

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held February 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Chair, presided.

Members of Infrastructure Committee present: Alderman Tom Lopez, Vice Chair  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Ernest A. Jette

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Ken Gidge

Also in Attendance: Alderman June M. Caron  
Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director

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Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Gidge did not contact but he has been ill so we wish him the best.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cote thank you. Mr. Cote can you please just say your name, address and who you represent please and thank you. You know the drill.

Scott Cote I'm with the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, 8 Prospect Street, Nashua, New Hampshire. I didn't know if I'd have an opportunity to speak to you in regards to Ordinance O-19-036 during your deliberation or not. I'd like to have the opportunity to be able to do that when you get to that point if possible.

Chairman O'Brien

Mr. Cote I have tried in the past to keep these things as informal as possible, so when the issue comes up, I may invite you up at that particular time and then to go over as part of the deliberations with your testimony.

Mr. Cote That would be perfect, thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Alright thank you Mr. Cote. Anybody else have any comment at all? Ok thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wayne Husband, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Re: Justification for removing the prohibition of right turns on red at the intersection of the Costco Driveway with Daniel Webster Highway (US Route 3)

***There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communication and placed it on file.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-19-103**

Endorser: Alderman Ernest Jette

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF DISCONTINUED PORTIONS OF CONANT ROAD**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

I'd like to speak on it.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Jette has moved for final passage of 19-103. Can the Alderman speak to your motion please?

Alderman Jette

Yes this is a follow up to a discussion, I can't remember, I think it was a Resolution that we had before. This involves property on Conant Road specifically Lots # ...

Chairman O'Brien

It's 121?

Alderman Jette

The address is 119 and 121 Conant Road. So this came up – in the past Conant Road had a different configuration and it came closer to Lots 119, 121, 122 and the last one on the corner there that I can't read from here. I'm sorry?

Unknown Speaker

62 McKenna.

Alderman Jette

62 McKenna. So Conant Road used to get closer to those lots and at some point in time in the past Conant Road was reconfigured and the paved portion of the roadway was moved further away from those lots. It had to do with the development of the, I think it's the Maplewood Subdivision area. So Conant Road was straightened and the road was moved, the paved portion of the road was moved away from those lots. That left an area of land from the paved portion of Conant Road to those lots which the homeowners maintained. I don't remember if they planted seed but they irrigated the area, they planted some trees and they've taken good care of those areas. The owners of 121 approached me about the possibility of their gaining ownership of that land between the paved portion of Conant Road and their lot.

I spoke to the Legal Department and the Legal Department explained that could happen and they explained how they did it. The people involved at the direction of the engineering department hired a surveyor, they drew plans, there was back and forth between their surveyor and the City.

The various utilities had to be consulted and obtained permission and as the end result, this Committee recommended to the Full Board and the Full Board adopted a Resolution allowing lots 119 and 121 to gain the portion of the land between Conant Road and their lots. That was approved and then the Legal Department drew up the necessary deeds and so now here we are and this Resolution is to authorize the City to convey the portion of land between Conant Road and 119 and Conant Road and 121 to give them the ownership of that property. So I think it is just a mere formality following up on what we've already voted on.

Chairman O'Brien

If we could pause right now Alderman Jette, would Alderman Lopez would you mind go and see if we are on the air and if he's ready with the weather conditions I don't know exactly. To the folks at home, I don't know if we are live if on Memorex or what we are doing right at this particular time so we will stand and wait. But we are being recorded so the minutes will be kept.

Alderman Jette

You've dated yourself Mr. Chairman.

Chairman O'Brien

I know with Memorex. We are all set? Thank you. Ok very good. I will open it up to questions, and if I may Alderman Jette, the people in 121 – they are the petitioners correct?

Alderman Jette

Correct.

Chairman O'Brien

And they are aware that I guess with this quit deed their property line now will go basically perpendicular to the road so they understand all that and everything and it has been mapped out accordingly and they are in full agreement?

Alderman Jette

Yes the plans have been redrawn several times to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and their surveyor and they are fully aware of what it says and what it is. And you are right, from that point the cursor there, from that point it is a line that goes pretty much perpendicular to the center line of Conant Road. I think technically I think it goes to the center line of the old Conant Road and then from the old Conant Road to the center line of the new Conant Road so there is a little jog there but it has been approved by the City Engineering Department and they are aware of that.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. Any questions from any of the members of the Board? Seeing none, we have a motion before us to recommend final passage.

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-19-035**

Endorser: Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderdwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**RESCINDING THE RIGHT TURN ON RED PROHIBITION FROM THE COSTCO EXIT ONTO DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY**

Chairman O'Brien

And if I can see if we can bring it up I put and let's magically see if we can fly.

Alderman Jette

Do you remember the address?

Chairman O'Brien

Fly into the south end, someday I'll learn how to ... oh there we go. We are getting close. There we are, thank you to my beautiful clerk, we've got it here, okay we've got it up on the board. We have 0-19-035 rescinding the right of way on Red Prohibition and Costco Exit onto Daniel Webster Highway.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMDIT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

We have a motion of final passage. Are there any questions by any members of the Board; we did get a letter from Wayne Husband Senior Traffic Engineer on it. Any other questions?

Alderman Caron

Thank you. I just asked Wayne Husband to write the Memo out to kind of give you an explanation as to why we wanted to rescind this. We did this kind of right turn on the Daniel Webster Highway further up where the elderly housing is off the highway. They put the signage to show that they had to yield to U-Turns and left turns on green lights. Because Jordan's has taken over where the former used car lot dealership is, there is no need to have that no turn on right anymore and this will also speed up the traffic, moving the traffic down that hill on to the highway. So I think that this is a good thing that we can do this and with the approval of the Traffic Department I think it is something that we should look to moving forward and I appreciate you inviting me here.

Chairman O'Brien

And I think this would help expedite the famous Spit Brook Road traffic congestion to some degree.

Alderman Caron

Yes right there is traffic than comes from BAE from their facility up in that area.

Chairman O'Brien

We have a motion before us on 0-19-035 by Alderman Schmidt to recommend final passage.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**O-19-036**

Endorsers: Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Patricia Klee

**DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF BOWERS STREET ONE-WAY EASTERLY**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

There is a motion by Alderman Lopez to recommend final passage. Seeing further additional comment without objection, I would like to invite former Alderman Scott Cote to come forward please. At this particular time I will open up the discussion to the main sponsor, Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

I received constituent complaints that there were people parking on the street on Bower Street, that traffic was accelerating. They attributed this to changes in the parking lot design by Southern NH Medical Center and the installation of a fence. So Director Fauteux, Engineer Dookran and the DPW Department looked at the road and assessed it. They concluded that the road was actually too narrow for a 2-way street traffic. So what they are proposing is rendering it a one-way in an easterly direction from Dearborn to Harbor Ave.

I did get feedback from people on Harbor Ave. I thought to ask them would this affect their commute home and all that and their consensus was really, no they use the streets on either side anyway. While there would be a slight inconvenience for people on Bowers Street, on one end of the street they can use Prospect Street which is adjacent for the same purpose.

Chairman O'Brien

I hope and I think, did I not cue this up, I think we did? I think the one that is in question if we have it right is the – you are talking Alderman Lopez from Dearborn Street to Harbor Avenue, am I correct.

Alderman Lopez

Yes.

Chairman O'Brien

Ok very good and that is what seems to be on the board.

Alderman Lopez

If you can get the layer for the satellite it might be helpful to view the houses too.

Chairman O'Brien

Yes we can, you can see the houses but let me try here.

Alderman Lopez

They are all on one side so there might be some room for compromise.

Chairman O'Brien

When I used to be on the Fire Department, I played with this an awful lot.

Scott Cote Mr. Chairman, it is the next box over. See where the 4 is. If you go back up to the main menu bar and go over to the 4 icons that are to the right of the one you were just on. Go two more, one more, right there, click on that.

Alderman Lopez

You just got a free tutorial on how to use GIS.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

You're trying to tell us Mr. Cote you've played with this before?

Mr. Cote I spend a lot of time on that yes.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you for your assistance. I do have, Alderman Lopez if I may start the discussion then we may hear from Mr. Cote but I do have a question on Bowers Street and if you kind of follow, you see where the property is marked #17 and there is two parking lots involved. I understand that people on Bowers Street and we are talking probably from 21 to 37, but looking at these two particular parking lots, if anybody tried to come in from Harbor Avenue, that would be a one-way at that particular point and they would not be able to access that particular two parking lots. I do see that perhaps they could go in via Prospect and then come in and go through a parking lot. And I am going to refer to Mr. Cote because is that not your property or one of your properties? I'll turn it over to you Mr. Cote please. Thank you.

Mr. Cote Actually I have a campus map that I'd like to share with you if I could.

Chairman O'Brien

Yes you may, please.

Mr. Scott It's an updated plan from what's there. So thank you again Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to speak to this issue. So the lot that you see directly across from 17 Prospect Street is not shown as developed in this aerial view that is here, but as you can see it has been developed over the past 2 years. It is a 125 car parking lot that is used to support the 17 Prospect Street building. The concern I have about the suggestion that you had just made is that the thru-way for the parking lot that is in front of 17 Prospect Street does not align with the entrance to either of the entrance ways across the way; you would have to actually make a jog through that parking lot in order to get across there in to get in. My concern is that I think....

Chairman O'Brien

Mr. Cote if I may we are blessed and very fortunate to have Mr. Cummings to join us this evening. So can the Clerk please record Mr. Cummings. Thank you Mr. Cummings.

Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director

Absolutely.

Chairman O'Brien

Continue Mr. Cote.

Mr. Cote Our concern is that I think that Ordinance may actually have the reverse impact because I think it is going to drive a lot of the traffic, if this is a one-way street going down from Dearborn to Harbor it is going to drive a lot of the traffic that normally would come in off of Harbor Avenue actually down Bower Street and probably add to the congestion of traffic and so forth going past those residential homes.

I had the opportunity to have a brief conversation with Alderman Jette before this meeting and I was saying well to try to find some sort of a compromise for these folks I'd be ok if it was a one-way going in the other direction to Dearborn but I'm not sure from a traffic perspective that having two one-way streets come together at Dearborn Street makes a whole lot of sense to be able to do that but our concern obviously is that this is going to have a real negative impact on being able to access that end of the property for 17 Prospect Street.

Now Alderman Lopez is right that we recently redeveloped the parking lot that is off of Dearborn Street and Prospect Street and you can see on this campus map that we tore 24 Dearborn Street down and combined that to make one larger parking lot in that area. We have an awful lot of issues in this neighborhood with people in residential homes parking in our parking lots and that's a problem. So what we've done is we've tried to keep that parking available obviously for our patients that are coming in and in doing so have put up landscaping and fencing to restrict how you can get there. So at one point in time there used to be a fair amount of access to this parking lot from Bowers Street and that is no longer the case. We actually eliminated two driveway cuts along Bowers Street, fenced it and restricted the entrance to this parking lot from Prospect Street only to try to eliminate that problem. So I don't know if that is causing more residential traffic to park out on Bowers Street or not but just the same, it is the Medical Center's parking lot and we want to make sure that we keep that available for our patients and staff.

So again I think the last concern is that we think that a one-way street going down from Dearborn Street to Harbor Ave. is going to have a real negative effect in terms of being able to access that parking lot and cause more traffic.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Mr. Cote, if I may, one question to Alderman Lopez, what is the primary that you've heard from your constituents on this on Bowers Street, what would focus to alleviate their wishes here.

Alderman Lopez

Their focus was more I think the parking and the speed of traffic. I have lots of experience with constituents reporting concerns about speed and typically it is more directly related to the number of cars passing by than it is the actual speed. So if the road becomes very busy such a Central Street or Ledge Street, are streets that I've worked with in the past, it could be perceptual just because so many more cars are passing through there. So that could be happening if people are trying to pass through that area on a two-way street which is way too narrow and it should be a one-way street which would make it a smoother flow.

But the other element was that people were parking on the road and if they are parking on the side of the road on a street that is already determined to be too narrow to be a two-way street, it's not even really even a one-way street because of someone in the road. So that was why I think Director Cummings might be able to shed some light on this. This was originally part of, I mean I'm not trying to throw you under the bus, but we were talking about this 2 years ago at the overnight parking, you might have some ideas.

Mr. Cummings

We have heard, for the record, Tim Cummings Director of Economic Development and Parking, for better or for worse falls under my office's purview. So we have heard over the years that residents in this area need parking and they need on-street parking and so we do know that is something that we keep in the forefront of our mind. We recently went through an analysis and an exercise to update our overnight parking and where that is allowed. Unfortunately I do not believe that Bowers Street in this particular neighborhood has made that on to the list of streets, but I do know that is something that this neighborhood is interested ... I know Alderwoman Caron also has approached me about these concerns because she is hearing from her constituents that parking in and around this neighborhood needs to be addressed.

Chairman O'Brien

Mr. Cote if I may and you don't have to give an answer this evening other than the fact that if it is plausible or not. If parking is part of the problem for the people in this section of Bowers Street, if they are off your lots at a certain time, is it plausible to be in the good neighbor policy that they could utilize the lot and be out by particularly 7:00 in the morning or something like that. I mean is there a deal that could amicably made with residents on that?

Mr. Cote So we have tried that. It has not been successful; we've had issues with vehicles being left abandoned particularly in the way during snow removal efforts and so forth. So we have found that that really has not worked out well for us.

Chairman O'Brien

Alright, thank you for trying.

Alderman Jette

So is there parking on Bowers Street now?

Mr. Cummings

Overnight, no?

Alderman Jette

Or anytime?

Mr. Scott Daytime.

Mr. Cummings

I believe yes, during the day, yes.

Alderman Jette

During the day there is parking there and is that part of the problem. I guess I am wondering who is parking there, is it the residents or is the hospital employees that are parking there during the day, do you know? You don't know.

Mr. Cummings

I don't.

Mr. Scott I can answer that.

Alderman Jette

Can Mr. Cote answer that?

Chairman O'Brien

Yes please.

Mr. Scott I can answer that, we monitor it so I can assure you that there are not hospital employees that are parking down on Bowers Street. We happen to hear frequently from our hospital employees about how far they have to walk now and that would be a bit further of a distance for them to be able to go. So the on-street parking that is occurring there, my assumption based on what I've seen is that it is either residents that are there during the day or there is a possibility that it is parking that is spilling over from Greater Nashua Mental Health.

Alderman Lopez

So I am pretty sure I use that building when I go to the doctors and I've attempting approaching it from Bowers and that is not really doable. So I don't think it is the people that are customers there or participating in it, I am fairly certain that it is people from Bowers Street that are parking there. Because now there is a fence between them and the parking lot they were not supposed to be using that they were using. So that kind of is where the rub is, is there isn't enough on-street parking for those neighbors. I don't know necessarily the disposition of units but I do know that a lot of them don't have driveway space, they are right on the edge of the road. It was one of those awkward designs you get in an inner city where everyone is thinking of what is right in front of them and they are not necessarily thinking like what about where you are going to park,

Chairman O'Brien

So a two-tier problem Alderman Lopez is parking but it's the amount of volume on the particular street too, correct.

Alderman Lopez

I think the proposition that the DPW presented would potentially allow for on-street parking although we should probably ask them that if we were to add this street to the program, but they were also looking at the width of the road and saying like there is no way you can have two-way traffic on it. So I think Mr. Cote's request in terms of switching the direction is at least worth looking at. But I think DPW is looking at the issue from the perspective of how the residents were dealing with parking and how the traffic was going through a residential street.

Chairman O'Brien

In looking at the map on Bowers Street, if you can follow where my cursor is, probably my question to Mr. Cummings, to look at all point of view here, is it not possible to have two-way traffic on a partial from Harbor Avenue to the end of the property line of #17 there and then have "Do not enter" at that particular point? Now if people need to put a one-street, people need to have a turn around and everything and it does seem that we have two parking lots there that may be able to encumbrance that. So people coming from Mr. Cote's map which is quite a larger parking lot that includes this area here there would have to be signs saying "right turn only" to exit to Harbor Avenue and "do not enter" westerly up Bowers Street and only partially cut off Bowers Street. And I am not looking for an answer tonight, I think what I would like to do with this is send it back to try to come up with a better solution because I don't think we are going to do it this evening.

Mr. Cummings

I agree, I echo those sentiments Mr. Chairman and I would raise the outline that you just made, may bring about some public safety concerns that I think what we should do is ask our Engineering Department to go back and look at this and take some of the concerns that have been raised tonight into consideration and see if we can develop a better design to move this forward.

Chairman O'Brien

And I think that is a capital idea. Let's get our Engineering Department to revisit this and take a look at it and see where we are. So therefore my question Alderman Lopez, would you like to withdraw your vote?

Alderman Lopez

I think that in addition it might not be a bad idea for me to try to get into the neighborhoods. I mean lately it's been like a blizzard deal going on but it might be worth asking them like are those your cars, would you park on an adjacent street that was wider if we gave you that option versus having no option? You know I think it's probably a good idea to check with them. There's not even that many houses.

Chairman O'Brien

So would you like to withdraw your motion of final passage to table it to perhaps maybe the next meeting where we might be a little bit more, have more information and can I invite Mr. Cote back to that particular meeting and see what we come up with and see if we have something that we can all agree on? Do you agree Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Yes. I'd like to move to table until our next meeting.

Alderman Jette

I think tabling it stops discussion it right?

Chairman O'Brien

Tabling does stop the discussion but there has not yet been a motion to able. We are more into the parliamentary inquiry at this particular point. We do have a standing motion and what would have to be that Alderman Lopez would have to rescind his motion and then come up with a motion to table.

Alderman Jette

Ok I just wanted a chance to say something.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Jette, please do.

Alderman Jette

I think it's a great idea to have the Engineering Department look at this more closely and come up with some recommendations. I would like them to think about if the neighbors are complaining about speed, you people who have been on this committee longer than I have probably know this better than I do, but one-way streets seem to increase speed on roadways. I work on Factory Street and I know that cars zip down Factory Street at a pretty good clip and when streets are two-ways, because there is approaching traffic, it seems to cause people to go slower, more slowly. So that is one thought.

The other thought is that we ought to have the Engineering Department or the Traffic Engineering Department ought to look at kind of an overall plan for one-way street. You know Otterson is one-way going from Main Street east and I think they still have that situation where Otterson from Harbor Avenue is I don't know if it is one-way or two-ways but it comes up and the traffic coming from Main Street going east runs up into traffic coming from Harbor Avenue going west, head on there. I think that is a situation we would prefer to avoid. I thought about whether we could alternate the one-way but Mr. Cote tells me that there would be a problem with their garage that is on Bowers Street. I guess the lower level of the garage you can only enter it from Bowers Street so whether that would be a problem for them.

But the idea of having Bowers be one-way from Harbor Avenue all the way to Main Street and have Otterson Street one-way from Main Street all the way to Harbor Avenue seems to me like it would be a better solution but I am just saying that so that it will be thought about before they come back to us with a plan.

Mr. Cummings

Yes thank you Mr. Chairman so just to answer some of the questions just raised or to further clarify some of the points made. First, so when you are talking about urban design two-way streets don't necessarily slow traffic though I understand that may be the perception because with two-way traffic what you are doing is you are creating you know impediments by bringing another lane of traffic going in the reverse direction into the roadway. You can achieve the same goals by other types of traffic calming measures, because ultimately the way you reduce speed is by changing how you design the road. You can add more expensive sidewalks, street trees, bring the buildings up closer to the curb, all these differing strategies will result in reducing the speed of vehicles as does two-way traffic, that is definitely a strategy. One-way traffic wouldn't necessarily cause additional increase in speed if you were to incorporate some of these other design elements.

And then relative to a bigger holistic plan for reversing of the one-ways, the City has undertaken this initiative, I want to say back I 2015, VHB produced a report on behalf of the City, it was prior to my arrival. I have a copy of it in my office and I would be happy to share it with anyone who is interested. It is called "The Downtown Circulation Study". It was done as part of the requirement for the Broad Street Parkway where it looked at the whole downtown area and how one-way reversals may be necessary and if you were to implement them and this happen inevitably if you do implement these one-way reversal's, they start a trigger effect of dominoes that you need to then take corrective actions other places so you maintain the same level of service. That is the ultimate goal that as I understand it traffic engineers aspire to when they undertake such an initiative. So it is oftentimes done in holistic plan and not in isolation so you can maintain that same level of service. So thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Well I think at this particular point I would like to have all the stakeholders present which seems to be Mr. Cummings, Alderman Lopez and of course Mr. Cote and work together and see if there is something we can come up with. Alderman Jette is you have that keen interest you are welcome to join them as well; but the main thing I think I would like to get the engineering study. Can you make sure that comes out to all the Committee Members so we can look at it too?

Alderman Schmidt

Is it on-line?

Mr. Cummings

Yes.

Chairman O'Brien

I mean Mr. Cummings, could you make sure that each member gets a copy of that so we can peruse it before the next meeting?

Mr. Cummings

An electronic copy?

Chairman O'Brien

An electronic copy is satisfactory.

Mr. Cummings

I'll send the link.

Chairman O'Brien

I didn't think I had to say in 2019 an electronic copy but I think electronic copy would do.

Alderman Lopez

It is currently on the city web site right now you just got to find it.

Mr. Cote Thank you for just allowing me to make a few closing comments to some of the commentary that has been going on. A couple questions I want to ask the City, if you are going to move forward and make decisions about one-way streets in this area based on the width of the street, as Alderman Jette has mentioned I think it's important for you to look at the streets that are surrounding it. Like if you look at East Otterson Street it is far narrower than anything that you are looking at on Bowers Street at this point. That intersection that you spoke of at the intersection of where East Otterson Street joins Fletcher Court and Dearborn Street that intersection is not aligned at all, it is off by about 20 or 30 feet. So when the traffic enters that intersection, motorists are unsure which way to go and who is to go next because it is not aligned.

So if you were to actually consider making Bowers Street a one-way to Dearborn and keeping Bowers Street a one-way from Main to Dearborn, at least the intersection aligns and from that point you have the opportunity for better traffic control if that is a consideration. But I believe that East Otterson Street is a problem and I think Tyler Street is a problem in terms of its access. So if decisions are going to be made on street width, let's look

at the bigger picture of things because I agree that if you make a change on Bowers Street it is going to dramatically change the traffic pattern for the whole campus. So I think we need to really have a close understanding of that and I would ask for that consideration please?

Alderman Lopez

I would just like to clarify that I represent residents and while I appreciate the hospital, the residents are not the ones who built the fence and they are not the one that designed the driveway that is not pointing the way it needs to. So this City is looking at how it impacts residents. And while there is definitely some truth to looking at a larger picture, it doesn't mean do nothing because there is somewhere else that something should be done. We can look at the neighborhood but at the same time we weren't the one who initiated the changes that caused this in the first place.

Mr. Cote Can I respond to that please? Because I actually take great offense with that comment. The improvements that we made on that property is because it is property that the Southern NH Medical Center owns. We went through the Planning Board process to do that; we are completely open and upfront about the fact that we want to control how parking was occurring on that site. So the suggestion that we made an improvement on our property for the service of our patients that denigrates the neighborhood is offensive.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Mr. Cote and to Alderman Lopez and to others. I would like to discuss the decorum issue. I think whenever we come up with something like this particularly in the infrastructure community it is going to have a ying and a yang effect to all the stakeholders that are applied. I don't think there was any malice to any of this but we've got to look at all stakeholders whether it be the business community as well our good friends our electorate, our people who elect us, the residential community. And we need to look at that. And I think we need to get a lot more information and I would like to see a lot more information come to this particular board on something like this that is delicate to the downtown or any traffic pattern within the City and to have it looked at, you know, engineering, have to work with Mr. Cumming's Department and to come in so we can probably take it like a sphere and look at it, a box and cube it and look upside down, inside out, and everything else like that.

Unfortunately we are kind of this and I would feel much more comfortable in looking at it at a later date when we have Mr. Cummings gets us the engineering report and we can address it at that particular time. But I do ask for the decorum issues, we all work together on this and make sure, because I think we can come up with a resolve that everybody the intention is, particularly stakeholders and the residents can live with. It may not satisfy everybody, I didn't become an Alderman to please everybody. But the thing is try to do the best that we possibly can in Government.

Alderman Lopez I hope your comments are on topic on this.

Alderman Lopez

Since I am an Alderman and I am the one who is trying to motion to postpone until next month so we could do that study, I was wondering if now I could make that motion.

Chairman O'Brien

What motion.

Alderman Lopez

The motion to postpone this until the next meeting so we can look at the whole neighborhood, the region.

Chairman O'Brien

You are rescinding your motion of final passage and you want to make a new motion to postpone or table until the next meeting correct?

Alderman Lopez

Correct.

Chairman O'Brien

There is a new motion before us by Alderman Lopez to recommend tabling until the next Infrastructure meeting.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO TABLE O-19-036 DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF BOWERS STREET ONE-WAY EASTERLY  
MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman O'Brien

Ok the motion to table is granted ok. And again I would like to have the stakeholders that are here this evening to come forward and to be good.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Lopez

So this not the only place where there is more cars than apparently parking spaces, there are other areas, in the Elm Street area for example, where there is literally more residents than spaces. Director Cummings Department worked to add and formalize the on-street parking and they are already past capacity. So I think in discussion with Legal and some other Aldermen it might be an idea to put a recommendation in that the good neighbor or the Tenant Right Contract also include a statement of what parking is available to a tenant when they move in so they are not under the impression that there will be parking and then they move in and find out there is no parking or that they have to move 3 or 4 block over. Just to make sure that there is clear communication because I know it can get a little bit muddy when one person is trying to make a deal to get into an apartment and another person is trying to make a deal to get a tenant, just making sure we keep everything objective when they are making that agreement might help people enter into situations a little more prepared for it.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Lopez. Any other general discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Alderman Lopez

There is a Special Election on Tuesday, please everybody come and vote.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Lopez, if I can echo that there is a Special Election coming up this Tuesday. It is an opportunity for our citizens to express their particular points of view. We all love and respect Brian and his vacancy has left a hole in the City. But I hope with the election that is pending next week that hole will be filled and we will see. It is up to the good people the voters on who wins. So good luck to both candidates, and look forward to that.

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:45 p.m.

Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Committee Clerk