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Robert B. Ryan, Chairman
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A meeting of the Gloucester Traffic Commission will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Members are encouraged to conduct their own site visits when convenient.

Please note the change in location for this meeting.

AGENDA

Approval of minutes from our meeting on 4/19/18

- Handicap Parking Requests:
- 48 Cleveland Street *(Note: this item was on our agenda previously for several months and the requestor never appeared after being notified each time. He will be notified once again.)*
- 8 Liberty Street

The following were continued from our last meeting:

Order #CC2018-009 (Councilor LeBlanc) ORDERED that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee request that the Traffic Commission review whether or not the crosswalk running through the traffic island between Angle Street and Washington Street (“Tally’s Corner”) should be removed, and make a written recommendation to the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee on the findings of their review.

*(April Meeting) A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE this order as Councilor LeBlanc is unavailable to discuss the matter with the TC.***

There was a discussion and at this time the consensus is that the current crosswalk should be removed, but a new one be installed at the south end of Main Street going across the southern end of the northern traffic island to the former Tally’s area, where a new sidewalk plan is proposed.

The current crosswalk is used by many people coming and going from the Boulevard area and eliminating it would result in people walking down to Commercial Street and crossing Rogers Street to continue onto Main Street. It also gives the vehicles turning from Rogers Street a better chance to see pedestrians.

ORDER #CC2018-011 (Councilor LeBlanc) **ORDERED** that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee request that the Traffic Commission review the traffic patterns on Washington Street, Angle Street and Main Street in the vicinity of the traffic island near “Tally’s Corner” and make a written recommendation on the findings of their review, including whether or not there should be directional pavement markings for the delineation of traffic.

(April Meeting) A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE this order as Councilor LeBlanc is unavailable to discuss the matter with the TC.

A couple members of the TC met with DPW Director Mike Hale concerning this area and one member spent 10 hours viewing the area. There was a lot of discussion at this meeting, but no voted recommendations were made until we confer with Councilor LeBlanc.

There is a proposed plan for sidewalk improvements that would greatly help with the safety of pedestrians. It would also add a crosswalk at the southwest corner of Angle Street (by the Orlando building) crossing Western Avenue to the former Tally’s area, which will have a curbed sidewalk installed around the corner to Commercial Street.

Proper signage is important for the area between Rogers and Main Streets heading north (Washington Street?). The area is not wide enough for two lanes, but a sign instructing drivers that Washington Street and Route 128 would be straight ahead and the Boulevard and West Gloucester (and/or Magnolia) would be a left turn.

Tractor trailer trucks using a GPS for some reason are being told to turn left onto Western Avenue instead of going straight through Washington Street to get to Route 128. The STOP sign at the end of Commercial Street where it intersects with Rogers Street should be moved closer to the intersection and also STOP should be painted on the road.

NO LEFT TURN is suggested at the end of Angle Street where it meets Western Avenue and there is a possibility of the sidewalk area between Western and Washington being bumped out a bit to help enforce this. There will also be a sidewalk installed at that corner in the proposed plans.

NO LEFT TURN is suggested for vehicles on Western Avenue who want to go up Washington Street. These vehicles would be able to turn at the cut through or bottom of the current islands and would not be heading directly into the traffic exiting Main Street.

At this time, the cut through between the traffic island would remain as it allows vehicles exiting Main Street who want to go south to do so without tying up the traffic on Main Street if that area was only one lane wide.

The TC will work with the DPW and Engineering Departments on maps showing the proposed changes and options.

NEW ORDERS

ORDER #CC2018-023 (*Councilors Cox and LeBlanc*) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-279 “Thirty-minute parking” be amended by **DELETING** “Western Avenue, northerly side, from Centennial Avenue to Perkins Road”.

FURTHER ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-280 “Fifteen-minute parking” be amended by **ADDING** “Western Avenue, northerly side, from Centennial Avenue to Perkins Road”.

ORDER #CC2018-025 (*Councilor Hecht*) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” be amended by **DELETING** “Prospect Street, northerly side from its intersection with Friend Street for a distance of 125 feet in a westerly direction Monday through Friday”.

FURTHER ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” be amended by **ADDING** “Prospect Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Friend Street in a westerly direction to its intersection with Taylor Street”.

ORDER #2018-026 (*Councilor Hecht*) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” be amended by **DELETING** “Prospect Street, westerly side, beginning at its intersection with Spring Street, in a northerly direction for a distance of 200 feet”.

FURTHER ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” be amended by **ADDING** “Prospect Street, westerly side, beginning at its intersection with Spring Street, in a northerly direction for a distance of 175 feet”.

ORDER #CC2018-027 (*Councilor Hecht*) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” be amended by **ADDING** “Pleasant Street, westerly side, beginning at a point 130 feet from its intersection with Warren Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 25 feet”.

Objective: Parking meter #24 would be removed in front of Pleasant Street #32.