

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 6:00p.m.
Room 114, City Hall

Chairman Scott Liberty explains the process of the Traffic Commission, announces the commissioner in attendance, and calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Scott Liberty, Brian Gomes, Brad Markey, Manuel Silva, Michael Baker

Absent: Patrick Sullivan, Richard Simmons, Ian Trombly

Motion by Commissioner Baker to accept and approve minutes from 06/26/19 Traffic Commission meeting; second by Commissioner Silva, the Ayes have it

PETITION

1. PETITION

Christina Connelly and Laurie Alfonso, on behalf of the Administration, are proposing to create three parking zones within the Downtown Transportation Facilities as set forth in the New Bedford Code of Ordinances, Section 23-48-1 in accord with the Traffic Commission's authority pursuant to Sections 23-30, 32,35 and 37 of the Code. These zones will be differentiated by time limits and meter rates; this petition seeks approval of the zones, associated time limit. (Map of zones and time limits is on file).

Christina Connelly stated that this was one of the actions recommended in the parking study was to create a zone model in our downtown and this is the first step of that. The two hours can sometimes be problematic for certain kinds of users. Christina Connelly stated that any of the current timeframe signage that we have will not change at this time and this will only affect metered areas. Christina Connelly stated this is step one of the changes. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Markey asked that we are only making the changed to the hours. Commissioner Silva asked if for any consideration about money or costs and Christina Connelly stated that this proposal does not say anything about rates. Commissioner Silva also asked were we adding any new meters and Christina Connelly advised no just to existing meters. Commissioner Gomes asked about the cost for anyone coming downtown he stated that he heard that there were going to be different rates, Christina stated that was one of the recommendation that is in the study that is not what we are doing right now but we are not proposing to do that right now. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or an opposition. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

Commissioner Gomes motioned to adjourn time 6:25pm; second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it