

**Government Operations Committee  
Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:53pm  
City Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

**Council Members:** Civiello, Graham, Nealley, Gallant

**Staff Members:** Conlow, Farrar, Hathaway, Higgins, Wardwell, Angelo

**Others:** Joe Imbriaco, Bud Butterfield, Terry Martini

**1. Retirement of and Request to Transfer Ownership of Police Canine Havoc to Officer Kim Donnell.**

Police Chief Hathaway explained along with Officer Rob Angelo whom runs the canine program that there is a canine named Havoc that they have decided is not suited for police work. Staff recommendation is to retire this dog and transfer ownership and all responsibilities of Havoc to Officer Kim Donnell who has had Havoc for the past 2 years.

Councilor Gallant moved, Councilor Graham seconded, so approved.

**2. Request to Apply for 2014 Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant Program funds to replace Breathing Apparatus Bottles.**

Assistant Chief Tom Higgins stated that the Fire Department currently has 55 Air bottles that will expire in 2015. These bottles have a 15 year shelf life. This is a chance to replace these expiring bottles and utilize this grant money to do so.

Councilor Gallant moved, Councilor Nealley seconded, so approved.

**3. Request to Establish No Parking Zone – 375 Mount Hope Avenue.**

Public Works Director Dana Wardwell explained that he has been approached by Bud Butterfield, Board of Trustees of the Pilgrim Orthodox Presbyterian Church, requesting the area between their two driveways be posted as a No Parking Zone between signs. There is a visibility problem with people entering and exiting so for safety reasons they are making this request. Staff recommendation is to approve a No Parking Zone in this 60ft area between the signs. Letters were sent out to abutters to the property and only one response was received who approved but would also like the area in front of her property be granted a No Parking Zone. This is not included in this request.

Councilor Graham asked what is the course of action if anyone does not follow the No Parking Zone? Who is going to be in charge of this? It is hoped that the congregants are law abiding people and it is hoped that signs are more official than cones that are currently used. Councilor Graham asked if it is possible to do an experiment first and have temporary No Parking signs from the Police Department put up before we spend money on permanent signs.

Councilor Gallant moved, Councilor Graham seconded, so approved to recommend to full Council for first reading.

**4. Request to Establish Three-Two Hour Time Limited Parking Spaces on State Street, between Newbury Street and State Street Avenue.**

Director Dana Wardwell explained that he was approached by business owner Terry Martini who would like to establish three - two hour limit parking spaces. Letters were sent to abutters and again received one response just asking for a little clarification. Staff recommendation is to approve this request.

Councilor Gallant moved, Councilor Nealley moved, so approved to recommend to full Council for first reading.

**5. Establishment of Short Term Drop-Off Parking Spaces on Bass Park Boulevard adjacent to the Cross Insurance Center.**

Director Dana Wardwell explained the request to add a few short term drop off spaces for those who have mobility challenges, etc. This will be a 100ft long area for drop offs on Bass Park Boulevard for people utilizing the Cross Insurance Center. Staff recommendation is to approve this request.

Councilor Gallant moved, Councilor Nealley seconded, so approved.

**6. Request to Consider Amending the City Code of Ethics – Conflicts of Interest Involving City Councilors.**

This item was postponed to a November Committee meeting.

**Adjourned at 7:20pm.**