

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

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The Committee on Public Works meets this day at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in the Conference Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Terrence M. Hassett, Vice-Chairwoman Rita M. Williams and Councilman David A. Segal.

ABSENT: Councilman Ronal W. Allen and Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo.

Also present are Adrienne G. Southgate, Senior Assistant City Solicitor, Keith Cullen, Project Manager, Biltmore Hotel; Michael R. Clement, City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

PETITION OF JOHN F. PALMIERI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, REQUESTING THE ABANDONMENT OF BOWDITCH PLACE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Is there any status on this?

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: There are no objections from anybody Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Everything is accounted for?

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: Everything is accounted for, yes.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Okay, is there a motion to approve?

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: So let's see, the fair market value on the attached report from William Floriani from the Planning Department says that going into private ownership the total amount is, that's a lot of square footage and it's a street.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sheri, we continued this on May 27th, was there a reason for that?

SHERI A. PETRONIO: I believe we did not have all the responses back.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Which we now do.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: And the request is from Planning so there are no abutters that we have to worry about, is that it?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Right.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So there are no objections from all of the official offices. Are there any question on it?

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Who is going to pay the money though, that's the thing?

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: The private owner on the other side is paying \$11,446.00 and the city will pay \$1.00.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Okay, but who is that private owner and is that owner willing.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: You have to have notice to the other side in order to abandon it and all adjacent property owners have to consent.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Now keep in mind that this is already part of the Public Safety Complex.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: It's already happened, right.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So this is something that has lagged. I think because one agency weighed in and then Bill Floriani arrived with a price.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: So does the city own on both sides?

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: No, I do not believe so there is a private owner.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Well, without any feedback from the private owner I'm not sure that I'm comfortable passing it. Maybe it can be contingent on the private owner agreeing to this.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: Well, that person would have been notified about fifteen months ago that they would be expected to come up with \$11,000.00 and in fifteen months they haven't indicated to either the Law Department or the City Clerk's Office that they have an objection to this. In an abundance of caution

we could always request one more time their consent but you can't abandon a property without having formally notifying everyone so there would have been a letter going out.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: You hope.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: I certainly hope so.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: You don't have a name of who the owner is?

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: Well, it doesn't appear in the records.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: What do our files say Sheri? To your recollection did John Palmieri ever testify before the committee?

SHERI A. PETRONIO: This is the second time we have notified him. Actually he was notified to come to the meeting tonight and he didn't show up last time either.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Alright, I think maybe we should have someone from Planning, I think that's fair. So we will just continue the matter and notify Planning.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to continue the foregoing petition.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

PETITION FROM CARL S. LEVIN, ESQUIRE, CALENDIA & IACOI, LTD., REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF BASSI LANE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: There are no objections on this abandonment.

The only thing outstanding was the fair market value. Councilman DeLuca I believe is the councilman and he is in support of it. This is something that is

associated with the development and they do need to move along with this. Can I have a motion to approve?

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing petition.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: The assumption is that we are asking \$31,500.00.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Correct.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ABANDONMENT OF THAT PAPER PORTION OF MILO STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: There is nothing accompanying that so motion to continue.

SHERI A. PETRONIO: John Igliazzi was supposed to be here because that is his.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to continue the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

PETITION FROM KEITH CULLEN, PROJECT MANAGER, PROVIDENCE BILTMORE HOTEL, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ABANDON PUBLIC LANDS LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HOTEL ON DORRANCE STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Do we have anybody here from the Biltmore? Could you just explain the request for the abandonment.

KEITH CULLEN: We are looking to abandon the valet zone to the front entrance of the Biltmore Hotel. That would include the sidewalk, the valet street and the small island that separates Dorrance from the valet zone. We are looking to obviously keep it a public through way and we are looking to create a new awning to go over the valet zone to help the entrance way to the Biltmore Hotel.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So this would permit you to put the awning for valet service so nobody gets wet when they are trying to go into the Biltmore. I look forward to that.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: And this is on the Dorrance Street side.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Where the flag poles are.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Across from the Biltmore Park?

KEITH CULLEN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So the abandonment then would go to the island that now holds the flags.

KEITH CULLEN: That's correct. It would be just that zone, from the corner of the island to other corner of the island back to the Biltmore.

VICE-CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: So you're already using it, it just has not been officially abandoned to you.

KEITH CULLEN: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: You're not asking for anything more than you are already using and it still leaves two lanes for traffic.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: They probably would take it by eminent domain because they have been using it for so long.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: And in terms of objections we haven't received everything back yet. Fire needs some more information.

KEITH CULLEN: I spoke with the Fire Chief.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: We need more information to determine the impact of public safety.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: Maybe because June 4th was the date of the petition. It may just be that they didn't get to it with vacation schedules and stuff.

SHERI A. PETRONIO: I sent a memo out on July 3rd.

KEITH CULLEN: I spoke to the Captain and he didn't foresee issues with it.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Well ordinarily the Fire Department would have to weigh in on this as well as Public Works. So what we will do is we will have to continue this. When was the memo sent out?

SHERI A. PETRONIO: On July 3rd and I just spoke to Steve Z today about it and I had to send him the petition and he is going to submit a public works map. He is working on it right now.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Can we make a note that on July 3rd we sent out a memo.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, also it looks like the Fire Department wants more specific plans so maybe we could have the Biltmore work directly with Fire.

KEITH CULLEN: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Actually the concern I think and it would be my concern to is external changes.

KEITH CULLEN: I actually did discuss that with the Fire Chief and the awning is actually the same width as the current awning. It does extend over the valet zone but it is also thirteen feet which was a concern with the Gas Company where you can get a dump truck and a back hoe underneath that zone for repairs and maintenance if need be.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Okay, so basically we want to get the responses from the rest of the agencies before we act on it.

KEITH CULLEN: Understood. Could you inform me who has not responded?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Well, the Clerk can give you that. If you want to follow-up on that it will be helpful to the Clerk to get the responses.

KEITH CULLEN: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: That will just quicken the next consideration by the committee. Can I have a motion to continue.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to continue the foregoing petition.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF ONE "HANDICAPPED ONLY" PARKING SPACE (ON WEEKENDS) ON HOPE STREET OR ARNOLD STREET, SO THAT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, AT THE CORNER OF SAID STREETS, WILL BE MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal. It was approved by Irene Testa the Traffic Engineer.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: But it must be a permanent sign all the time not just during church.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO EXTEND THE "NO PARKING ANYTIME" ZONES AT THE CORNER OF BROOK STREET AND WICKENDEN STREET, AND RE-PAINT THE CURBS YELLOW IN ORDER THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE MORE EASILY ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THAT CORNER.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The Traffic Engineer says there is no problems with that.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "NO PARKING TO CORNER-TOW ZONE" SIGN AT THE CORNER OF HOLDEN STREET AND PROMENADE STREET AND ALL EGRESSSES OF THE FOUNDRY COMPLEX ALONG PROMENADE STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: That is in my ward and it has become a nightmare to come down Holden and any of those egresses because people are parking as close as they can to the driveway and the curb cuts and there is going to be a real serious accident over there if we don't do something about it. So this provides clearance for it.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO IMPROVE THE PARKING PROBLEMS ON THE PORTIONS OF HOPE STREET, THAYER STREET, AND BROOK STREET THAT ARE LOCATED IN WARD ONE, VIA THE REPAINTING OF YELLOW CURBS AT INTERSECTIONS, THE REPLACEMENT OF FADED "NO PARKING" SIGNS, AND THE PLACEMENT OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS WHERE THEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BUT DO NOT EXIST AT PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The Traffic Engineer says granted.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "ONE-WAY DURING SCHOOL HOURS" SIGN AT ROANOKE STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman DeLuca. The Traffic Engineer says granted.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE RE-PAINTING OF CURBS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET AND THE UPGRADING OF "NO PARKING" SIGNAGE ALONG THE LENGTH OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, JAMES STREET IN PARTICULAR, SO AS TO MAINTAIN LINES OF SIGHT, AS THE CLOSING OF I-195 EXIT 1 WEST HAS INCREASED TRAFFIC FLOW ON SAID STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal. The Traffic Engineer says granted.

COUNCILMAN SEGAL: Considering that South Main Street is a state road, I mean I will pass it and see what happens.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF "FOUR-WAY STOP" SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAZAEL STREET AND WAITE STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The Traffic Engineer says these streets do not meet. We went through this before and it should be continued indefinitely and be removed from the pending list.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to postpone indefinitely the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "FOUR-WAY STOP" SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF PITMAN STREET AND WAYLAND AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to continue the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MISSING STREET SIGN ON DORA STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEBSTER AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The traffic Engineer says granted.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FORESTRY DIVISION OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO CAUSE THE REMOVAL OF THAT TREE LOCATED ACROSS FROM 10 APRIL COURT.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Move passage. I thought we usually
pass these on the floor.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "CURVE" SIGN ON APRIL COURT.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Mancini.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SECTION OF WEST PARK STREET FROM THAT POINT AT BATH STREET TO THAT POINT OF THE DEAD END TO BE RE-NAMED "SELWYN WAY".

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: This is in my ward.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: This has to go to URRP, URRP is the one who names streets.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT:: I know that but I think the Council President sent it to the committee. We don't have any backup on this either, do we?

SHERI A. PETRONIO: No, nothing.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Was it an error that it was sent here?

SHERI A. PETRONIO: I believe Anna was saying that it should have went to URRP instead of Public Works.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: I thought it was in URRP until I saw it on here.
Motion to transfer it to Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to transfer the foregoing resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 92 HOPE STREET TO BE ENFORCED ON SUNDAYS FROM 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. UNTIL 1:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal. The Traffic Engineer says granted.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MISSING STREET SIGN LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF KIMBALL STREET AND WHITFORD STREET TO READ "KIMBALL STREET".

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Butler.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON RAVENSWOOD AVENUE AND FORBES STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Butler.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "HANDICAPPED PARKING" SIGN AT 686 CHALKSTONE AVENUE.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET SIGN INDICATING ARNOLD STREET, AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARNOLD STREET AND BENEFIT STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" SIGN WITHIN THE VICINITY OF 35 HAROLD STREET.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Segal,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF STREET SIGNS INDICATING EAST TRANSIT STREET, AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SAID STREET WITH GOVERNOR STREET AND IVES STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO
CAUSE THE INSTALLATION OF A "LOADING ZONE" SIGN AT
507 HARTFORD AVENUE AT THE CORNER OF HARTFORD
AVENUE AND MELISSA STREET ON THE MELISSA STREET
SIDE.**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Igliazzi.

On motion of Councilman Segal, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams,
it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.


CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded
by Councilman Segal, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 o'clock P.M.


City Clerk


Assistant Clerk