



***Waltham City Council  
Public Works and Public Safety Committee  
Minutes  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018***

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

Chairman Vidal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

Present: R. LeBlanc, Harris, Romard, Vidal

Absent: Brasco

Councillor Harris moved approval of minutes from 4/2/2018. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Chis Gamble announced that he was recording the meeting.

New matters:

*17-25 Street Opening 156-158 Ash*

Councillor Randy Leblanc did not enter the room and did not participate in deliberation of this matter. Chairman Vidal said this matter with the State Ethics Commission and he is able to participate in this matter. Councillor Harris moved to here from the petitioner's attorney Bret Francis. The motion was approved. Attorney Francis presented plans to the Committee one showing paving curb to curb for 68 feet another showing curb to curb paving where the excavation will occur and only one foot out at the curb cut. Councillor Harris asked if the petitioner would pave the full 68 feet and said that this is her preference as the Ward Councillor. Councillor Romard questioned the need to pave curb to curb at the curb cuts and asked questions about onsite drainage. Councillor Harris moved the petition be approved with curb to curb paving for the entire length and the petitioner will use flowable fill and infrared seam treatment. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Tabled matters:

*Harrington Road Sidewalks*

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Romard reviewed the history of the matter and said that last November the Committee voted to request that a betterment order be drafted by the Law Department that sets a betterment with residents paying for 10% of the cost. Councillor Romard said that it is the Council's role to set the betterment and the reason for setting it at this level is the general public use of the street. Attorney Learned from the Law Department said that setting the betterments at 50% would be easier to defend in court. Councillor Romard moved approval of the order with the betterments calculated at a cost of 10% to the residents. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked about sidewalks that were installed without betterments being assessed. Attorney Learned said she did not know what the CPW Director's rationale was for this. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked about a list of ways that are part private and part public that was provided to the committee. Councillor McMenimen asked that the City Council be provided with both drafts of the betterments order the one calculated at 50% cost to the residents and the one calculated at a 10% cost to the residents and for copies of the list of ways that are part public and part private. The order setting betterments a 10% of the cost assessed to residents was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

*Resolution Administrative Consent Order Update*

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Logan asked questions about the various consent orders. Councillor Logan asked if we would be able to meet the conditions imposed and end charging inflow and infiltration fees. City Engineer Casaza said that the EPA is continuing to implement more stringent storm water regulations and it is unclear if we will be able to end the condition imposed on the city in the near future. Councillor Logan asked for a list of sewer bypasses for the past ten years. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

*17-25 Nutting Road.*

Councillor Romard moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to request a status report from the Law Department and the Engineering Department. The motion was approved. Councillor Romard moved to lay the matter on the table the motion was approved.

*Resolution Administrative Consent Order Update*

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table the motion was approved. Councillor Randy LeBlanc requested the City Engineer provide a list of SSOs for the past 10 years. The request was approved. Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

Councillor Harris moved to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Committee adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk