



***Waltham City Council
Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Minutes
Monday, May 7, 2018***

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

Chairman Vidal called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Attendance

Present: Brasco, Randy LeBlanc, Harris, Romard, Vidal

Absent: None

Chris Gamble announced that he was taping the meeting.

Councillor Romard moved approval of minutes from 4/17/2018. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

New matters:

Paving Resolution

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

Tabled matters:

Resolution Crosswalk Safety

Councillor Harris moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved that the Clerk compile the list of streets submitted by Councillors after Councillor Romard submits the streets in his Ward and send the list to the Traffic Commission for their review. The motion was approved on voice vote. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked Councillor Romard to include Forest Street on his list. Councillor Harris moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Paving Resolution

Councillor Randy LeBlanc spoke about the paving moratorium. Councillor Randy LeBlanc said that the Council usually approves these petitions with certain conditions and spoke about requiring the petitioner to post a bond. Councillor Randy LeBlanc suggested that we leave approval to the Director of Public Works and include the conditions that are usually imposed by the Council and have an appeal to the City council if a petition is denied. Councillor Harris asked questions about what the process would be. Councillor Randy LeBlanc said that the council would establish standards under which the CPW Director could allow a street opening and the petitioner could appeal a denial to the City Council. Councillor Romard asked about the current standards. Councillor Romard asked for copies of the current standards for paving. Councillor Romard asked about the need for the Rules and Ordinances Committee to review this. President LeBlanc reviewed the current process that petitioners go through under 17-25. President LeBlanc questioned whether not making petitioners appear before the Council may lead to more requests. Chairman Vidal spoke about the importance of protecting the investment that the city makes when streets are resurfaced. Councillor Harris raised concerns about other issues with some of the projects that come under 17-25 that are beyond the street opening. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to have the Director of Consolidated Public Works attend the next Committee meeting to discuss the resolution. The motion was approved on voice vote. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Expanding Parking near the Train Station at Moody Street

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table the motion was approved on voice vote. Traffic Engineer Garvin passed out copies of a plan that he prepared and his report to the traffic commission about this matter. After questioning from Councillor Randy LeBlanc, Mr. Garvin identified a parking deficit at the location, but expressed concerns about the distance of the dog pound area from the existing lot and concerns about safety in the area due to poor lighting and lack of foot traffic. Councillor Mackin expressed concerns about safety. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Romard moved that the Committee adjourn. Then motion was approved and the Committee adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard
Assistant City Clerk