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TRAFFIC COMMISSION



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Gregory St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works
Steven Magoon, Community Development and Planning
Ms. Kelly Gallagher
Mr. Robert Airasian

June 2, 2022

May 25, 2022 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Michael Lawn, Ryan Nicholson, Steven Magoon, Kelly Gallagher, Robert Airasian

Chief Lawn introduced and welcomed Provisional Fire Chief Ryan Nicholson and Mr. Robert Airasian to the Traffic Commission.

Traffic Commission members then addressed the following items:

Item 1 – Ms. Gallagher made a motion to approve the April, 2022 Traffic Commission meeting minutes; Mr. Magoon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Item 2 – The Commission reviewed a request by the various businesses at 129-137 Spring Street for the installation of a 2-hour parking sign in front of the building. Sgt. Sampson reported that he received a petition signed by various owners/employees of the business requesting a 2-hour parking sign. The petition noted that Watertown High School students park in front of the businesses all day; this negatively impacts patrons and clients of the building. Sgt. Sampson explained that although the City does not typically install 2-hour parking signs because the City-wide restriction is posted at main locations entering the City, these businesses are in very close proximity to the High School and complaints are an ongoing issue in this area.

Mr. Magoon reported that he is not in favor of a proliferation of signs all over the City, but this specific location is a unique situation. Chief Lawn agreed with Mr. Magoon.

Mr. Magoon made a motion to post a 2-hour parking limit sign in front of the businesses located at 129-137 Spring Street; Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – The Commission reviewed a request by Superintendent of Public Works Gregory St. Louis to restrict right turns on red on Common Street southbound at Spring Street.

Mr. St. Louis was unable to attend the meeting. Sgt. Sampson explained that this request was originally received electronically through the City's See, Click, Fix system. As a background, during the recent reconstruction of Common Street, a bicycle box was installed at the intersection of Common Street at Spring Street. The City contacted its traffic engineering consulting firm, WorldTech Engineering, who verified that turns on red shall be prohibited from the approach where a bicycle box is placed using a No Turn on Red sign. In this case, turns on red should be restricted on the Common Street southbound approach to the Common Street/Spring Street intersection.

Mr. Magoon made a motion to restrict right turns on red on Common Street southbound at Spring Street; Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 – New Business

Mr. Magoon welcomed the Commission's new members and announced that this would be Chief Lawn's final Traffic Commission meeting. Mr. Magoon thanked Chief Lawn for his leadership on the Traffic Commission and his many years of service to Watertown. Ms. Gallagher also thanked Chief Lawn.

Chief Lawn thanked the Commission and Sgt. Sampson for their work on the Commission.

No other new business was brought before the Commission.

Ms. Gallagher made a motion to adjourn; Chief Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sgt. David Sampson
Assistant to the Traffic Commission