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To: Ordinance Committee
 From: Kris Baker, P.E, City Engineer
 Copy: Amie Chrzanowski, Acting General Superintendent
 Date: November 23, 2022

**RE: Ordinance Committee Meeting – November 29, 2022
 Department of Public Works Related Orders**

This memorandum summarizes the Department of Public Work's (DPW) responses to the applicable orders on the agenda for the November 29, 2022 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Item 13: 1-18-22 GIVNER - Ordered, That the city of Holyoke establish/make a reporting system for immediate safety issues such as the lack of stop signs or other traffic signage at the corners of Sycamore and Hampshire streets.

The City's See Click Fix system can be used to report safety issues to DPW at <https://seeclickfix.com/holyoke>.

The intersection at Hampshire Street and Sycamore Street is an uncontrolled T-intersection and therefore Massachusetts Rules of the Road "right-of-way" rule states that at a designated throughway, the vehicle on Sycamore Street must yield the right-of-way to traffic on the throughway before turning.

According to the MUTCD, *the use of STOP signs on the minor-street approaches should be considered if engineering judgment indicates that a stop is always required because of one or more of the following conditions:*

- A. The vehicular traffic volumes on the through street or highway exceed 6,000 vehicles per day;*
- B. A restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street or highway; and/or*
- C. Crash records indicate that three or more crashes that are susceptible to correction by the installation of a STOP sign have been reported within a 12-month period, or that five or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period. Such crashes include right-angle collisions involving road users on the minor-street approach failing to yield the right-of-way to traffic on the through street or highway.*

None of these conditions exist at this intersection and therefore it is not recommended to install a stop sign.

Item 14: 11-1-22 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered, that a no parking spot be placed on West Franklin next to 286 West Franklin, unless the Engineer can recommend some other means for addressing the concern raised in the attached email and shown in the pictures.

The distance between the driveway to the east of 286 West Franklin Street and the driveway to the east of 282 West Franklin Street is 40'. City ordinances prohibit parking within 5' of a driveway leaving 30' of legal parking space between these driveways. Except under extreme circumstances two vehicles parked between

these driveways will take up more than 30' of space and one or both will be in violation of existing parking regulations. Enforcement of the existing regulations is preferred to the creation of independent no parking zones around driveways.

Item 16: 10-4-22 RIVERA_J -- That a handicap sign be placed in front of 16 East Court, for Hector Reyes, placard #PL1430356. *Tabled 10-25-22

Item 17: 10-4-22 RIVERA_J -- That a handicap sign be placed in front of 8 West Court for Maria Malave. *Tabled 10-25-22

The East and West Court are private roadways and are managed by The Community Builders. According to a representative from their office, the resident needs to follow up and submit a request directly with the management company.

Item 18: 11-1-22 MCGEE, TALLMAN -- Ordered, that the handicap spot on the south side of Hampden St in front of Rusty's be moved by ten feet to account for a recently installed fire hydrant.

Revise the schedule from 35 feet to 45 feet as follows:

Location	Side	From	To	Type Parking
Hampden St.	Southerly	A point 45 feet easterly of Nonotuck St.	A point 18 feet further easterly	Handicap parking only

Item 19: 11-1-22 PUELLO -- that a handicap sign be placed in front of 363 Chestnut St. for Martha Garib, placard #PL4500551.

To address this order, the following entry should be added to Sec. 86-321. - Schedule I: Parking. Note, the sign will not specify a placard number since parking cannot be allocated to a specific person.

Location	Side	From	To	Type Parking
Chestnut St.	West	A point 90 feet north of Jackson St	A point 22 feet farther north	Handicap parking only

Item 20: 11-1-22 RIVERA_J -- that a handicap sign be placed in front of 97 High St. for Nicole Bertone-Gill, placard #PL 5920320.

I would request that Councilor Rivera meet me out on High Street to discuss this since these are metered parking spaces and there are several businesses in the vicinity and a limited number of parking spots. I would like to understand more about the resident and assess the situation to meet everyone's needs.

Item 21: 11-1-22 RIVERA_J -- That a handicap sign be placed for 364 Maple St. for Amy Garcia, Placard #PL0200749.

To address this order, the following entry should be added to Sec. 86-321. - Schedule I: Parking. Note, the sign will not specify a placard number since parking cannot be allocated to a specific person. That is space will be adjacent to the existing handicapped space 70 feet north of Cabot Street on the same side of the road.

Location	Side	From	To	Type Parking
Maple St.	East	A point 88 feet North of Cabot St.	A point 20 feet further North	Handicap parking only

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