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Town Council

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

April 22, 2020, Wednesday

Zoom #89550499662

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Also Present: Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM. (The meeting was supposed to start at 6 PM, but was posted for 6:30 PM.) Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll with all members present.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to take measure 20 026 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan- Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Chair DiFazio-Yes.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 026- Traffic Regulations- Filomena Street

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on March 9, 2020. Planning Director Bob Luongo presented the measure with Traffic Engineer Owen MacDonald. This came about when permitting the Ryder development on Broad Street, consisting of a commercial space on the first floor of a building being renovated, with residences above, and residential townhouses in back. During the public hearing for the special permit, some residents on Filomena Street requested a one-way leading out to Broad Street. There were some complications, so the traffic engineer studied the situation. Mr. MacDonald presented a power point. A section of Filomena was circled in red. 2nd slide shows the proposed development – 12 residential units in building and 8 townhouse units behind. There are two proposed driveways into the development; one from Broad Street for the building and a second 150 feet up serving the townhouses. Residents are concerned with traffic as Filomena is a narrow street. The accepted resolution is two-way between Broad Street and the driveways, and one-way between the driveways and Filomena Street. Sanitation trucks have to be able to access the barrels placed on the right of their truck. If the street is one way towards us, barrels would have to be placed on opposite side of street, on private property. The next slide showed the gradient- Madison is high and Filomena low, and has a very tight turn radius. Going the other way it's a much easier turn. No crashes were reported on the street in 2016-2018.

Chair DiFazio reported he was present at the BZA meeting when special permit was awarded, and some residents were present from both Madison and Filomena Street. He asked if drivers can take a left on Broad (heading towards Jackson Square) and may enter the first driveway, (restaurant) but no further? Mr. MacDonald responded no; the plan was changed since the BZA meeting. At that time, only a single driveway was proposed to serve the front building and townhouses. The townhouses will be served by a second drive. In order to accede to the requests of the residents, they propose a 2-way from Broad Street to the second driveway. The one-way sign will be posted at the end of Filomena, at Madison.

Mr. Luongo asked if there there will be a Do Not Enter sign at the second driveway, so traffic from Filomena will not be able to continue up Filomena past the second driveway? Mr. MacDonald responded traffic coming up Broad Street can continue through Filomena. Traffic will not be able to enter Broad Street coming from Filomena. It's one-way going toward Madison from the driveways (away from Broad Street).

Chair DiFazio repeated that this is different than was discussed at BZA, because of sanitation collection. The original intent was to have the DO NOT ENTER sign at Filomena. The chair asked if this was discussed with the residents on the south side of Filomena. Mr. MacDonald responded that Mr. Schneider discussed it with them.

The chair opened it up to discussion with the committee. Councilor Mathews had no questions. Councilor Haugh asked if the public hearing is already scheduled. The chair confirmed it is on for May 4, 2020 and he asked if the requirements of notice to all houses on Filomena were met, and includes residents of the apartment building at the end and the residents on Madison, as well as the two houses at the end of Filomena. The Planning Department will make notifications.

Councilor Mathews noted that the public hearing will be advertised on April 24, 2020.

Councilor Heffernan urged the residents be contacted ahead of the public hearing; this is a very dense area and the residents should have advance notice. Mr. Luongo responded that the Planning Department can send out a letter outlining the changes which includes contact information if they have questions. Logistics will be coordinated with the Town Council Office.

20 013- Traffic Regulations- Chauncy Street

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 3, 2020 and March 9, 2020. A public hearing was held on March 9, 2020.

Mr. Luongo and Mr. MacDonald were asked to provide a brief synopsis. Mr. MacDonald responded that the plan was designed by consultants, with fairly large acceptance by stakeholders. Funding has been received for preliminary design of the final conditions and is underway at this time. No funding for construction is available at this time, so

these are interim measures. It involves bumping out corners, to make safer crossing. Lost parking spaces were gained by angled parking and the one-way designation.

Councilor Mathews noted that when /if this measure passes, when is the anticipated construction? Mr. Luongo responded that it could begin quickly; done with in-house labor. They will meet with DPW to review. Some curb and striping for angled parking has to be done. This could be implemented by end of June. Mr. MacDonald agreed; depending on restrictions and the DPW time schedule, it could be implemented by then.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward measure 20 026 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Councilor Mathews confirmed the ordinance committee will report out at Monday's (4/27/20) meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan, Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan- Yes, Councilor Mathews- Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio as Ordinance Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 18 May 2020