

CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A meeting was held on Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor city council conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino and Robert Francis. Also attending were City Councilors Jackie Hardy and Paul McGeary, and residents Jeff Tarr and Wayne DeCaro.

AGENDA

The following was tabled at our last meeting:

ORDER #CC2011-057 (Councilor Curcuru) Ordered that the GCO Sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

one handicapped parking space in front of #5 Lloyd Street

(January Meeting) A vote was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to TABLE this order as the requestor was not present. A second letter will be sent to him asking to attend our next meeting.

*(February Meeting) After speaking to the requestor and discussing the matter, the TC found that the area the requestor was looking to be classified as handicapped parking was on private property in front of his home, not on the public street. The requestor was given suggestions on how to properly post his property for either no parking or handicapped parking to solve his issue. The requestor was in agreement with the TC recommendations. Based on these developments, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED on a 3-1 vote (with member A. Bertolino abstaining), to **NOT RECOMMEND** the order to the City Council.*

NEW ORDERS

ORDER #2012-004 (Councilors Ciolino & Cox) Ordered that the GCO sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

two handicapped parking spaces near the intersection of Middle Street and School Street and located near the apartment building at #1 School Street.

At the February 6th O&A meeting, this order was withdrawn by the sponsoring Councilors. No action was taken at this TC meeting.

A request from Councilor McGeary asking for a 6 month review of the parking restriction change granted to the corner of Eastern Avenue and Hartz Street.

After doing a review of the ordinance change, the TC found that in the past 6 months there have only been two reported accidents in that intersection. One was the result of road construction (minor rear-end) and the other was from someone clipping an opening car door with their side mirror. Both had no bearing on the ordinance change. Councilor McGeary gave notices to area residents concerning this meeting and only heard back from one resident of Williams Court (in writing, which was read into the record) who wanted the area to return to the original no parking zone. Members of the TC have observed the area and found no issues that were increased by the ordinance change. Based on this review, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to recommend NO CHANGE to the ordinance as it is now written.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary