

# Waltham City Council Public Works and Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

Hoover Committee Room City Hall, 610 Main Street Waltham, Massachusetts

Chairman Waddick Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The clerk took attendance. Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Romard, Vidal, and Chairman Waddick were all present.

Councillor Fowler moved approval of the June 19, 2017 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler moved approval of the June 26, 2017 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler moved approval of the July 31, 2017 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

#### New matters:

Resolution – Councillor Romard - Lexington Street repairs.

Councillor Romard asked CPW Director Michael Chiasson why there has been so much repair work being done on Lexington Street immediately after it had been repaved. Mr. Chiasson said the digging has taken place due to numerous gas leaks detected by National Grid on the street. Councillor Romard asked if there was a process in place where they would notify National Grid of the upcoming work so that they could survey the street for gas leaks prior to the paving being done. National Grid representative Grace Sawaya informed the committee that they do perform readings and review street history prior to a street being repaved. Councillor Romard said he would like to see better communication between National Grid and CPW going forward.

Councillor Fowler asked if there was an industry standard for when pipes are replaced. Ms. Sawaya said that pipes are checked every three years. Council President LeBlanc said it seems like National Grid has been chasing leaks on Lexington Street for months. Councillor LeBlanc asked if National Grid keeps a log of all street leaks. Ms. Sawaya said they do and she would provide that list to the committee. Councillor Romard asked about other work that had to be done and asked for better signage at the intersection of Lexington and Totten Pond Roads. Councillors Fowler and Brasco both expressed that they were not pleased with the changes and would like to see the striping revert to how it was. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

#### East View Park Resolution

Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

## Sidewalks and Curbing Harington Road

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to request updated betterments from the City Engineer and Public Works Director. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

## Resolution Chistopher Road.

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to request that the Engineer attend the next committee meeting. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter back on the table. The motion was approved.

### **Resolution Converting Private Ways**

President LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor LeBlanc spoke about the importance of the issue. President LeBlanc moved to lay the matter back on the table. The motion was approved.

Councillor Romard moved to adjourn at 7:55. The motion was approved.