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ALISON M. BOUCHARD  
CITY CLERK

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021**

**REVISED AGENDA**

**5:55 P.M. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Curb removals:**

1. Briniz Corporation, 188 Tremont Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Driveway	Proposed Driveway Access	Existing To Be Replaced	Total Driveway Access
1311 County Street	22.5'	18'	0'	40.5'

The petitioner has an existing 22.5 foot driveway and is requesting the removal of another 18 feet of curbing to the north side of the existing opening for a total of 40.5 feet. This curb removal will allow for more parking for residents of the duplex.

2. People Incorporated, 1040 Eastern Avenue, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Driveway	Proposed Driveway Access	Existing To Be Replaced	Total Driveway Access
1040 Eastern Avenue (McGowan Street side)	26'	16'	0'	42'

The petitioner has an existing 26 foot driveway on Eastern Avenue and is requesting the removal of another 16 foot curb on the McGowan Street side for a total of 42 feet. This curb cut would allow for vans to enter from Eastern Avenue and exit on the McGowan Street side.

3. Gerry Ayers, 457 Locust Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Driveway	Proposed Driveway Access	Existing To Be Replaced	Total Driveway Access
457 Locust Street	11.9'	8.7'	0'	20.6'

The petitioner has an existing 11.9 foot driveway and is requesting the removal of an additional 8.7 feet to the east side of the existing driveway for a total of 20.6 foot opening. This curb removal will allow for three cars to be taken off of the street. Larger opening will allow cars to back onto Locust Street.

**6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS IF THEY RUN PAST 6:00 P.M.)**

1. Citizen Input
2. Discussion re: TIF Agreements for (see item # 2)
  - a. The Residences at North River, LLC – 140 Ace Street
  - b. Millstone Medical Outsourcing, LLC – 633 Commerce Drive

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 7:00 P.M.)**

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

1. \*Mayor requesting the reappointment of Richard Calderon to the Community Preservation Committee
2. \*Mayor and TIF Agreements for:
  - a. The Residences at North River, LLC – 140 Ace Street
  - b. Millstone Medical Outsourcing, LLC – 633 Commerce Drive
3. \*Mayor and proposed ordinance re: Director of Human Resources
4. \*Mayor and proposed ordinance re: Commissioner of Cemeteries and Trees /Director of Cemeteries/Trees
5. \*Mayor and proposed ordinance re: Deputy Police Chief

**PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

6. \*Traffic Commission recommending amendments to traffic ordinances
7. \*Board of Election Commissioners re: Updated Redistricting Map of Fall River

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee on Regulations recommending:

Adoption:

8. \*Order – Second Hand Article Store License for Robert Bagley d/b/a One Stop Thrift Shop located at 1649 South Main Street
9. \*Order – Auto Repair Shop License for Rodrigo Tacach d/b/a Tacach Auto Repair, Inc., located at 192 Eighteenth Street

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

First reading, as amended:

10. \*Proposed Ordinance – Salary Amendments

**ORDINANCES**

Second Reading and Enrollment:

11. \*Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
12. \*Proposed Ordinance – Cemetery Fees
13. \*Proposed Ordinances – Water and Sewer Rates

**RESOLUTIONS**

14. \*Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meet to discuss the potential benefits of returning the process of hiring the Chief of Police through civil service standards
15. \*Administrator of Committee Utilities investigate the possibility of harvesting energy from specially designed in-pipe turbines

**CITATIONS**

16. Carl Sawejko – 2021 Roger Valcourt Memorial Outstanding Citizen of the Year

**ORDERS – HEARINGS**

Curb Removals:

- 17. Briniz Corporation, 188 Tremont Street – 18 feet at 1311 County Street
- 18. People Incorporated, 1040 Eastern Avenue – 16 feet at 1040 Eastern Avenue
- 19. Gerry Ayers, 457 Locust Street – 8.7 feet at 457 Locust Street

**ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

- 20. \*Dispatch and Communication Center located in the Fall River Police Station be named in memory of Joseph "Joe" Torres
  
- 21. Police Chief's report on licenses  
2022 Taxicab Drivers:  
Thomas Andrade                      Gerald Costa                      Dennis A. Ferreira Jr.  
Louis Levesque                      Jeff C. Middleton                      Gerald Pinault  
Todd J. Quintal
  
- 2022 Private Livery Drivers:  
    Ronn Keneshea
  
- 22. Auto Body Shop License Renewal:  
    Michael R. Bernier d/b/a Bernier's Quality Body Works located at 800 Eastern Avenue
  
- 23. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal:  
    Michael R. Bernier d/b/a Bernier's Quality Body Works located at 800 Eastern Avenue

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

- 24. \*Claims
- 25. \*Planning Board Minutes – October 13, 2021
- 26. \*Communication from resident re: Citizens Input

City Council Minutes:

- 27. \*Public Hearing Minutes – November 30, 2021
- 28. \*Committee on Finance Minutes – November 16, 2021
- 29. \*Committee on Finance Minutes – November 30, 2021
- 30. \*Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2021
- 31. \*Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2021

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES** – None

*Alison M Bouchard*

City Clerk

**ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE:**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2021**

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

- 31a. \*Communication from resident re: incident at Matthew J. Kuss Middle School

*Received 12-10-2021*

Good Evening Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you all today with my concern about what took place on November 29, 2021, a little after 4 pm at Matthew J Kuss Middle School. After the basketball tryouts, a couple of students were outside waiting for their rides when one student was told to get in a vehicle by someone that was not known to the child. The driver then threatened the child saying that she had an "f'n knife". Even though the child did not see the knife, the child realized the danger of the situation and immediately called their mother and walked back to the school doors, grabbing another student.

I cannot imagine the horror of the mother hearing her child crying in fear along with the banging on the school doors to be let back in. Within minutes the parents arrived to retrieve their child and returned the child to the safety of their home. The police were immediately called and a report was filed at the child's home as well as at the school. The Officers at both locations wanted to meet at the school. Everyone complied with that request and spoke with Principal Rouette and the Vice Principal where they listened to the statements from the child as well as reviewed the surveillance footage. At that point they were able to corroborate the given statement with the actions in the recording.

Within a few short hours of this incident, a family member reached out to a couple of City Councilors to also make them aware of the attempted abduction that had just occurred. The next day, their were very surprised that parent/guardians and the other schools within the city had not been made aware or had not yet received a notification about what had happened at Kuss the day prior. With this knowledge, a family member

again reached out to the city councilors, very concerned that schools, parent/guardians, and students have yet not been told of the attempted abduction. A detective was put on the case and more interviews, confirmations and investigating was done but still no announcement has yet been made to the public. With the advancements in technology that exist today, the family felt that, at very least, all of the city schools should had been notified of the attempted abduction to ensure that everyone had a fair opportunity to be vigilant and protect the safety of the children in the city.

At the next tryout, multiple family members were parked in the school parking lot and were concerned that there were several students outside waiting for their rides with no supervision. They did, however, see an SRO come out prior to the after-school activity to evaluate the parking lot and speak to some drivers. Just the presence of this officer makes a huge difference

A week has now past, and still no notification has been sent out to parent/guardians regarding the attempted abduction on November 29. The recorded weekly call on Sunday from Kuss listed changes to pick-up policies at the school but did not provide an explanation as to why these new policies have been put into place.

A week later from the date of the incident, the family was told that when the Mayor was spoken to about this incident, one of his concerns was that a knife was not mentioned to him. Was he not told of this detail? Honesty, why would it matter if a knife was mentioned or not? An attempted abduction had occurred on school grounds and should be

concerning enough to make parents/guardians aware of the situation. Why did it take over 24 hours for the school committee to be notified of the attempted abduction of a student? Why, a week later, a photo of the vehicle has still not been posted for public awareness? Why, a week later, parents/guardians throughout the city have still not received a notice about this attempted abduction at Kuss?

Why did the detective tell the family that “this could all be a misunderstanding/miscommunication”? If the driver of that van had mistakenly tried getting the attention of a student that the driver thought was known to them, that driver would not have; 1) taken off after the students were back in the building, 2) would be known to the school as a registered pick-up family member, and 3) the driver would have been there again at the next try-out pick-up.

The family feels that the detective’s statement was an attempted to sweep this under the rug to avoid making this city look any worse than it already does, with another dark cloud hovering over Fall River. We are repeatedly told that the city of Fall River is very safe but in all reality it is not and it is now creeping its way onto the school grounds where our children expect to be safe. The family understands that the police need to do their job and that it is an ongoing investigation, but making other families aware of the imminent danger that has presented itself to the students of Fall River is what is most important to them at this moment in time.

Thank You,  
South end resident of Fall River