



City of Salem Traffic and Parking Commission

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street
1st Floor, Medium Conference Room
Salem, Massachusetts

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- I. ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. TRAFFIC AND PARKING DIRECTOR UPDATE
 - a. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Update
 - b. October Weekend Shuttle
 - c. Local Transportation Improvement Plan (LTIP) Project Update – *The LTIP is a list of transportation projects in Salem at various stages of planning and implementation. The goal of providing this information to the Commission is to identify opportunities for comment and input as early as possible in the development timeline of a project.*
 - d. October Carnival Update
 - e. General Departmental Updates
- IV. NEW/OLD BUSINESS.
 - a. **Discussion and Recommendation: October Order** – A number of annual October-related parking issues are passed via order every year. The Commission will consider an order that includes (a) October-only resident permit parking, (b) emergency parking passes to be issued by the Traffic and Parking Department, (c) use of the Universal Steel parking lot for local school fundraisers, (d) free parking on weekends for Salem residents at the MBTA Depot Lot and Church Street West, and (e) the Commission's recommendation on October resident parking for downtown residents required to purchase garage parking passes.
 - b. **Discussion: Parking Fines Review** – The Department recently received survey information on parking fines from 18 municipalities across Massachusetts. The Commission will review this information and discuss opportunities to modify the City's parking fine structure.
 - c. **Discussion: Parking Rentback/Buyback Program** – The Department recently received a suggestion to implement a rentback or buyback program for downtown residents required to purchase a parking pass that do not need the parking pass. This type of program would have the potential benefits of increasing capacity at and revenue from the City garages, as well as incentivizing downtown residents to consider living car-free, thus easing downtown congestion. The Commission will discuss this idea in order to inform a staff recommendation to be presented at a future meeting.
 - d. **Discussion: Parking Near a Crosswalk** – Currently city ordinance prohibits parking on a crosswalk, but parking too near a crosswalk is not prohibited. Adding a distance parameter to this ordinance, similar to the restriction of not parking within 20 feet of an intersection, would "daylight" our crosswalks and improve public safety. The Commission will discuss this idea to inform a staff recommendation to be presented at a future meeting.
 - e. **Request for Traffic Ordinance Recommendations**

- i. **Discussion and Recommendation: Loring Ave at Horace Mann School** – At the request of Councillors Turiel and Dibble, the Commission is being asked to make a recommendation on Loring Avenue parking. Currently, there is an ordinance that allows for 15-minute parking or parking by special permit from the Horace Mann Laboratory School. As the school is no longer located here, the Councillors have suggested we modify the ordinance to remove this zone and bring the area in line with much of the rest of the neighborhood with a four (4) hour time-restricted unmetered parking area.
- ii. **Discussion and Recommendation: Brown Street and Washington Square North** – The trial period for the traffic pattern around the Roger Conant Statue is winding down. While the striping pattern changes discussed at the May meeting have not been implemented yet, overall this traffic pattern continues to work, and staff is recommending it be codified in ordinance.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

VI. **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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