



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

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Committee Report

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Co-Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson. Absent or excused were Co-Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Reps. Franzetti and Moore. Also present were Clerk Summerville; Representatives Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen and Mitchell; Veera Karukonda, Traffic Department; Jim Travers, Traffic Bureau Chief; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; and Frank Fedeli, Citizens Services. Also present were about 45 members of the public. (See the attached [public hearing sign-in sheet](#)).

Co-Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T29.069	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 231, Article III , Residential Parking Permit Program. 04/03/17 – Submitted by Reps. Pratt, Figueroa, Fedeli, DePina and Mitchell. 04/27/17 – Held in Committee 06/01/17 – Approved by Committee for publication	Approved, as amended, 4-0-0

Mr. Orgera explained that this program had been placed on a moratorium because the City had received too many requests. The program previously gave residents hang tags for vehicles plus 6 visitor permits and the City found people were using the visitor tags for permanent parking. As a result, a task force was formed to review the program. The major revisions are the ability to create residential parking zones and limiting the number of permits to a maximum of 3 per household.

Mr. Travers explained the process to be followed under the revised ordinance, which would allow tailoring to the needs of a particular area. The City will not issue more permits than a street can accommodate.

¹Co-Chair Pratt opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.. Fourteen people spoke in favor of the residential parking program and expressed concerns about parking by commercial vehicles on streets, and needs on specific streets. There being no further speakers, Co-Chair Pratt closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

¹ Video Time Stamp Pt. 1 - 00:12:32

Committee members discussed the proposed ordinance with Mr. Travers as follows:

- Are there budgetary constraints on the ability of the City to implement this program, given the number of requests expressed this evening? Mr. Travers stated that the ordinance does allocate sufficient time for the Department to follow up on requests and that there is funding for the public hearings.
- Once this ordinance is adopted, the Department will include detailed instructions on its website and will have a one page handout to give guidance to residents
- Commercial entities on residential parking permit streets will also be limited by passes
- No dwelling will receive more than 3 passes; visitor passes, if available, will be allocated equally among dwellings
- The \$15 fee is not an attempt to recoup all of the costs, but does defray some of the costs for the creation, renewal, cashing and enforcement
- The City will only establish zones upon a citizen request; the City will not proactively establish zones
- The public hearing procedure was in the ordinance previously; the public hearing should be conducted by the Traffic Authority, not the Director of Operations

Co-Chair Pratt called for a 10 minute recess at 8:28 pm. The Committee returned from the recess at 8:40 pm.

A motion to amend the ordinance to change the references to the “Director of Operations” in §§231-35.B & C to the “Traffic Authority” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson in favor).

A motion to amend the ordinance to change the reference to 95% in §231-36.H(1) to 75% was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson in favor).

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson in favor).

2. [T29.071](#) APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and M&J Engineering, Inc.; RFP #685 – Fiber Optic Trunk Cable Installation Inspection Services. **Approved 4-0-0**
06/07/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Karukonda explained that this is a \$4.5 million project is completely grant funded. 10% of the cost is for an outside consultant selected through an RFQ process. The City does not have the resources to do the work of the consultant. The RFQ was issued in 2015 and the City will confirm that all licenses are up to date.

A motion to approve this agreement was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson in favor).

3. T29.070 REVIEW; [Chapter 231, § 231-6.C](#) of the Code of Ordinances - 120 hour limit on parking. **Report Made**
05/04/17 – Submitted by Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo and Kolenberg

Mr. Fedeli and Mr. Travers discussed this program with the Committee:

- The City received numerous requests when the program was first started. At this point, the City receives 3 or 4 requests per week.
- The program has been effective. 110 vehicles have been tagged since its inception. Most have then been moved. Approximately 30 have been towed
- There is no warning given when a vehicle is electronically chalked

4. T29.072 REVIEW; Traffic Humps **Report Made**
06/07/17 – Submitted by Rep. Pratt

Mr. Travers is currently trying to create better procedures and criteria for the installation of traffic humps. There is currently a moratorium on any installation. Once the Traffic Engineer has been hired, that will expedite this process. He expects to be finished within 6 months.

Chair Pratt adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Pratt, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) & [Pt. 2](#))