



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - April 2, 2018, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 3/29/18 at 6:19 AM)

1. **Approval of the February 2, 2017 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the November 30, 2017 Minutes**
3. **204880: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide.
4. **204725: Discuss** (McWatters, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration consider making the entire city a safety zone.
5. **204258: Discuss** (McWatters, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.
6. **202326: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration present to this Board and to the Traffic Commission, a plan for creating “safety zones” and reducing the speed limit to 20 mph in as much of the city as is possible.
7. **202622: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Administration share with this Board the timeline and plan for implementing 20 mph “safety zones” and reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on as many city streets as possible.
8. **203975: Discuss** (McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD consider making all neighborway locations, safety zones.

9. **202863: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Administration explain to this Board why it is recommending to the Traffic Commission 20 mph speed zones only in designated locations, and consider recommending instead a 20 mph speed limit citywide (except for state roads).
10. **204250: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD make Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue a 20 MPH speed zone, as Lexington Park and the Community Path entrance nearby.
11. **201900: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board by its September 22 regular meeting on plans to implement new legislation to reduce speed limits on local streets to 25 mph in “thickly settled areas” and 20 mph in “designated safety zones.”
12. **204876: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that are granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board.
13. **202267: Discuss** (McLaughlin, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider limiting parking passes for properties that request parking space relief and explain their decision, for or against, to this Board.
14. **202496: Discuss** Matt Griesbach submitting comments re: #202267, to consider limiting residential parking passes for developments that request parking space relief.
15. **205085: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board when and where the "48 Hour Parking Rule" is enforced, and why it is necessary.
16. **204874: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking publish de-identified parking permit data in the city’s open data portal so as to permit community analysis and discussion of issues related to the supply and demand of parking.
17. **203945: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Traffic and Parking to describe how the Traffic Commission agenda is prepared, and whether this Board can place items on that agenda.
18. **205092: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Traffic Commission consider creating a process for residents to comment on parking changes that affect their streets.

19. **204127: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Traffic Commission create a requirement to notify abutters of pending agenda items which may impact their streets.
20. **200281: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board how to petition for exemption from the new 2016 Snow Removal regulations, and post the process on the city’s website well in advance of the 2016 winter season.
21. **200287: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Traffic Commission create a way to apply for an exemption from the change in the parking ban that will require parking on the even side of the street during snow emergencies.
22. **200211: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration explain the process for exempting streets from next year's change in the Snow Emergency Parking plan.
23. **200212: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration consider exempting Whitman Street from the 2016 Snow Emergency Parking plan.
24. **204855: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Traffic Commission consider supporting the neighborhood petition to make Crocker Street a one-way street for its entire length, and to exempt it from the odd/even snow emergency parking shift each year.
25. **204858: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Alderman about any previous traffic studies for traffic calming on School Street.
26. **204859: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider additional lane-usage signs along Somerville Avenue leading up to its intersection with Washington Street in Union Square.
27. **204882: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the Kennedy School.
28. **204883: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk on Summer Street at Hancock Street and on Lexington Avenue at Hancock Street.
29. **204543: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the neighborhood traffic calming planned for Central Street in 2018, especially around the Hoyt Sullivan playground.

30. **204545: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing “SLOW-CHILDREN CROSSING”, “SLOW-YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS”, and/or "SPEED LIMIT 20MPH" signs on Central Street near the Hoyt Sullivan Playground.
31. **204544: Discuss** (Niedergang, McWatters) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a “STATE LAW–YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK” sign on Central Street, on the telephone pole facing northbound traffic near Willoughby and Albion Streets.
32. **204169: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works re-evaluate the rush hour traffic light timing at Magoun Square, and whether the Broadway green light for Medford Street is too short, backing up traffic on Medford Street through the Square.
33. **204735: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the intersection of Broadway at Hinckley Street with a “Don’t block the box” symbol so motorists on Broadway don't prevent cars from exiting Hinckley Street.
34. **204734: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement during the afternoon rush hour at the intersection of Hinckley Street and Broadway so motorists on Broadway don't prevent cars from exiting Hinckley Street.
35. **200263: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider the attached suggestions from Ward 5 residents to improve traffic flow during rush hours in Magoun Square and report back to this Board.