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***A meeting was held on Thursday February 25th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor Conference Room
at Gloucester City Hall***

The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert Ryan at 6:01 p.m. Attending were members Larry Ingersoll and Robert Francis, City Councilor Valerie Gilman and residents Francis Tarr and Carey LaRose.

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes from the 1/16/16 meeting

A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the minutes.

- Handicapped Parking Requests:

One space on Railroad Avenue in front of #29 (Parelli Optical)

(January meeting) After speaking to the requestor, it was decided that the matter should be CONTINUED as the requestor was under the impression that it would be a reserved handicapped space for her business. She was informed that ANY vehicle with a valid handicapped permit could park there regardless of what business, if any, they were going into. She was also informed that any vehicle with a handicapped permit could park at one of the meters without paying, which may eliminate the need for a designated space in front of that building. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the request until our next meeting.

(February meeting) The requestor was contacted and wishes to withdraw her request.

The TC also made, seconded and PASSED a MOTION to REMOVE a Handicapped Parking space at #52 Cleveland Street. The original requestor was contacted and told the TC the space was not needed. The sign has already been removed by the DPW.

The space is listed in the master list as being on Maplewood Avenue, from 30 feet from the intersection with the southerly side of Cleveland Street, in an easterly direction for 20 feet....etc.

- Council Orders:

Order # CC2016-001 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED that the GCO Sec. 22-269 “Stop Intersections” be amended by **ADDING** stop signs at the intersection of Perkins and Mt. Vernon Streets for northbound and southbound drivers making the intersection a four way stop, and in accordance with Sec. 22-128 with the official stop signs thereon facing traffic proceeding in the direction indicated above.

(January meeting) After speaking to Councilor Cox, A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order. A group site visit will be planned. The TC will also look into the location of a handicapped space on Perkins Street which may be causing a sight problem for vehicles on Mount Vernon Street.

The TC was also concerned about the ability for vehicles to come to a stop coming down Perkins Street in inclement weather as well as vehicles coming up Perkins Street when it is snowing. A previous speed study which was done in the area showed that less than one percent of vehicles were over the speed limit. The TC also believes that most vehicles coming down Perkins tend to make the turn onto Mount Vernon and few actually continue through onto lower Perkins Street and Staten Street.

*(February meeting) Following a group site visit along with Councilor Cox and speaking to a resident present at this meeting, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **NOT RECOMMEND** the order.*

The TC found that even with a vehicle parked in the Handicapped space on #39 Perkins Street, there is still 37 feet of space behind it towards the corner. The TC also learned from speaking with police assigned to that area that there are few, if any, accidents at that intersection.

ORDER #CC2016-004 (Councilor Gilman) ORDERED that the O&A Committee review the matter of whether there should be a “No Parking” sign at the intersection of South Kilby Street and Brierwood Street at #5 South Kilby Street under Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 and whether the O&A Committee should approve the same depending upon the opinion of the Traffic Commission.

FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee for review and recommendation and that it be referred to the Traffic Commission to study the area, consult with the Ward 4 Councilor and the owner of #5 South Kilby Street prior to making their recommendation.

*After speaking to the resident and Councilor Gilman, and viewing photos of the area, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to take **NO ACTION** on this order. Councilor Gilman will be asking for a withdrawal at the next O&A meeting.*

The TC recommended that three 'No Parking Here to Corner' signs be erected at the 20 foot mark on both South Kilby Street and Brierwood Street to prevent parking of vehicles on that corner.

The South Kilby signs would be located on South Kilby Street, Easterly side, from its intersection of Brierwood Street, and westerly side from its intersection with Brierwood Street.

The Brierwood sign would be located on Brierwood Street, northerly side, at the easterly intersection of South Kilby Street.

It is hoped that this will correct the issue of MV's parking too close to a dry well, causing it to fill with debris and causing issues with the property at #5 South Kilby Street.

The TC has also been made aware that a previous crosswalk which was approved and installed at #53 Gloucester Avenue (Cape Ann Bowling Center) was not put back after the street has been recently paved and repainted.

The TC is asking if that crosswalk can be repainted and reinstalled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary