



CITY of GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Robert B. Ryan, Chairman Larry Ingersoll, Secretary

A meeting of the Gloucester Traffic Commission was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert B. Ryan at 6:00 p.m. Attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Michael Mulcahey and Larry Ingersoll, City Councilors Steven LeBlanc, Valerie Gilman and Melissa Cox (arrived at 6:38 p.m.) and residents Ringo Tarr, Barry Pett, John Orlando, Louise Palazzola and William Flygare.

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MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from our 8/22/19 meeting

A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the minutes.

Handicapped parking request:

- 35 Taylor Street, one space.

After speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the space.

There is only one other handicapped space on Taylor Street and it is on the lower end.

ORDER #CC2019-033 (Councilor Gilman) ORDERED that the City Council request that the Police Department, Fire Department, the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Commission review and comment on Article V, "Stopping, Standing and Parking," Section 22-145(a), (b) and (c) specifically as it pertains to the question of whether additional ordinances and/or signage is needed to improve public safety and public safety enforcement of said ordinance.

FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances & Administration Committee, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and the Traffic Commission for review and recommendation to the City Council.

After speaking to Councilor Gilman, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order for further review, and hear from the other departments listed.

Councilor Gilman explained that newer residents as well as some longtime residents, are not aware of a lot of the city parking ordinances. One of the solutions mentioned would be a courtesy notice given by the police department for a period before actual ticketing. (This had been done in the past sometime in the 1990's).

ORDER #CC2019-034 (Councilors LeBlanc & Nolan) ORDERED that the City Council request that the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee and the Traffic Commission review the parking at all times of motor vehicles and RV's on Western Avenue from the County Way Landing to the Avis R. Murray Tennis Courts.

After speaking to Councilor LeBlanc and the residents present, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order for further review.

Many ideas and suggestions were brought up and as one resident stated, it was good that this could all be brought out and discussed as it has been hard to do this in the past.

No one wants to hinder special events but there is a need to clarify different city ordinances that are in conflict with each other. There was a consensus that stronger enforcement is needed and restrictions banning RV's parking on the Boulevard is necessary.

The City Solicitor also needs to be contacted to see exactly what jurisdiction the city has over Western Avenue between County way and Hough Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A letter from Louise Palazolla was submitted for the record.