



## ***Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair   Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

# **Notice of Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, August 25, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888  
Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Vice Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Kolenberg and Moore. Absent or excused were Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Reps. Giordano and Patterson. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Zelinsky; Josh Benson, Traffic Bureau Chief and Michael Bartolone.

Vice Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
11. <a href="#">T29.056</a>	RESOLUTION; Designating Parking Meter Zones. 06/08/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 06/30/16 – No Quorum; No Action Taken	<b>Approved, as amended, 7-0-0</b>

Mr. Benson discussed the resolution with the committee as follows:

- After discussing the resolution with Rep. DePina, the Administration is requesting that items 1 and 2 be deleted; these areas will be changed to hourly parking restrictions, with no meters; he would like input from the Committee as to the type of restrictions; no changes are being made on Broad St. It was noted that hourly restrictions are not within the purview of the Committee
- The store owners near Stillwater and Fairfield requested metered parking
- There is currently no parking in the area of Item 3 and this may present a problem for people using the park
- Item 5 should be reviewed by the East Side Partnership in order to ensure that residents have parking
- The purpose of this resolution is to encourage turnover and is done at the request of store owners

The Committee discussed two hour parking signs on the corner of Stillwater and Virgil Street, which was implemented with little success and out of frustration the store owners in this area requested meters.

A motion to hold this resolution was made, seconded and subsequently withdrawn.

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A motion to amend the resolution to delete Items 1, 2, 3 and 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Kolenberg and Moore in favor).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Kolenberg and Moore in favor).

- <sup>2</sup>2. T29.054      REVIEW; Issue of Monthly Parking Permit Holders      **Report Made**  
not Being Permitted to Park on Levels 1 and 2 of the  
Bell Street and Summer Street Garages.  
05/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
06/02/16 – Held in Committee 8-0-0  
06/30/16 – Report Made

Mr. Benson discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- He was unable to get data regarding the usage of the Bedford Street lot because the policy has been suspended for that lot during construction and permit holders are currently permitted to park on the first 2 floors. However, there has not been a significant change in transaction history since last year.
- The policy is working well at Bell Street. The lot was short 9 ADA compliant spaces, and these have now been striped. In addition, approximately 12 spaces on the first floor are leased to a limousine company under a longstanding lease. As a result, there is not much metered parking on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The elevators on the upper floors are not ADA compliant. In his inspection the first floor was 100% occupied and there were spaces on the second floor.
- The goal of this policy is to provide convenient, available short term parking for customers. The bulk of the monthly permit holders are employees or residents
- Monthly permit holders don't move their cars as often during the day
- There is currently no way to measure if this program is effective until after the construction at Bedford Street is completed
- The limousine company pays the same rate as the public for the 12 spaces and the car dealership with spaces on the roof does not get the discounted roof rate
- This policy is similar to the policy at the Government Center, under which the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is reserved for the public

- <sup>3</sup>3. [T29.055](#)      REVIEW; Criteria and Cost to Implement Different      **Report Made**  
Levels of Traffic Signage in Stamford.  
05/25/16 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Caterbone  
and Kolenberg.  
06/30/16 – Report Made

Mr. Benson discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- Each flashing "No Turn on Red" sign costs \$1400; most intersections require 3 or 4 signs
- Every sign must be approved by the State OSTA
- The signs are put up in prioritized areas where the driver may have bad visibility, such as heavy pedestrian crossings, near schools, or where the geography of the road limits visibility

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- The units are effective; people notice them in areas where they have not previously noticed the metal signs
- The City is happy with the program
- The City is getting more aggressive about making homeowners remove obstructions or else is removing obstructions at the homeowner's expense
- He will provide the costs of the bicycle signs

<sup>4</sup>4. T29.057      REVIEW; Feasibility of Putting Traffic Cameras on the      **Report Made**  
Government Access Channel or the City Web Site.  
08/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Franzetti

Mr. Benson stated that Mike Pensiero is investigating this. It is technically feasible but presents a bandwidth problem. The City currently has 50 traffic cameras.

Vice Chair Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

*This meeting is on [video](#).*