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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, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.**

**The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, Michael Mulcahey and Michael Mitchell.**

### AGENDA

Approval of minutes from our meeting on 7/26/18

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

- Handicap Parking

Removal of the space at #39 Mt. Vernon Street

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to DELETE the space and REMOVE the sign.*

Removal of the space at #19 Eastern Avenue

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to DELETE the space and REMOVE the sign.*

*The TC would also like the DPW to paint over the handicap logo on the street for the two spaces that were removed on Dale Avenue closest to Warren Street as it may confuse people that the space is still reserved as handicapped.*

The following was continued from our 7/26/18 meeting:

**ORDER #CC2018-029 (Councilor Holmgren) ORDERED** that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee request that the Traffic Commission review the matter of limiting the amount of time and locations that commercial box trucks are allowed to park on public streets, and make a written recommendation to the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee on the findings of their review, including whether any traffic ordinance amendments to the Gloucester Code of Ordinances are recommended.

*(7/26/18 meeting) Mayor Romeo-Theken spoke on this matter first. She said the problem of large box trucks parked overnight in residential areas has been getting worse over the past few years. She said there is parking allowed for these on Rogers Street and Harbor Loop. Large trucks on narrow residential streets are causing neighbor concerns. She would like to see something done about this issue.*

*The residents of Forest and Mt. Vernon Streets who were in attendance, spoke about their issues of having little sightlines when coming out of a driveway or having their views blocked by large pickups or cube vans with items such as ladders on top. In some instances they have spoken to the vehicle owners and have got little relief.*

*Councilor Holmgren said that her order was pointed towards the larger box like trucks and the TC agreed as thousands of people now own the larger pickups and cube vans and it would be too prohibitive to include them in any type of ordinance.*

*It was suggested that a new city ordinance could be created that would prevent parking right up to the edge of a driveway (possibly 3 feet on either side) so people would have better sightlines when coming out onto narrow streets or streets with the larger pickups and cube vans parking right up to the edge of the driveway.*

*After much discussion, the TC narrowed any proposed ordinance under Section 22-285 (Parking of Trucks, Tractor Trailers or Commercial Vehicles) to possibly being worded as 'No Overnight Parking (unless where allowed) of any Commercial Vehicle 22 feet in length or longer or higher than 8 feet in height.'*

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order as much more information and research is needed before any recommendation of final wording.*

*(August Meeting) Councilor Holmgren notified the TC by E Mail that she would like to withdraw this order. Chairman Ryan wanted to go ahead with a recommendation but the remainder of the TC believed that if the sponsoring Councilor wanted it withdrawn, then no action should be taken.*

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order until it is formally withdrawn by the Councilor at the next O&A or full council meeting.*

*The results of a speed study on Bond Street were discussed. Councilor LeBlanc will submit an order at our next meeting concerning the speed limit on that street.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.**