

## CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

*A meeting was held on Thursday May 26th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
in the first floor Conference Room  
at Gloucester City Hall*

**The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also present were members Larry Ingersoll and Robert Francis, Phyllis Curcuru, Bruce Gordon (HP request) and Washington Street Lanesville business owners Tom Prybot and Meredith Glaser.**

### *AGENDA*

Approval of minutes from the 4-28-16 and 5-12-16 meetings

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the minutes of both meetings.*

Handicap Parking requests:

- One space at 12 Washington Street.

*After a discussion and speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the request. The sign can be placed in front of #12 Washington Street.*

*The TC has found that there conflicting ordinances concerning parking in that area and will speak to Councilor LeBlanc about correcting the wording.*

*For purposes of the ordinance, the Handicapped space would be on Washington Street, westerly side, beginning 155 feet from its intersection with Mansfield Street for 22 feet in a southerly direction.*

- One space at 11 Perkins Road

*(April Meeting) After a discussion and speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE** the matter until a ruling can be received from the **City Solicitor** concerning Perkins Road. Evidently, parking on Perkins Road is in spaces on the street which are assigned by a parking committee headed by Brenda Wasnick (#6 Perkins Road). The requestor is asking that the handicapped space be designated for her use only. The TC believes that handicapped spaces can NOT be assigned to one specific person and that the granting of a space on Perkins Road would not be in accordance with the law.*

*May Meeting: After speaking with the City Solicitor, it was learned that due to Perkins Road being a private road, the association can put up any type of handicapped parking sign they desire, The requestor was notified and informed of this decision. This space will **not** be part of the city ordinance concerning handicapped parking.*

*Because of that, **NO ACTION** will be taken on the request as it will be withdrawn.*

**ORDER #CC2016-021 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED** that the Ordinance & Administration Committee consider whether the Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-280 “Fifteen-minute parking” should be amended by **deleting** “Maplewood Avenue, easterly side from a point 58 ft. from its intersection with Cleveland Street in a southerly direction for a distance of 22 ft.”

**FURTHER ORDERED** that the O&A Committee request the Traffic Commission to consider whether Sec. 22-280 should be deleted concerning Maplewood Avenue since the business has moved.

*After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the order.*

**Order #CC2016-024 (Councilor Memhard) ORDERED** that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee request that the Traffic Commission perform a speed study on Beach Road to determine whether to reduce the current speed limit due to hazardous speeding posing a serious risk to pedestrians walking to and from Good Harbor Beach.

**FURTHER ORDERED** that the O&A, depending on the results of the speed study, shall recommend to the City Council that the Council petition the MassDOT to approve the reduced speed limit recommended by the Traffic Commission.

*After a discussion and review of the speed study, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the order.*

*Although the speed study showed that speed is not an issue, the TC feels that because the street has no sidewalks and lots of foot traffic walking to the beach, that safety can be improved with a 20 mph limit.*

*The section limited to 20 mph would be Beach Road between Nautilus Road and Atlantic Road.*

**Order #CC2016-026 (Councilor Gilman) ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances be amended by **ADDING** a new section 22-161.1 entitled “**Same—From May 1 to September 15 and certain days**” as follows: “Upon the following streets or parts thereof, described section 22-275.1 and when signs are in place giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours at any one time, during the period from May 1 to September 15 of each year, between the hours and on the days so described;” and further

**ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances be amended by **ADDING** a new section 22-275.1 entitled “**Same—Between certain hours, from May 1 to September 15 and certain days**” as follows: “Upon the following streets or parts thereof, and when signs are in place giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours at any one time, during the period from May 1 to September 15 of each year, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on any business day, and including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in accordance with Section 22-161.1; and amend by **ADDING** Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction; and amend by **ADDING** Washington Street, southerly side from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet; and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-291 “**Tow-away zones**” be amended **ADDING** Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction; and amend Sec. 22-291 “**Tow-away zones**” by **ADDING** Washington Street, southerly side, from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet; and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-270.1 “**Resident sticker parking**” be amended by **ADDING** Washington Street, southerly side, at a point beginning 135 feet in a westerly direction for a distance of 125 feet, May 1-September 15.

*After a discussion, a site visit with Councilor Gilman, (who also submitted an e mail but could not be present for our meeting) and speaking to two business owners of that section of Washington Street, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order.*

*The owner of the package store suggested the starting time be changed to 8:00 am and if Councilor Gilman wishes to amend her order, the TC would find no issue with the time change.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

**ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman**

**LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary**