

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

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The Committee on Public Works meets this day Upon The Rise of the 6:00 o'clock P.M. Public Works Public Hearing, in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilman Terrence M. Hassett, Vice-Chairwoman Williams and Councilman Segal.

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

(Subsequently Councilwoman DiRuzzo joins the meeting)

Also present are Adrienne G. Southgate, Senior Assistant City Solicitor; Timothy J. Robenhymer, Esquire; Councilman Peter S. Mancini; Anna M. Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

PETITION FROM THOMAS DREW, M.D., PRESIDENT, 116 CHESTNUT STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY, NAMELY THE SIDEWALK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BASSETT STREET BETWEEN CHESTNUT STREET AND SHIP STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: It has been requested that the first item be continued. There has been a request through the Solicitor for a continuance. Apparently, there were some other developments that have to be found out before we can act on this.

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.

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**PETITION FROM TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER, REQUESTING
TO ABANDON ENTERPRISE ROW.**

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: I am attorney and I practice in Providence. To my right is Richard Conti, who is the principal of Crossroad Enterprises, and to my left is Glenn Gardiner, who is with Newport Collaborative. If I may pass these out to the three councilpersons present just so we can give you a flavor of what where're doing. I'm just going to make a brief presentation and I'm not sure how elaborate you want us to be tonight. We have been through several commissions at this point, and as you can see what we are attempting to do is attempting to abandon a portion of Enterprise Row, which is located off of Atwells Avenue in Providence. Our request is based on the fact that we need to move. This is Enterprise Row, Atwells Avenue, this is Bradford Street and this is Eighty Street or a continuation of Mountain Street. Downtown is in this direction and Enterprise Row is a one-way onto Atwells Avenue. Mr. Conti's company owns the Bella Napoli, the wooden building behind it and the land in between. What we're seeking to do is abandon Enterprise Row not so that it touches on the park but close to the park so that we can develop a new development or a new addition to the Bella Napoli, an underground parking garage and also an eight story building behind the Bella Napoli, which would be the hotel portion of this project. So what we are asking to do is abandon Enterprise Row from the end of Mr. Conti's property line down to a certain point very close to Atwells Avenue. Right now it's essentially four parking spots that are used during the daytime hours for people who may walk into the city or the downtown area. We did have a traffic study conducted, which shows significantly low counts of most of the traffic running through this area because who are coming are cutting through trying to get on 95 north or south and there is no real heavy traffic flow in this area during peak and really frankly not peak hours. Saturdays and Sundays the traffic flow is non-existent. I have indicated that we have been through several commissions at this

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point and my understanding is that the City Plan Commission has signed off with a caveat regarding this back area and how fire apparatus would be able to get through there. What we are suggesting is that this is the Caprio Building here and there are a certain number of parking spaces in front of the Caprio Building but Eighty Street at one time went right through here out onto Center Place, so there is plenty of access for fire apparatus to maneuver in back in this area. I was out on Eighty Street and Enterprise Row today just to kind of refresh my recollection and I would submit that fire apparatus would be very difficult to make that turn now as it is.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo joins the meeting.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT: And we will get reports from all the respective departments.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: You have that.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT: Now, for purposes of where we go next just so you know you are going to have to revisit the committee anyway but what we are going to do is set this up for public hearing. Okay, so as to the presentation I'm just trying to hang onto a quorum so that we can get through some of the other matters.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: That's fine.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT: But we will have a public hearing and you can elaborate at the public hearing, which people will find to be very beneficial, and if there are any questions remaining when we actually reconvene the committee we can take it up at that time and then we can act on it.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: Is it possible to be put on the agenda for the next public hearing?

COUNCILMAN HASSETT: Oh, yes, the Clerk will take care of that.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: Is there one a month?

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COUNCILMAN HASSETT: There are certain requirements that is has to be circulated three times.

ANNA M. STETSON: Three consecutive weeks.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT: Three consecutive weeks in a publication of general circulation, which would be the Journal obviously.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: Can we leave the documents with you since we will probably use them again in the future?

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Why don't you take them and then give them to us at the public hearing so they don't get lost somewhere.

TIMOTHY J. ROBENHYMER: Okay, that's fine.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: We will move it along, thank you.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, it is voted to continue the foregoing petition and set-up a public hearing.

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 "STOP" SIGN ON MERINO STREET AT HARTFORD STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Motion to approve.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 "STOP" SIGN AT THE
CORNER OF SHARON STREET AND ISABELLA AVENUE.**

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

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI: That is in my ward, I don't know why that's
even in there.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: True, that was from Councilman Igliazzi by
request.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: Is that in his ward?

COUNCILMAN MANCINI: No, that's in my ward number one and
number two when we had it on the agenda for the council meeting it was
Councilman Mancini, remember I talked to you and I said stop it then but you said
let it come to the committee and then we will just discontinue it because we do not
want a stop sign at the corner of Sharon and Isabella.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman
DiRuzzo, it is voted to reconsider item number four.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman
DiRuzzo, 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 "THREE-WAY PLATES" AND "FOUR-WAY PLATES" ON ALL THREE-WAY AND FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE FIRST WARD.

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

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: What is a three-way and four-way plate?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: In other words if it's a four-way intersection, it should say on all the signs that it is a four-way, that's all or a three-way depending on what the circumstances are.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT KENTLAND AVENUE BE DESIGNATED A "ONE-WAY" STREET FROM ADMIRAL STREET TO GENTIAN AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Mancini.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI: I would ask that that be continued until the next meeting.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 BAXTER STREET TO BE ESTABLISHED AS A "ONE-WAY" STREET IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM OXFORD STREET TO POTTERS AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Motion to approve.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY OF BOWDOIN STREET FROM APPLETON STREET TO ATWELLS AVENUE MAKING IT A "ONE-WAY" STREET.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: I'm going to ask that this be continued.

We are having a problem with the neighbors agreeing on the one-way.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 HANOVER STREET BE DESIGNATED AS A ONE-WAY FROM DEXTER STREET TO CRANSTON STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilwoman Young.

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

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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 PERMANENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAUREL HILL AVENUE AND TERRACE AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: This has seen it's way around the committee. I'm just going to read for the record what the Traffic Engineer has said. "While a traffic signal is warranted at this intersection, there are no monies available in the Master Lease. Monies will be requested in next year's Master Lease request".

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

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: I would like to say something. I haven't been attending a lot of the meetings but I have a question and Councilman Igliozzi is not here. It was my understanding that we were requesting a traffic signal at the intersection of Laurel Hill Avenue and Pocasset. Now I find out it is Terrace Avenue. They're not requesting a stop sign be placed there because that is where Ward 7 and 15 meet, well we don't meet there, we meet at Laurel and Pocasset and that's truly where we need a traffic signal as well so I'm confused now. According to Councilman Igliozzi, he told me he said he was taking care of it while I was out with my leg and that he had discussed this with Irene Testa the Traffic Engineer and that it was included in the Master Lease for this year. Now whether or not we have two that we are requesting or one I'm a little bit confused at this point and I really need to talk with Councilman Igliozzi on it and the Traffic Engineer as well. So we will continue it one more time and I think we really need to move with this.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So the original motion was to approve this so we have to withdraw that motion.

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On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to withdraw the motion to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 INSTALLATION OF A "NO THRU TRUCKS" SIGN ON BERLIN STREET AT CHALKSTONE AVENUE HEADING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Motion to approve.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 "NO PARKING TO CORNER" SIGNS ON THAT PORTION OF HAROLD STREET AT CHALKSTONE AVENUE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Hassett.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman 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 "NO LITTERING" SIGNS
WHICH INDICATE THE FINES FOR SAID OFFENSE
THROUGHOUT THE 14TH WARD.**

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The Traffic Engineer says that "I recommend that all City Council Members pool their bond monies to have a large quantity of these signs made. We do not have the capabilities of mass production". Motion to approve.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

COUNCIL WOMAN DI RUZZO: Was it the gentleman from Silver Lake that called the councilman and ask for the no littering signs. The gentleman who picks up litter.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The person that was featured in that article.

COUNCIL WOMAN DI RUZZO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: That happened I think prior to that though.

COUNCIL WOMAN DI RUZZO: Okay, I just wanted to know.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: It was September 18th, that was a recent article. Why Traffic Engineering doesn't have these signs already made I have no idea.

COUNCIL WOMAN DI RUZZO: Well, I think it is because, well first of all they can't afford it and second of all we just have so many poles and so many signs on the street. I mean it's a question of how many signs do you want to put up. How do you want the city to look, do you want the city to be full of poles and signs?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: We want organized littering on the poles. There is a motion to approve and seconded.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO PLACE A "SLOW CURVE" SIGN WITH REFLECTORS ON LLOYD AVENUE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET ACROSS FROM THE MOSES BROWN ATHLETIC FIELD ON POLES NO. 25, 26 AND 27.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilwoman Williams.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman 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 TRAFFIC LIGHT OR TO RE-ROUTE THE TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF ATWELLS AND MANTON AVENUES.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman DeLuca and Councilwoman DiRuzzo. Councilman DeLuca is presently working on a design plan for this intersection. Is there a motion to continue.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman 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 LOWERING OF THE "YELLOW CAUTION LIGHT" AT THE INTERSECTION OF POWER STREET AND GANO STREET, TO MAKE SAID LIGHT EASILY VISIBLE BY THE OPERATORS OF ONCOMING VEHICLES.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: It was denied by the Traffic Engineer. There is no problem with the visibility of this signal. Motion to approve.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: Where are we going with it?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: I know exactly what he is talking about.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: So, he wants it to be lowered and there're saying that you can see it.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: I don't think Councilman Seal would have introduced it if he thought that it was not visible situation from someone who travels my own ward regularly and sees things perhaps from a different eye.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: And what was her reason for not agreeing?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: There is no problem with the visibility of the signal.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: I have to wonder though and I'm certainly not a traffic engineer whether there aren't specific standards that apply especially since Gano Street is a through street and we have a lot of truck traffic. I believe they have to be at a certain height so that you don't have trucks hitting them but I'm just speculating. I don't have any basis for saying this but I would be surprised that she didn't make a reference to that in here denial rather than saying that there was no visibility.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Well, there is a caution light and it's something to prevent the Traffic Engineer in making a creative recommendation, which would be to put side poles at the intersection.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: I would feel more comfortable just continuing this rather than going one way or the other.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Okay, withdraw you motion.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Williams, it is voted to withdraw the motion to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 REMOVAL OF THE BLINKING RED LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF GANO STREET AND POWER STREET, AS THE STOP SIGNS AT SAID INTERSECTION MAKE THE LIGHT AN UNNECESSARY NUISANCE.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The Traffic Engineer says denied. The flashing red is necessary should a stop sign become missing. This is also a busy street.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: But this is exactly the same thing.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: It is the same intersection.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: It's confusing.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: The request is to lower the caution light and then to remove the red caution light.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: There is a mistake here.

ANNA M. STETSON: One is on Gano Street and one is on Power Street.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: But isn't it the same intersection?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: No, this says the yellow caution light at the intersection of Power Street and Gano Street is item sixteen. Item seventeen says blinking red light at the intersection of Gano Street and Power Street.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: That's absolutely true.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: So, we have conflicting requests.

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: You know what? We maybe have a yellow light in one direction and a blinking red in the other direction is probably what we've got.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Why don't we just continue this.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Right, we need further explanation on it. Motion to continue item number seventeen.

On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, 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 INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT AT THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF BENEFIT STREET AND ARNOLD STREET.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Sponsored by Councilman Segal. The Traffic Engineer says this department no longer maintains decorative street lights in the City. Please refer all requests through Alan Sepe. If the Clerk will please note to transfer this matter directly to Alan Sepe. Motion to continue indefinitely.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, 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 STREET LIGHT AT THE
NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF
ARNOLD STREET AND BENEFIT STREET.**

ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE: Isn't that the same thing?

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: Yes, and I read it to.

ANNA M. STETSON: Oh, alright because this was put in on two separate
dates so they both need to be continued indefinitely.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Vice-Chairman
Williams, it is voted to postpone indefinitely the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those in favor.

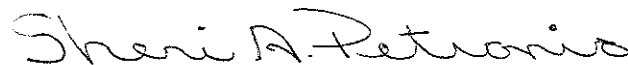
COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HASSETT: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Vice-Chairwoman Williams, seconded
by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 o'clock P.M.


Second Deputy City Clerk


Assistant Clerk