



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: February 4, 2019
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Elliott, C. Cirillo and C. Conway. Also present were Natasha Vance (Transportation Engineer) and C. Mercier

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order in the Council Chamber noting those in attendance and commented on 60 Day Trial with Maryl Drive and that they have expired.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Vance described the 60 Day Trials providing the history of them and noted the street description and the number of vehicles that pass on that road. Ms. Vance commented on working with Waves software to alleviate cut through traffic on the street and further commented on the general procedure in these 60 Day Trials. Ms. Vance outlined concerns of recent 60 Day Trial concerning no cut through traffic from various neighbors in the area. C. Cirillo requested to hear from residents regarding suggestions on how to proceed with traffic management in that area. C. Elliott noted that restricting commercial traffic would be in every ones best interest. C. Elliott opened meeting up to public, following addressed the body: Richard Bickem; Jen Tighe; John Geer; Brian Monnehan; and Steve Mascott. C. Conway noted that the Rogers Street traffic is causing most of the issues for Maryl Drive. Ms. Vance noted local traffic restrictions would be beneficial but they must be part of proposed ordinance to enable enforcement. C. Elliott noted signage would be helpful where enforcement may lack. C. Conway questioned process from removing data from Google Maps. Ms. Vance outlined that process and the use of City data. C. Conway noted street is too narrow for commercial traffic and that should be enforced for safety concerns. Ms. Vance noted enforcement would be done by the police at their discretion. **Motion** by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Conway to exclude commercial traffic on Maryl Drive by way of establishing traffic ordinance. Adopted per Roll



Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. **Motion** by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Conway to request City Manager have Law Department review and propose an ordinance that would restrict areas in the City to local traffic only. So voted. C. Elliott questioned use of one-way on the street. Ms. Vance reviewed all of the 60 Day Trials used on that street. C. Mercier questioned if there would be any public hearings on the matter. Ms. Vance noted that she would review type of signage and position on the signs going forward. C. Conway questioned speed limit on the street and that enforcement should be ticketing as opposed to warnings. **Motion** by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Conway to have Transportation Engineer review the appropriate speed limit for Maryl Drive and incorporate that speed into a traffic ordinance to be strictly enforced. So voted. C. Mercier noted that a strictly enforces sign would be helpful.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Conway. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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