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A meeting will be held on Thursday December 16th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
at the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall

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Meeting opened at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino and Michael Mulcahey. Also present, City Councilors Ann Mulcahey and Steven Curcuru.

AGENDA

This order was tabled at our last meeting.

Order #CC2010-068 (Councilor Hardy) Ordered that the Traffic Commission and the O&A Committee review the parking situation and traffic flow along Leonard Street from its intersection with Washington Street to its intersection with Rockholm to address the inability of public safety vehicles to provide rapid response to the far reaches of the Annisquam Village and Lands End.

Further, to advise what type of informational signage would be appropriate for posting at the beginning of the village intersection of Washington & Leonard Streets (near the utility pole in front of the church) that would alert trailer trucks not to go into the village as there is no turnaround, being a dead end street with no outlet.

Background: Leonard Street is the only way in or out of the village. Larger sized weddings at the Annisquam Church necessitates parking on both sides of narrow Leonard Street, which inhibits emergency vehicle access on a timely basis. Possible solutions include allowing parking on only one side of the street.

(October Meeting) After a discussion and researching current parking ordinances in the area, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to TABLE the order at this time after receiving a request from Councilor Hardy to do so.

(November Meeting) This matter was again TABLED until further information can be ascertained from Councilor Hardy.

(December Meeting) After research, it was learned that there is already a 'No Parking' ordinance in the books that covers the westerly side of Leonard Street from Bridgewater Street to Nashua Avenue. Signs would be needed to be installed to enforce this ordinance. This would help relieve the parking issues in the area during church events. After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE a recommendation to have a sign installed at the beginning of Leonard Street that informs large trucks of the inability to turn around in the village. Suggested signage could be 'No

Turnaround For Large Trucks'. The TC believes that these two recommendations would help allieviate the issues in the area.

NEW ORDERS

Order #CC2010-078 (Councilors Verga & Whynott) Ordered that the Traffic Commission investigate the need for a 'Blind Driveway' sign at 198 Concord Street for traffic coming from the direction of Route 128

The TC has found that there is already a 'Hidden Drive' sign installed in the area for drivers coming from the northerly direction. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the placement of another sign for vehicles heading in a southerly direction. This sign could be installed on pole #1855 if needed.

Order #2010-080 (Councilor Curcuru) Ordered that GCO Sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

Washington Street, One handicapped parking space in the vicinity of #197

After a discussion, this matter was TABLED until the TC can speak to the requestor and also look into the ownership of the area suggested for the Handicapped Parking space. The requestor had notified the TC that he would be unavailable for several weeks.

Order #CC2010-082 (Councilor Verga) Ordered that speed limit signs be posted for the entire length of Fuller Street in Magnolia with a limit of 20 MPH.

Also, that a 'Slow Children' sign be posted at both ends of Fuller Street

After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE both recommendations in this order.

A short discussion was held with Councilors Mulcahey and Curcuru concerning their upcoming order looking into traffic in the lower Washington Street area and its side streets.

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

ROBERT RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary