point 55 feet south
(ORD 6196)

Alderman Heath

On Cleveland Street, north side, from Second Street to Third Street
(ORD 10770)

Alderman Barry

Chairman Barry stated we have an addendum to the traffic agenda.

15-MINUTE PARKING

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 137 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 22 feet further north

Alderman Long

2 HOUR PARKING-METERS

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 75 feet north of Hanover Street to a point 62 feet further north

Alderman Long

RESCIND 2 HOUR PARKING-METERS

On Chestnut Street, west side, from a point 75 feet north of Hanover Street to Amherst Street (ORD 2830)

Alderman Long

Alderman Long moved to approve the traffic agenda as amended. ***Alderman Stewart*** duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Barry called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

Chairman Barry noted that there is another item of new business. It is a request from Daniel O'Neil, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee President, for approval to paint a shamrock at the intersections of Elm/Hanover and Elm/Pleasant Streets on March 5 with a rain date of March 12.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to approve the request.*

2. Communication from Rabbi Levi Krinsky requesting the installation of a left turning signal at the end of the Amoskeag Bridge to allow two lanes to turn onto Elm Street.
(Note: Recommendation from the Department of Public Works Traffic Division attached.)

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Sharonov**, it was voted to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Traffic Division.*

3. Communication from Denise Boutilier, Parking Manager, regarding a request from Kelly Muir for permission to use Arms Park for a 100th Birthday Dedication for Ralph Baer on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Chairman Barry stated I did hear from Denise and she said that none of the businesses have a problem with this request.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to approve.*

Alderman Long stated there has been an issue during snow emergencies regarding ticketing and removing cars. I know there were 160 or 180 cars towed, however, Kevin Sheppard is telling me that that is only 1/3 of the problem out there. So within that eight-hour period they just don't have the manpower to remove all the vehicles they have to remove. The same with ticketing. You can't give out 400 tickets in eight hours. I am thinking of referring the issue to this committee but I will write-up a proposal. At the very least, we have to be ticketing because nothing happens so people don't follow

the law. It has gotten to the point where it is very frustrating. Now we have streets that have a big ice hump on them. I just want to say that I will bring something forward with respect to that to see what we can do.

Chairman Barry stated so Kevin Sheppard said approximately 180 cars were towed. Chief, do you know how many tickets were written during the last snowstorm? Can you find out? I agree with Alderman Long. I know in Ward 10 it is the same cars every single snowstorm every year. They just don't care. The plows have a tough enough time as it is and it makes it tougher when they have to go around cars parked on the street. It leaves clumps of ice. Once that freezes over, it is very difficult to clear it out.

Allen Aldenberg, Police Chief, stated the areas that we tow from are at the request of DPW.

Alderman Long responded right that is what Kevin said.

Chief Aldenberg stated we focus on towing the vehicles at the request of DPW and we only have three or four officers out during a snow emergency.

Alderman Long asked who at police would be the best person to have a conversation with about this.

Chief Aldenberg asked about ticketing.

Alderman Long answered yes.

Chief Aldenberg stated they won't be doing ticketing until the yard is full. The last two hours of the night they will finish out by writing tickets. That is three to four officers trying to write tickets for the entire city. I don't think adding manpower is going to be the solution. I force people to work that detail now.

Alderman Long stated I am wondering about PCO's.

Chief Aldenberg stated I don't believe PCO's come out during a snow emergency.

Alderman Long replied I believe you are right.

Chief Aldenberg stated I don't see why they can't.

Chairman Barry stated I think a few years ago I had discussions with Denise and we set up something so the parking control officers would work some nights and ticket the cars that were parked on the wrong side of the street when we have the odd/even parking ban. They did ticket quite a few and did a great job. I don't know if we can set that up with her as overtime. I don't have a problem with that but it is something we should discuss with her.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee