

**Policy Committee Meeting
May 21, 2020**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Committee Chair, Councilor John McCurry, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call: Councilors John McCurry, Jr., Norman Belanger and Doris Ortiz; Committee Members Renee O'Neil and Nathan Bean

Staff Members present: Carmen Morris, City Clerk, Roger Beaupre, Police Chief, Chief Operating Office, Brian Phinney, Code Enforcement Officer, Roby Fecteau and Planning & Development Director, Mathew Eddy

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Acceptance of Minutes: **January 9, 2020**

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Discussion/Approval:

**Amendment/Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-101-Right Turn Only Streets/
Lincoln Street at Elm Street**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, by adding new **Section 42-101 – Right Turn Only Streets**, to read as follows:

When so directed by a traffic control device, traffic movement is restricted to right turns ONLY.
The following intersecting streets are so designated:

Lincoln Street at Elm Street

Police Chief Roger Beaupre presented the item. A contractor has requested this change in order to control traffic flow due to the development in that area.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to recommend the passage of the ordinance language.

Vote: Unanimous.

Amendment/Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-90-No Parking/Add on Lester B. Orcutt Blvd

Police Chief Roger Beaupre presented this item. He noted that a number of different approaches could be taken: (1) do nothing and leave it as it is; or (2) from 8th St to Ocean Ave, left-hand side as no parking; or (3) from 8th St to Ocean Ave, no parking on both sides; or (4) some combination of these options.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Lester B. Orcutt Blvd., both sides, from the intersection with Mile Stretch Road, thence easterly to the intersection with Ocean Avenue, No Parking on Pavement, or any part thereof.

{Lester B. Orcutt Blvd. is, on average, 21 feet in width. Taking into consideration the minimum need for two (2) ten (10) foot travel lanes, and that an additional seven (7) feet is necessary for parking on one side, there is insufficient street width to allow parking on both sides.}

NOTE: Due to the narrowness of the street, along with the increase in vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic, it is suggested that this parking amendment be passed as an Emergency Ordinance, since it is deemed that a public safety concern exists.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to recommend the passage of the above proposed ordinance language.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Councilor Ortiz to table this item until the September Policy Committee meeting, or whenever the Police Department and Engineering Office are ready to bring it back.

Vote: Unanimous.

Zoning Amendment Recommendations and Referral to Planning Board/Adult Use Marijuana

Planning & Development Director Mathew Eddy presented this item. A white paper was distributed to the Committee Members on what ordinances have been put into place in the City thus far in regards to medical marijuana, marijuana grow, recreational marijuana and testing. The issue of odor and odor control has been addressed with marijuana facilities.

The consensus of the Committee is to ensure that public input is made possible and encouraged. Mat explained that the Planning Board would be the first step in the process of gaining public input. The Planning Board would initially consider the necessary zoning amendment process.

Councilor Belanger asked, and the rest of the Committee Members concurred, that the ordinance change language be brought forward for the Policy Committee to consideration before being sent to the Planning Board. Mr. Eddy confirmed that this will be done.

Motion by Councilor Belanger, seconded by Member Bean to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 10:44 a.m.