



Lowell City Council

Public Safety SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: July 19, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Rourke and C. Nuon. 1 absent (C. Scott). Also present were Christine McCall (DPD) and Greg Hudon (Dep. Supt. Lowell Police)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Rourke called the meeting to order at 5:30PM noting the reason for the meeting and noting those in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. McCall noted the speed limit can be changed in the City if it follows State protocols noting it should be done in a cautious and slow manner. Ms. McCall commented that the educational element is vital to any proposed changes and noted other communities who have accepted lower speed limits in their cities. Ms. McCall noted that changes would not apply to any State roads within the City. C. Rourke commented on procedure to begin changes. Ms. McCall noted it would have to be an ordinance change. Dep. Supt. Hudon noted reduced speed promotes public safety as studies indicated less accidents and less severe accidents. Dep. Supt. Hudon commented that the educational component of such a plan is vital to its success. C. Rourke noted that City wide striping would lessen speed as well in the City. Ms. McCall noted that it generally true to reduce speed in most instances and that it does improve safety. C. Nuon noted the correlation with speed and safety and that changes need to be done in a cautious and deliberate manner. C. Nuon noted enforcement element must be prevalent as well. C. Rourke commented on various methods of outreach and that much can be learned from other communities who have gone through with the procedure. Ms. McCall noted that there are about two hundred miles of road in the City so best approach is to have implementation date and work towards it as it will take many preparation hours to move forward. C. Rourke commented on effective signage and effective placements of those signs. Ms. McCall noted a sign audit would be done to gain better insight into work needed. C. Nuon noted the need to have a number of signs that will be needed and prepare plan accordingly. Ms. McCall noted



best approach is to return to subcommittee with such a plan and move forward with proposed ordinance. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Rourke to continue meeting to September 13, 2022 @ 5:30 PM. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn this portion of meeting by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Rourke. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk