



Approved 9-18-2023

Members

Fred Krampits, Chair
Gary Labrie, Vice Chair
Bill Courchesne
Mary Beth Pniak-Costello
Shane Brooks

MINUTES
March 6, 2023

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Chambers, 4th Floor, 274 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 and via zoom.

Members Present Krampits, Labrie, Courchesne (zoom), Pniak-Costello

Members Absent Brooks

Also Present Doug Ellis (City Engineer), Councilor Laflamme, Councilor Courchesne (zoom), Councilor López (zoom), Scott Provost (IT)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued. The City is recording the meeting.

ITEM #1

BE IT ORDERED THAT the Public Works Committee meet to review the proposed road line striping change for East Main Street.

Councilor Krampits asked Doug Ellis to describe the work Engineering would like to perform with the striping changes on a section of East Main Street.

Doug Ellis stated the proposal is to repave the section of East Main Street from the intersection of the American Legion Memorial Bridge down to the Springfield city line. He continued that the south side, exiting Chicopee the proposal is to make the two existing two lanes down to one lane for safety reasons. Drivers will slow down on one lane. It will also provide a left turn lane through

the Mass Alternative Care business. When the surveying was conducted people noticed how fast people were driving in this area. Doug continued that this is kind of road diet. There’s nothing Chicopee can do about coming in from Springfield because Springfield is two lanes. But making it one lane coming out of the intersection at the south end of the bridge will slow people down. Doug stated that he spoke with Ms. Tarka who has concerns about the proposal. She asked if the City could look into extending that a little bit to provide a way as she's turning into her driveway, to still have a space for people to get around her on that south side of the road. Doug replied that the City will look into that.

Councilor Labrie asked about a bike lane on this road. Doug replied that there will be no bike lane in this section of East Main Street.

Public Input

Nancy Tarka, 1148 East Main Street, stated that she doesn’t have any objections to this proposal of restriping. She just wants to make sure that while she is pulling into her driveway coming from Chicopee that there is enough room for cars to go around her. She is concerned about the deterioration of the road.

Doug stated that curbing will remain.

Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello and second by Councilor Krampits to approve with condition to push back striping of extending lane.

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Krampits	X				
Labrie	X				
Courchesne (zoom)	X				
Pniak-Costello	X				
Brooks			X		

Motion passed.

ITEM #2

Minutes of November 14, 2022

Motion made by Councilor Labrie and second by Councilor Krampits to approve.

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Krampits	X				
Labrie	X				

Courchesne (zoom)	X				
Pniak-Costello	X				
Brooks			X		

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello and second by Councilor Krampits to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Krampits	X				
Labrie	X				
Courchesne (zoom)	X				
Pniak-Costello	X				
Brooks			X		

Motion passed.