

Traffic Commission Minutes  
January 10, 2019

The meeting was held at the Department of Public Works, 17 Franey Road

Attendance: Thomas Graney, Lt. Polito, Alderman Mark Niedergang, Stan Koty, Lena Webb (5:35)

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Terence Smith, Suzanne Rinfret, Anna Rebelo, Nancy Salamoun

Other: Bob Hardy, Alderman Rossetti, Callie Wiser

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**Item #1** – Minutes from the December 13, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

**Item #2** – Request for Handicapped Parking

351 Summer St (Dilboy Post, they are moving and would like the existing HP space at 371 moved)

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking has no objection to this request.

**Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0**

**Item #3** – Request for Loading Zone

351 Summer St (Mon-Fri 7am-11am)

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking has no objection to this request.

**Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0**

**Item #4** – Request for an exception to the Snow Emergency regulations

a) Whitman St, request for odd-side parking only during snow emergencies

- The Chair stated the Commission would hear any new testimony
- Alderman Rossetti stated she reviewed the Fall 2015 press release and Mayors statement when the policy was changed including the quality of life section and she believes it relates to the pleas from residents of Whitman St for an exception. She read a statement from Mike Wiser into the record. She also noted that Alderman Ballantyne fully supports this request.
- Suzanne Rinfret stated the administration stands by their opposition to this exemption request for reasons previously stated.
- The Chair stated the Department of Public Works will make Whitman St their top priority for snow removal after the schools as previously discussed.
- Thomas Graney stated he doesn't believe these concerns are unique to Whitman St and many other streets will fall into the same category. Enforcement and snow removal operations will be more difficult to manage without uniformity.
- Lt. Polito stated the SPD also believes uniformity works best.
- Alderman Niedergang stated he has rarely seen such a thoughtful and persuasive case and he believes an exemption should be granted.

**Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve for a 1 year trial and re-evaluate in December 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lena Webb. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Alderman Niedergang – yes; Lena Webb – yes; Thomas Graney – no; Lt. Polito – no; Stan Koty – no. The motion fails by a vote of 2-3.**

**Thomas Graney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Chair. Motion passed: 5-0.**

