

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6:00p.m.**  
**Main Library Room, 613 Pleasant Street**

*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, William Brad Markey, Michael Baker, Manuel Silva, Jacob Gonsalves, Ian Trombly

**Absent:** Richard Simmons, Tabitha Harkin

*Motion by Commissioner Gonsalves to accept and approve minutes from 09/25/19 Traffic Commission meeting; second by Commissioner Silva, the Ayes have it*

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PH1.**

MIH1 LLC, 30 North Water Street, is requesting to close 2 existing curb cuts and install 2 new curb cuts 36' x 6' and 30' x 6', located on ES Acushnet Ave (Plot 130D, Lot 117, 247, 248, & 447)

*Commissioner Silva motioned to open PH1; second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it.*

*John Marchand, Farland Corp. spoke on behalf of PH1 he states the two proposed curb cuts that are being closed are from two previous homes. The two proposed curbs cuts are 36x6 and 30x6 south of Acushnet Ave. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva asked if the driveway to the north the main driveway, asked if the grades worked because they were going to have the handicap accessible going right through without the curb ? Petitioner advised that the grades do work. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition of the petitioner. Commissioner Silva motioned to close PH1, second by Commissioner Baker; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve PH1, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

*Commissioner Gonsalves motioned to open PH2; second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it.*

**PH2.**

Rand Torman, 123 Rockdale Ave, is requesting to install 24' x 12' curb cut located at 123 Rockdale Ave (Plot 18, Lot 113)

*Edward Corocan spoke on behalf of PH2., there are two existing curb cuts to the property the proposal to take down the existing building and keep the two driveways and relocate them. One of the existing driveways that we would narrow that down to 24' that would be a two way driveway, coming into the property we would have a*

drive thru lane and existing driveway that is 20' somewhat feet would be narrowed down to 12' and would be an exit only that comes out into Rockdale Ave. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva stated that the petition is asking for one driveway and you're asking for two, we thought the driveway on the west side was going to stay the same but now you're going to narrow it, so we need to amend the petition. The plan shows two driveways, Commissioner Silva stated whoever went to the office to fill the application specifically said one driveway. Commissioner Gomes asked why they added on the west side, just wondering about the traffic flow, they stating they were trying to use the existing curb cuts so we figure we would narrow it down and make it an exit only. Commissioner Gomes asked if they would be willing to install a Stop sign on the property coming out the exit only driveway(west side), they agreed to the Stop sign. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition of the petitioner. Commissioner Gonsalves motioned to close PH2, second by Commissioner Silva; they Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to close PH1, second by Commissioner Baker; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to amend to read 123 Rockdale Ave is requesting to install two driveways one 24x 12 located at 123 Rockdale Ave and 12x12 on the west of the property, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve PH1, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it.

**Passed 6-0**

## PETITION

### **1.PETITION**

Evan Trethewey, 165 Reed Street, is requesting an **ALL WAY STOP SIGN** to be placed on South Sixth Street at Walnut Street. There is an existing Stop Sign on Walnut Street at South Sixth Street (**Angular Accident Report 2019=3 (March, Sept, Oct.), 2018=5 (April, May, Aug,2 Oct), 2017=5 (2 Feb, Aug,2 Nov).**)

Commissioner Silva motioned to table, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.

**Tabled 6-0**

### **2.PETITION**

Councillor Morad is requesting the installation of **CROSSWALKS** at the intersection of Monmouth Street and Acushnet Avenue, and at the intersection of Maplewood Street and Acushnet Avenue; said crosswalks will be constructed by the Department of Public Infrastructure per the Traffic Code and will include handicap access ramps and appropriate signage.

Councillor Morad requesting the crosswalks due to residents in the area that are looking for crosswalks. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone had any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva states that he did look at the area with the Councillor and that he does walk around there quite a bit so know the area very well and that there is a crosswalk on Maplewood Street but the wheelchair ramp needs to be done at that corner and the other area there is crosswalks going north and south and we will be putting one on the north side. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the petition. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve P2, second by Commissioner Markey, the Ayes have it.

**Passed 6-0**

### 3.PETITION

Manuel Marquinhos, 113 Clara Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

*Manuel Marquinhos, daughter spoke on behalf of the petitioner she states due to several surgeries it would be easier to have the spot in front of the home it is a shorter distance than using the driveway. Commissioner Silva asked who uses the driveway the daughter states her mom does and there are only two vehicles. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition of the petitioner. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve, second by Commissioner Baker; they Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

*Commissioner Silva asked to take T1 out of order, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.*

### 5.PETITION

Brandon Roderick, owner of The Baker, 562 Pleasant Street and Nick Ricciardi owner of Café Italia Ristorante, 555 Pleasant Street is requesting for a Loading Zone on Pleasant Street meters to be removed will be single meter 656 and double meter 438AB.

*Brandon Roderick states that he needs a proper loading zone that can be used currently there is one spot that not even a truck can fit into it, so he is not sure how that even got passed when it is not utilized properly. Nick and I thought that we can share a loading zone on the corner of Pleasant Street and Market Street. We would take up two-meter spaces and then replace a meter where the old one was. Laurie Alfonso also confirmed with Brandon Roderick that he spoke with Nick verbally and that he was okay to remove the loading zone that is currently there. Chairman Liberty asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve, second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

### 4.PETITION

Councillor Carney is requesting that the Traffic Commission establish Safety Zones focusing on our Senior Citizens and our City youth with posted 20 miles per hour signage starting with the following locations: Tabor Mill Area (Coffin Avenue starting at Ashley Boulevard, to Quansett Street and Dean Street from Purchase Street to Ashley Boulevard); Buttonwood Park Area (Brownell Avenue and Rockdale Avenue); Hazelwood Park Senior Citizens Area (Brock Avenue) and Brooklawn Park (Acushnet Avenue).

*Commissioner Gomes motioned to table P4, second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it.*

**Tabled 6-0**

### 5.PETITION

Councillor Gomes is requesting to install **NO PARKING 8:00am-3:30pm MON-FRI, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS** signs on the north side of Braley Road only, between the crosswalks located at the entrance and exit of Pulaski School.

*Councillor Gomes states this came from a lot of studying of the traffic and collaboration with Sgt. DaCosta originally, we asked for both sides of the street we only need the north side of Braley Road. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve P5, second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

**6.PETITION**

Councillor Gomes is requesting to install **NO LEFT TURN 8:00AM-3:30PM MON-FRI, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS** signs on the south side of Braley Road, across from the entrance at Pulaski School. Also requesting to replace the existing No Left Turn sign that is attached to the crosswalk sign, with a larger sign.

*Commissioner Gomes requesting to change out signs to a bigger sign and add the additional No Left Turn signs spelled out. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve P6, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

**7. PETITION**

Manny Silva, Deputy Commissioner of Department of Public Infrastructure is requesting to install **NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF THE STREET** signs on the south side of Division Street between South First Street and JFK Blvd/Route 18.

*Commissioner Silva states as Rt 18 construction is finally coming to an end and we opened a lot of the side streets and new access routes to Route 18 and that one of the issues that Division Street and South First Street are both one ways so we have this open to the highways. The problem is at night there are cars parked on both sides. Steve Beauregard from Housing Authority and he has no issues with removing the parking. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve, second by Commissioner Gonsalves, the Ayes have it.*

**Passed 6-0**

*Commissioner Silva motioned to approve HP1-HP12, second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve rescinded HP signs, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.*

**NO PARKING EXCEPT HP OR V PLATES REQUESTS**

**HP1.**

David Cormier, 2981 Acushnet Ave #24, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed on the Essex Street side (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, no driveway).

**HP2.**

Moraima Romero, 799 Brock Ave, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner on file, there is no access to driveway).

**HP3.**

Carmen Castro, 568 Coggeshall Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from housing authority, no driveway).

**HP4.**

Theresa Vaughan, 488 Summer Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP5.**

David Depina, 482 Purchase Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP6.**

Alvard Bergantim, 369 Orchard Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP7.**

Kevin White, 61 Amanda Ave, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from housing authority, no driveway).

**HP8.**

Joann Lannan, 7 Glover Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP9.**

Wanda Rodericks, 242 Whitman Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed on the Whitman Street side of 385 Ashley Blvd, directly across from 242 Whitman Street (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP10.**

Deborah Raposo, 29 Ashley Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no driveway).

**HP11.**

Wayne Oliveira, 65 Florence Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

**HP12.**

Susan Mello, 101 Princeton Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no driveway).

**RESCINDED HP SIGNS**

145 Sycamore Street  
282 Allen Street  
414 Orchard Street

292 Harwich Street  
87 Armour Street  
33 Williard Street

143 Sycamore Street  
137 Campbell Street

**RESCINDED SIGNS**

30 Minute Parking 46-48 Parker Street  
15 Minute Parking 127 Maxfield Street

**Passed 6-0**

**LATE FILE**

**L1.**

Zeb Arruda, Facility Director for Greater New Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd is requesting for a crosswalk and warning signs to be installed on the west entrance/exit of the school located on Church Street. Due to the increase of students using this area to cross the street who visit the Dollar General store after school and then going back to the school for sporting events and of after school activities we are requesting for the safety of the students.

*Commissioner Silva motioned to table L1, second by Commissioner Markey, the Ayes have it.*

**Tabled 6-0**

*Commissioner Gomes motioned to adjourn time 6:40pm; second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it*