

**PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A**  
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

*Members of the public also had the opportunity to join the meeting via  
Zoom*

**8:30 AM**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley  
Public Works Director Peter Rice  
Stephanie Casella, Planning Department  
Erica Wygonik  
Mark Syracuse  
Mary Lou McElwain  
Dave Allen (alternate) (Via Zoom)

Members Absent:

Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney  
Fire Chief William McQuillen

City Staff Present:

Parking Director Ben Fletcher  
City Engineer – Parking, Transportation and Planning Eric Eby  
Associate Engineer Tyler Reece

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

[00:05:19] Mark Syracuse moved to accept the financial report dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. Motion carried 7-0.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)**

[00:06:19] There were 7 speakers: Mark Adamy, Jessica Sears, Brian Ratay and Matthew Grocki spoke regarding traffic speed and volume concerns on Broad Street. Brent Schmitt and Hannah Giovannucci spoke regarding removing parking to improve sight lines at the intersection of Middle Street and Cass Street, and James Robinson spoke regarding traffic speed and volume concerns on Cate Street and the Bartlett Street intersection.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

*(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)*

- A. [00:34:36] Broad Street, concerns regarding traffic speeds and volumes. Peter Rice moved to refer to staff for evaluation and a report back at a future meeting, seconded by Erica Wygonik. The motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0.
- B. [00:35:15] Bartlett Street, Cate Street, Hodgdon Way pedestrian and vehicular concerns, by residents. Mary Lou McElwain moved to refer to staff for evaluation and a report back at a future meeting, seconded by Erica Wygonik. The motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0.
- C. [00:35:42] Union Street, request to change traffic flow to one-way between State Street and Austin Street. Mary Lou McElwain moved to refer to staff for evaluation and a report back at a future meeting, seconded by Mark Syracuse. The motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. [00:36:54] Middle Street, request to remove parking at intersection with Cass Street, by resident. Transportation Engineer Eric Eby spoke regarding sight lines how they are determined and measured. Mark Syracuse moved to remove one space to the northeast of the intersection and mark the parking area with additional signage and paint, as well as any appropriate tree trimming via the City Arborist and to revisit the topic in six months. Peter Rice made a friendly amendment to additionally have staff install a temporary traffic camera to record any changes in behavior or perceived risk. Mary Lou McElwain seconded the motion, and the motion passed via a roll call vote 7-0.
- B. [00:47:53] Hancock Street at Washington Street, request for all-way stop. Peter Rice moved to place the item on file, seconded by Erica Wygonik. The motion passed via roll call vote 7-0.

## **VIII. INFORMATIONAL**

- A. [00:49:29] Police monthly accident report
- B. [00:49:56] City road construction projects update
- C. [00:51:56] New State RSA on seasonal speed limits
- D. [00:53:21] Coakley Connector public meeting
- E. [00:55:06] Parking Utilization Study Presentation

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

[00:56:12] Mary Lou McElwain expressed concerns with 'yield to pedestrians' blank out sign at the Maplewood Avenue and Congress Street intersection and asked that the 'no turn on red' blank out sign at the Middle Street and State Street intersection be moved to a more visible location.

[00:58:28] Chairman Bagley nominated Erica Wygonik for the position of Committee Vice Chair. Mark Syracuse seconded the nomination, and the nomination passed 6-0 via a roll call vote, with Erica Wygonik abstaining from the vote.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bagley adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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