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CITY of GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Robert B. Ryan, Chairman
Larry Ingersoll, Secretary

A meeting of the Gloucester Traffic Commission was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, Mike Mulcahey and Robert Francis, City Councilors Val Gilman and Scott Memhard, Barrett Pett (from Sen. Bruce Tarr's office), Eastern Avenue residents, Alexander Thompson, Janet MacKay-Smith, Merideth Fine, Joe Ahern, Tom Denham, and from the Willow Rest Audra Dianora.

AGENDA

- Approval of the minutes from our 1/1/9/17 meeting

A Motion was made, seconded and PASEED to APPROVE the minutes.

- **(ORDER #CC2017-004 (Councilor Gilman) ORDERED** that Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-277 "One-hour parking –Generally, be amended by

ADDING "Holly Street, easterly side, from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at a distance of 35 feet in a northerly direction for a distance of 50 feet.

*After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Gilman and Ms. Dianora, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. **The wording on the order should be changed to:***

Holly Street, westerly side, (easterly side of the traffic island) from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at a distance of 35 feet in a northerly direction for a distance of 50 feet. Hours of restriction to be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This order creates a one hour parking restriction on the six spaces on the Willow Rest side of the traffic island. The hours should be noted on the signs which should be placed on each end of the island with an arrow pointing towards each other so all cars parked will see the signs.

- **ORDER #CC2017-007** (*Councilor Memhard*) **ORDER** that the GCO Sec. 22-265. Turning Movements – Generally be amended by

ADDING: Eastern Avenue, at its intersection with Rt. 128, no right hand or left hand turn onto Eastern Avenue for trucks 2 1/2 tons or greater heading towards Main Street, westerly direction, unless making deliveries on that section of Eastern Avenue; and that signs posted at both ends of Eastern Avenue between Rt. 128 and Main Street stating - Trucks 2 1/2 Tons or greater prohibited; and

FURTHER ORDERED that a fine of \$100 for each offense be imposed in accordance with Sec. 22-6 general penalty for violations of Chapter 22; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the O&A depending on the results of the approval of the above amendments, shall recommend to the City Council that the Council request that the MassDOT approve and install proper signage posted on Rt. 128 North and Rt. 128 South just before the lights stating “Trucks 2 ½ tons or greater prohibited from right hand/left hand turn;”

*After listening to the State DPW rules on Heavy Traffic Exclusions which was explained in detail by Mr. Pett, A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **NOT RECOMMEND** the order.*

*Following a discussion, speaking and listening to area residents and advice given by Mr. Pett, a MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED to recommend that the City Council and Mayor's Office work with our two State Representatives and the Mass. DOT to have signs installed that would suggest a 'Truck Route' informing trucks from Exit 14 to the East Main Street exit of Route 128, the preferred route. The signs should be big enough to be seen by trucks and there also should be a sign at Exit 14 informing trucks that it is the exit for the Cape Ann Industrial Park (Kondelin Road).***

Mass DOT rules on heavy truck exclusions state that "Numbered routes are ineligible for heavy commercial vehicle exclusions" This also applies to streets that intersect a numbered state highway. Eastern Avenue is State Route 127. Mr. Pett stated he knows of NO exceptions or waivers ever being made by Mass DOT.

The area residents are concerned about the noise, safety and wear on the road from these trucks that are traveling more frequently on Eastern Avenue as GPS shows that as the best route to get downtown.

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