

Traffic Commission Minutes  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm

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Attendance: Chair Eric Weisman, Councilor Naima Sait, Lena Webb, Assistant Chief Sean Tierney, Lt. Michael Holland

Staff: Suzanne Rinfret, Josh Eckart-Lee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

### Roll Call

The Chair requested a roll call vote to establish a quorum.

Chair Weisman – present  
Councilor Sait – present  
Lena Webb – present  
Asst. Chief Tierney – present  
Lt. Holland – present

**Item #1** – Approval of the Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Traffic Commission Meeting.

**The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item. Chair Weisman-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes. The item was approved 5-0.**

**Item #2** – Request for an accessible parking space at 5 Greenville St, for a resident of 434 McGrath Hwy (relocating an existing space from 44 Dana St).

Suzanne Rinfret explained the resident is moving and needs their accessible parking space relocated to their new residence. This is the closest space available.

**The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item. Chair Weisman-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes. The item was approved 5-0.**

**Item #3** – Request to change parking regulations to allow the installation of four new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at the Mt. Vernon St Parking Lot, Oliver St at Knowlton St, and the Foss Park Parking Lot, as detailed within.

Josh Eckart-Lee, Sustainability Planner-OSE, reviewed the proposed locations. Chair Weisman inquired about the accessibility striping planned for one of the Foss Park spaces and if it would be a dedicated accessible parking space. Josh stated it would not be a dedicated accessible space but there are accessibility preferences that accompany the funding which includes the planned striping.

Councilor Sait inquired about shoveling operations around the charging stations. Chair Weisman said he was not aware of a policy but it would likely fall under DPW, and he would be looking into it. Councilor Sait inquired if these parking spaces are available during snow emergencies. Suzanne Rinfret stated electric vehicles could use these spaces during snow emergencies.

**The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item. Chair Weisman-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes. The item was approved 5-0.**

**Item #4** – The Office of the Mayor respectfully submits this request to the Traffic Commission for consideration and approval of adjustments to current permit and meter fees. Due to rising administrative, maintenance, and operational costs, it is proposed that the following fee increases be implemented, as detailed within. These adjustments are intended to better align fees with current service costs, ensure program sustainability, and maintain effective parking management across the municipality. We respectfully request the Traffic Commission’s review and approval of these proposed changes.

The proposed parking permit and parking meter fee increases were shown. Chair Weisman asked when the previous costs were set. Suzanne Rinfret stated the permit fees were last increased in 2016 and meter fees in 2019. Councilor Sait asked how the increase amounts were determined. Suzanne responded there was comparisons and conversations had with surrounding municipalities, and considerations for other costs that have risen such as the ticketing and permitting system.

Chair Weisman inquired if there were any changes for senior citizens, which Suzanne confirmed there are not. Permits will remain free for seniors and people with disability placards. Josh noted that unrelated to permit and meter fees, the cost of using the EV chargers would also be increasing.

**The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item. Chair Weisman-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes. The item was approved 5-0.**

**A roll call vote to adjourn was taken at 5:23pm.**

**The Chair requested a roll call vote. Chair Weisman-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes. The item was approved 5-0.**

Referenced Documents:

- New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Regulations Requests
- FY27 Proposed Parking Permit and Parking Meter Fee Increases