



Lowell City Council

Neighborhoods SC November 26, 2018 Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: November 26, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: LTC
246 Market Street, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Cirillo and C. Leahy, (1) absent (C. Nuon). Others present were Jim Donilson (DPW); M. Samaras; Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services) Shauna Forcier (Neighborhood Liaison); and Steve Benoit (DPW).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Cirillo called the meeting to order outlining the purpose. Downtown Neighborhood Association conducted their meeting before subcommittee began.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Cirillo noted that this was part of meeting with all the neighborhood associations and that there would be a discussion regarding winter protocol and safety in the City. C. Cirillo outlined important safety procedures needed during the winter time and the assistance the citizens can expect from the City. C. Cirillo commented on the need for parking bans and the free use of City garages. C. Leahy outlined how the City notifies the public and commented on clearing of snow from roads and sidewalks. C. Leahy commented on the use of cameras for traffic purposes. Mr. Donilson commented on the organization at DPW having a Street Division and a Parks Division each responsible for removal of snow in certain areas. Mr. Donilson noted that there is contract work for snow removal and the procedures are overseen by district snow managers. Mr. Benoit outlined snow removal procedures and the use of forecasting services for weather information. Mr. Benoit noted that salt is first used during storm as weather intensifies they would move to City equipment followed by contract personnel. Mr. Benoit commented on the importance of the parking ban and keeping the streets clear during storms. Mr. Benoit noted the use of website and hotline to assist with request and complaints. Mr. Benoit commented on snow removal procedures downtown and the challenges imposed by that area. Mr. Slagle noted the challenges with snow on roofs, ice dams and large icicles hanging over sidewalks. Mr. Slagle outlined the snow removal ordinance indicating the



responsibilities of property owners and ticketing ability. C. Cirillo noted the use of Civic Plus website. C. Leahy commented on the responsibility of property owners to assist with removal of snow from the front of their premises.

ADOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" by C. Leahy, seconded by C. Cirillo. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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