



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: May 19, 2020
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Zoom/Remote Participation

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Conway and C. Samaras. Also present C. Drinkwater, Natasha Vance (Transportation Engineer), Miran Fernandez (MIS), Jared Alves (Planning), Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services), C. Nuon, M. Leahy and Manager Donoghue.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott commented on current Tewksbury/Billerica development and that the City had sent an informational letter to the town boards regarding impact of the project to Lowell. Manager Donoghue commented on the project and the City's involvement. Ms. Vance noted City request to review the project was responded to but lack much information; including plans and attachments. Ms. Vance commented on the impact to streets and the need for redesign and signalization and noted she did attend a Tewksbury Planning Board meeting. Ms. Vance noted the Planning Board of Tewksbury approved the project with stipulations of post traffic studies. C. Elliott commented on safety of ramps coming of Route 495 and the need to review impact on that area. Ms. Vance noted MassDOT would be involved with that solution and that the applicant has committed design money to those ramps. C. Elliott noted intersections were already dangerous and the City needs to stay out in front of these issues. C. Conway noted need for lights in a congested area as well as speed control restraints. C. Samaras noted neighborhood concerns with congestion and speeding and that need to be partner in the project to protect City's interests. C. Elliott noted need to press applicant and MassDOT as well. C. Nuon noted project needs partnerships to protect neighborhood. C. Drinkwater noted two areas of concern are the ramps off the highway and the congestion at crossing near park. M. Leahy commented on neighborhood concerns especially with speeding. Mr. Slagle outlined



appellate rights of the City through our Planning Board as well as being an abutter. Manager Donoghue noted area of focus would be appellate rights as well as pressuring applicant and MassDOT. Mr. Alves noted involvement of the Lowell Conservation Commission. **Motion** by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Conway to have City Manager/Transportation Engineer to engage applicant and MassDot either directly or through the subcommittee for further discussion and input regarding the project. Adopted per Roll Call vote, 3 years. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Samaras, seconded by C. Conway. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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