

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

Chairman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Katz, Durkee, LaFauci and LeBlanc.

Absent: None.

Councillor Durkee moved approval of the minutes from 10/2/2023. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Residential for Benches in Downtown Area

Councillor Dunn moved to suspend the rules to hear from off Committee Councillors. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Paz spoke. Councillor Dunn made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Mayor attend the next meeting to discuss updates on ADA benches. Councillor LaFauci moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: ADA Pedestrian Pathways in Neighborhoods Resolution

Councillor Darcy, the maker of the Resolution, spoke on the Resolution. There should be various possibilities locations and pathways where all students should be able to walk to school.

Councillor Darcy wanted to know if the Law Dept. could assist in figuring out solutions for this to happen. Councillor Katz added that this is also an issue in his ward. Councillor Katz made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Dept. attend a meeting to discuss ways to connect outlier streets to each other. Councillor Katz moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: Reduce Traffic Resolution

The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Durkee moved to suspend the rules to hear from all off committee members. Mike Garvin, Traffic Engineer spoke on the matter and had a few maps to show where there may be a possibility yet nothing would be easy to accomplish. Councillor LaFauci asked about Lexington to Bishops Forest. Mentioned the left at Beaver into Bentley. Mr. Garvin stated this matter is on the Traffic Commissions agenda for their next meeting. Councillor LaFauci moved to table the matter and wait to hear back from the Traffic Commission. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fourth agenda item: Intracity Transportation in Waltham Resolution

Councillor Bradley-MacArthur spoke on her Resolution. Councillor Dunn made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the City Clerk distribute the WPY information to all Councillors. Councillor Dunn made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have a representative from WPY attend a Committee meeting to discuss the information Councillor Bradley-MacArthur spoke of. Councillor Dunn moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fifth agenda item: Corning Installation of Surge Protection Devices Protecting Homeowners Resolution

Councillor Darcy, maker of Resolution spoke on the Resolution. Councillor LaFauci made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to ask the Wired Director and an Everource

representative attend a meeting to discuss. Councillor LaFauci moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor LaFauci moved to take the High Power Voltage Line Resolution off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from all off committee members. Tim Kelly, Wires Director spoke on the matter. Anything over 600 volts in a neighbor is considered high voltage, either in the ground or above. Councillor LaFauci stated we now have 4000-13,000 volts in neighborhoods. Going forward, anything new needs will not be. Off committee Councillor Darcy stated we need to amend the general ordinance, it's not a zoning ordinance matter. Councillor Katz moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

With no further matters Councillor LaFauci moved to adjourn.
Chairman Pro Tem LaFauci declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
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