

Ordinance Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Abbreviated minutes: votes and video timestamps

Video of meeting can be found at: https://youtu.be/_lly_XRuSxM

Members present: Chairwoman Linda Vacon, Vice Chairman Jose Maldonado Velez, Israel Rivera, Kocayne Givner, Kevin Jourdain

Other councilors present: Tessa Murphy-Romboletti, Will Puello, David Bartley, Jenny Rivera, Juan Anderson-Burgos

Chairwoman Vacon called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Councilor Givner made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 5 and 6 from the table out of order as a package. Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 5: 1-18-22 GIVNER -- That the City of Holyoke enforce no parking zones and implement warnings and or small fines for vehicles in violation. This is a danger and in many neighborhoods, makes it impossible to see oncoming traffic when turning onto or of side streets. Especially concerning in Ward 4 is the intersection of Hampden St at O'Connor Ave. Motion

Councilor Givner made a motion that item 5 has been complied with. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

--->Complied with, 4-0.

Item 6: 1-18-22 GIVNER -- That the City of Holyoke adopt a camera speed violation system in order to deter speeding on commuters through streets especially Beach, Hampden, Dwight, Maple, and High Streets . Holyoke has a city wide speed limit of 25mph. A ticketing system would remove this burden from our police department in some of the busiest areas while creating revenue for our city. It would also greatly reduce speeding and the running of traffic lights, by default increasing resident safety and life quality in all of our neighborhoods

Councilor Givner made a motion that item 6 has been complied with. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

--->Complied with, 4-0.

(19:20)

Councilor I. Rivera made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 7 through 15 from the table out of order as a package. Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 7: 2-1-22 RIVERA_J, RIVERA_I -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a three way stop sign at the corner of Mosher and Center Streets.

Councilor Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay item 7 on the table. Councilor Givner seconded the motion.

--->Laid on the table, 4-0.

Item 8: 1-18-22 VACON -- that our City Engineer recommend and implement safety improvements on Westfield Road at the curve near #292. Another driver ran off the road in December into two front yards and left the scene.

Councilor Maldonado Velez made a motion that item 8 has been complied with. Councilor Givner seconded the motion.

--->Complied with. 4-0.

Item 10: 2-1-22 RIVERA_J -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a four way stop at the corners of Race and Appleton Streets.

Councilor I. Rivera made a motion to approve item 10. Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

--->Approved, 4-0.

Item 15: 2-15-22 PUELLO -- That a "No Turn On Red" sign be installed, taking effect when northbound on Resnic Blvd and merging on to Pine St. This will restrict when merges to Pine St can occur to green lights only.

Councilor I. Rivera made a motion to approve item 15. Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

--->Approved, 4-0.

Item 14: 2-15-22 MCGEE -- That a "no trucks or tractor trailers local traffic allowed sign" at the bottom of Michelle Lane.....Currently, the sign says "No Exit".

Councilor Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay item 14 on the table. Councilor Givner seconded the motion.

--->Laid on the table, 4-0.

Item 9: 2-1-22 RIVERA_J, RIVERA_I -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a three way stop sign at the corner of Mosher and North Bridge Streets

Councilor Givner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

--->Accept recommendations of the Engineer to not install.

Item 11: 1-18-22 PUELLO -- That the DPW install the appropriate signage and convert the intersection of Chestnut and Franklin streets into a three way stop. Drivers are speeding on Franklin Street and an existing blind spot on Chestnut street poses a significant hazard.

Councilor Givner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

---> Accept recommendations of the Engineer to not install.

Item 12: 1-18-22 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered that a pedestrian crosswalk be placed where Portland St meets Beech St. A student was struck by a car as she tried to cross the street from the front of Holyoke High School.

Councilor Givner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

---> Accept recommendations of the Engineer to not install..

Item 13: 11-16-21 (referred from Public Safety 2-1-22) MCGEE -- Order that the city engineer review and determine if a four way stop sign(s) can be placed at Fairfield and Nonotuck.

Councilor Givner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

---> Accept recommendations of the Engineer to not install.

(1:32:00)

Councilor Givner made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 1 and 2 from the table as a package and open the public hearing. Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 1: PUBLIC HEARING (joint hearing with the Planning Board, continued from 2-22-22) 1-18-22 MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI, ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered that the City Council amend Holyoke Zoning Ordinances Section 7.10.5.3(a) by deleting "other use as listed in Table 4.3 of Principle uses" and inserting the following language in its place: "any pre-existing public or private school providing education in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grades 1 through 12" or other such legal form sufficient to resolve

any uncertainty over the interpretation of the existing ordinance as compliant with state law.

Councilor Givner made a motion to continue the public hearing to March 22nd at 6:30 PM.
Councilor Jourdain seconded the motion.

--->Public hearing continued to March 22nd at 6:30 PM

Item 2: PUBLIC HEARING (joint hearing with the Planning Board, continued from 2-22-22) 1-18-22 VACON -- That the current buffer in the marijuana ordinance (200feet from any other use...)be reviewed and revised to schools, residences etc. to ensure opportunities for new marijuana businesses and to ensure continued development opportunities for established local business in accordance with our master plan, Connect, Construct, Create.

Councilor Givner made a motion to continue the public hearing to March 22nd at 6:30 PM.
Councilor Jourdain seconded the motion.

---> Public hearing continued to March 22nd at 6:30 PM

(1:48:40)

Councilor I. Rivera made a motion to remove item 3 from the table and open the public hearing.
Councilor Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Panitch made a motion to open the Planning Board public hearing.
Commissioner Dhaliwal seconded the motion.

Item 3: PUBLIC HEARING (joint hearing with the Planning Board, continued from 2-22-22) 1-18-22 MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI, ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered that the City Council amend Holyoke Zoning Ordinances to correct the site plan review process in Section 7.10.6.5(b).

Councilor Maldonado Velez made a motion to continue the public hearing to March 22nd at 6:30 PM. Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dhaliwal made a motion to continue the Planning Board public hearing to March 22nd at 6:30 PM. Commissioner Panitch seconded the motion.

---> Public hearing continued to March 22nd at 6:30 PM

(2:09:05)

Councilor Givner made a motion to remove item 4 from the table and open the public hearing.
Councilor I. Rivera seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dhaliwal made a motion to open the Planning Board public hearing.
Commissioner Panitch seconded the motion.

Item 4: PUBLIC HEARING (joint hearing with the Planning Board, continued from 8-31-21, 10-26-21, 12-14-21) 8-3-21 LISI - Review and amend section 6.4 of the zoning ordinance to be in compliance with Consent Judgment and Permanent Injunction ordered by Honorable Mark G. Mastroiani dated April 12, 2019 and any other updates to streamline the ordinance.

Councilor Maldonado Velez made a motion to continue the public hearing to April 26th at 6:30 PM. Councilor Givner seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dhaliwal made a motion to continue the Planning Board public hearing to April 26th at 6:30 PM. Commissioner Panitch seconded the motion.

---> Public hearing continued to April 26th at 6:30 PM

Adjourned at 8:50 PM