



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: June 29, 2021
Time: 4:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, and C. Samaras, 1 absent (C. Conway). Also present were Asst. City Clerk Angela Gitschier, Craig Thomas (DPD), Terry Ryan (Parking Director), Christine McCall (DPD), C. Mercier, C. Nuon and Christine Clancy (DPW).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order noting there would be more throughout the year and commented on the conflict regarding C. Conway.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted that an update was provided to the Council at last meeting and information was provided to the body. Ms. Clancy provide further information and noted that all information was placed on the City website. Ms. Clancy reviewed the Lord Overpass Project noting a change in the traffic pattern and a November of 2022 completion date. Ms. Clancy reviewed the Tiger Bridge Project, which included the rehabbing of five bridges throughout the City noting only the Central Street Bridge Project remains open. Ms. Clancy noted the scheduling changes for that project due to unforeseen issues indicating such changes would add years to the stability of the bridge. C. Elliott questioned the Rourke Bridge schedule. Ms. Clancy noted that it was in the design phase which she stated would be lengthy due to the scope of the project. C. Elliott questioned the status of the DEP litigation regarding roundabout at Old Ferry Road. Ms. Clancy had no further information on the status. Ms. McCall noted the delay was due to the DEP litigation.

C. Elliott introduced the parking study discussion. Ms. McCall noted that Michal Clark of Stantec was via zoom to make presentation entitled "Lowell Parking Study". Mr. Clark spoke of Study goals & public outreach efforts/survey results; Study findings; and Draft recommendations. Ms. McCall noted that there would be different approaches in different



neighborhoods. C. Elliott noted the need to get information and pass recommendations to the neighborhoods. C. Samaras commented on the costs and the need to reach out to the community. Ms. McCall noted that increase pricing would include increased parking benefits. C. Samaras noted possible extension of two hour limits downtown. Ms. McCall noted goal was to increase turnover in that area. Ms. McCall noted that the City would be receiving a large parking grant to assist with the study goals. C. Elliott noted the need for meetings to digest the vast amount of information contained in the study.

C. Elliott opened meeting up to public. Deb Forgione addressed the body. C. Mercier commented on possible discount rates in the City. C. Nuon commented on the importance of parking downtown as the City looks to increase housing and business there. C. Elliott commented on the number of vacant spots in the garages. Ms. McCall noted the study was about City assets and not outside of that.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Recess by C. Samaras, seconded by C. Elliott. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

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