

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

MARCH 28, 2018

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Chair, presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman Tom Lopez, Vice Chair
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Ernest A. Jette
Alderman Ken Gidge

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman June M. Caron
Scott Cote, Southern NH Medical Center

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-18-011

Endorser: Alderman June M. Caron

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A DISCONTINUED PORTION OF WEST
GLENWOOD STREET**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

On this ordinance I'm going to ask Alderman Caron if she would be willing to speak on the matter and Alderman I did take the liberty to bring up on the Board that's the area that is in question.

Alderman Caron

Thank you Mr. Chair. About a year ago the Coulombe family came to speak, actually they called the City Tax Collector as to how they could get portions of that street given to them since they own the property at the end. It took a while because legal had to verify that this street had been discontinued, which was done back in 1967. Then DPW sent their surveyors out to do the site work. So that has all been done and now all it is, is an approval from the full Board of Alderman to discontinue the street to give the Coulombes the abutters part of the land. In your package, it did give the number and the quadrants. The cost for this for fees is about \$45.00 to the Coulombe family. It has been a long time coming, I don't know if he tried doing it back in the 70's, I don't know what happened but I told him I'd see what we could do. They are very nice people on the dead end street and we'd like to help them if we can. Thank you.

Alderman McCarthy

Where is their driveway? It looks like it's off the extension of the street? My concern is this, I'm guessing that when they acquire that piece in the middle they are going to sub-divide the lot and sell the other half of it off. I want to make sure we have the right access to the two halves with the street taken out.

Alderman Caron

I understand. What did I say, 68? 68 West Glenwood. The surveyor didn't seem to have a problem. They are an elderly couple. I think it's just something that he has wanted to do, that seems to be his concern that this gets taken care. That's why they went out and surveyed it and really took their time putting this together. But I can understand your concern.

Alderman McCarthy

I would guess that within five years there will be another house.

Alderman Caron

That could be.

Alderman McCarthy

Is that strip of land behind that owned by the City?

Alderman Caron

They are claiming that at one time this should have gone into the back of where Marmon Drive is so I'm not sure if that's the City's land, I would think it is.

Alderman McCarthy

I want to make sure that there is adequate access to the two lots when it ultimately gets divided. It looks like there is.

Alderman Jette

The petitioners own that, is that 68?

Alderman Caron

Right, the end.

Alderman Jette

So Lot 68 is that everything that was in yellow there. It was in red on the other picture?

Chairman O'Brien

Right, as you can see the way it blocked out.

Alderman Jette

I guess there would be a line that north/south boundary line would be extended. Do we know how much of the street we are giving them?

Alderman Caron

It is like 5 feet, 1.60 feet another...

Alderman Jette

We don't have a drawing?

Alderman Caron

No they didn't provide, legal doesn't provide that. This wasn't a problem because they do this all the time to discontinue streets with abutters.

Chairman O'Brien

Any further questions? I do have one, Alderman Caron, this would probably go back with this and would be taken off the City and become taxable property?

Alderman Caron

Right because it goes onto their taxes and that's why they have to pay for the recording fees, which is about \$45.00.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good, any other further questions for the committee. Seeing none the motion is for final passage.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-18-005

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Ken Gidge
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

ADDING ADDITIONAL FIRE STATION SIGNAL LOCATIONS

Chairman O'Brien

I was asked by the Fire Department since I sponsored this to include this. This is what I call basically a housekeeping type of measure. The past history being on the Fire Department and particularly on the Safety Committee at the time, all our Fire Stations had no traffic control devices. It seems kind of archaic in this day and age but back then that was the case. So therefore apparatus exiting and coming back into quarters, there

was no traffic devices to halt traffic. Firemen were expected, as they still do, to get off the apparatus to stop the traffic but now they have the assistance of the traffic light.

Over the years, through the safety committee work that I was on, we were able to get the City to put all stations, but with the land of budgetary and spending caps, everything was done on a piece-meal type of fashion. It was brought to my attention that there were several stations that were left out. By re-writing this Ordinance it is going to include all fire stations that currently have the traffic control devices and they will be listed on the official City Rolls.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

O-18-007

Endorsers: Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

PROHIBITING PLACING OR BLOWING YARD DEBRIS IN THE STREET

- Also assigned to the Board of Public Works; Tabled 3/22/2018

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO TABLE
MOTION CARRIED**

O-18-009

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF PROSPECT STREET

Alderman McCarthy

It's pretty simple, it's the entrance to one of the parking lots and there are currently spaces immediately adjacent to the two sides which causes a visibility problem in turning in or presumably when exiting the lot.

Chairman O'Brien

I would like to invite Mr. Scott Cote if he so wishes, please take a seat, if you wish to further enlighten us, please.

Scott Cote

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Scott Cote, I'm with Southern NH Medical Center, 8 Prospect Street, Nashua. I had actually reached out to Alderman McCarthy to help me with this legislation because we have actually had trouble not only with visibility but also getting emergency vehicles in and out of that medical office building. If you look at the aerial drawing I provided you with the two red boxes, you can see that there are cars that are actually parked right up close on each side. Given the elevation of that end of Prospect Street, it's very difficult to navigate in there. If this works, we may actually be back before you asking to do the same thing at 10 Prospect Street where we have a similar issue there as well.

Chairman O'Brien

I do have a question. I did read the ordinance and it says for striping and different things. Is that going to be taken care of by your facility and street signage or anything?

Scott Cote

I am happy to help with that if that's what you'd like.

Chairman O'Brien

The reason is I would just imagine if they are parking there now, you would have to something to make people aware.

Scott Cote

Typically there is signage that is put up there that says "No Parking from Here to Corner". If you want the curbing painted or something like that we are happy to do that as long as we get the City's ok to do that.

Alderman McCarthy

That's the Department of Public Works, but I'm sure they won't object.

Scott Cote

No I'm sure they won't.

Chairman O'Brien

It's just change, I know you have a very busy facility there and I could see people still encroaching on what you are trying to do unfortunately.

Scott Cote

The good thing is that if people do and it's well-signed and marked, then Law Enforcement will ticket accordingly and that problem generally goes away after the first few times.

Alderman Jette

I'm looking at an aerial photo, so what part of Prospect Street are you asking us to stop parking, is it just these red boxes?

Scott Cote

Correct. That's approximately 15 feet from either side of that primary entrance into 17 Prospect Street.

Alderman Jette

So the rest of the south side of Prospect Street will continue to have parking?

Scott Cote

Correct. It's really just to gain proper access and visibility into that site.

Alderman Lopez

This seems really straight forward and it's two parking spaces surrounded by many, many more parking spaces. The driving force behind this is just a safety issue to make sure there is visibility turning and out of the parking lot. I think this something we can pretty easily support.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:15 p.m.

Alderman Jan Schmidt
Committee Clerk