



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: November 8, 2022
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call was Chairman Rourke. C. Jenness, C. Nuon. Also present was Terry Ryan (Parking Director), Elizabeth Oltman (Transportation Engineer), Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD), Barry Golnar (LPD Supt.), C. Gitschier and Conor Baldwin (CFO).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Rourke called meeting to order and outlined agenda items which resulted from the numerous motions of Council regarding traffic, as well as, noted attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Oltman made power point presentation entitled "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program" which outlined the definition/purpose; benefits; eligible areas; request sources; and proposed process. C. Rourke questioned process. Ms. Oltman commented on involvement of the Council and subcommittee which would involve categorizing level 1 and level 2 needs. Ms. Oltman provided examples of above and logistics involved. C. Rourke noted full Council approval should be sought and Ms. Oltman agreed with that assessment. Ms. Baez-Rose note how plan was developed. C. Nuon approved of the proposed process and that programs should be available to all sections of the City and coordinate with street paving lists. Ms. Oltman noted that the current Shared Streets Program is in four different neighborhoods. C. Jenness noted City was following a good direction and that implementation should not be done during winter. C. Jenness noted bike lanes need to be protected. Ms. Oltman noted there is some protection for lanes and that Complete Streets Policy of the City requires that. C. Rourke questioned roll out of 25 MPH program in the City. Supt. Golnar commented on that process indicating sign replacement, data recording, accident reports and public campaign. Ms. Baez-Rose commented on outreach approach. C. Jenness requested UMASS-Lowell should be contacted to inform their students and employees. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Rourke to accept



the program as presented and recommend approval to the full Council. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Gitschier noted that sign department must keep up with improvements. Supt. Golnar noted staffing and budget issues within that department. C. Gitschier noted that the DPW may need to be involved in process as maintenance needs to be part of the plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Rourke. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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