

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on _____ Government Services coposted with the _____
_____ Committee of the Whole _____

met in the Council Chamber on _____ Thursday, May 2, 2013 _____ at 6:30 _____ P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matter(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
_____ April 26, 2013 _____ at 11:58 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded.)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Councillors Carr and McCarthy.

SUBJECT(S)

#314 - Verizon Resolution (COPOSTED)

#174- Installation of Pedestrian lights on Bridge St. (Members only)

174 Councillor Sosnowski explained the danger of that pedestrians face with the new yellow only crossing light. Traffic is not stopping for this light. Gary Hebert a consultant has been studying this issue and notes a lack of compliance by motorists at this light. Mike Sosnowski asks why we we can't go back to the old style crossing lights.
Dr. Lisa Lavale + Dr. Brendan Walsh also in attendance. City engineer Paul Knowlton

Noted that a new version of the old style traffic light would also have to control the traffic movement of the 2 closest side streets.

Jean Rayson principal of Carlton School talked of safety and 25% of her students not speaking english as a first language so they would not be able to read all of the signs involved.

Pr. Brendon Walsh of the School Committee spoke of safety and of how many of the drivers are distracted & not looking at the road nowadays. Gary Herbert & Dave Knowlton acknowledged this and spoke of helping the situation and still being in compliance with state laws and ~~rules~~ rules. Pr. Walsh asked about speed bumps and G. Herbert said they can't be put in but painted (fake) speed bumps also slow down the traffic. Dave Knowlton spoke of the audible signal being put in both English & Spanish. Dave Knowlton the City Engineer will work with consultant Gary Herbert to come up with a plan to make this crossing as safe as possible. Councillor Sosnowski ~~moved~~ so moved. By a 3 yes 0 no vote ~~it passed~~ the motion passed # 314 the Verizon Resolution. Councillor Sosnowski moved approval and by a ~~3-0~~ 3 yes 0 no vote the matter was recommended favorably to the

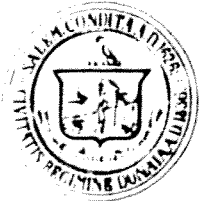
On the motion of C. LeGault

the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Full Council

Arthur C. Sanguineto

(Chairperson)



CITY OF SALEM

Resolution Relating to Maintaining Verizon Repair Center Jobs and Innovative Technologically Work in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WHEREAS: solutions to competitive demands on business in Massachusetts and throughout the United States and abroad often involve downsizing and outsourcing instead of protecting workers and their families; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Workers are without jobs, and some communities are particularly had hit with long term unemployment; and

WHEREAS: it is recognized that maintaining good jobs with good pay and benefits in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is encouraged of all businesses, ensuring working families employed in Massachusetts have job stability; and

WHEREAS: Verizon Communications in Massachusetts has been and continues to downsize their Massachusetts workforce and has not added any new technology driven jobs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Verizon Communications in Massachusetts has decided to relocate their two Enhanced Verizon Repair Centers located in Andover, Massachusetts and Springfield, Massachusetts out of state to Rhode Island, forcing upon workers the options of an unreasonable commute hundreds of miles from their homes, moving out of state, or ending their employment with Verizon; and

WHEREAS: it is recognized that Verizon workers and their families will suffer extreme hardships, creating stressful family relationships, issues with child care and elder care, marital discord, and the communities in which they live will be impacted as these employees determine whether to move out of state, commute hundreds of miles or quit; and

WHEREAS: It is recognized that the Verizon Communications Enhanced Verizon Repair Centers have been located in Massachusetts for over forty years, servicing Massachusetts residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Salem, Massachusetts promotes collaborative efforts of government, business and labor in the dynamic field of telecommunications to employ workers in Massachusetts and partner with the communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in sustaining and growing a high-performance economy, benefiting consumers, working families, and our communities.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Salem, Massachusetts supports innovative job growth and retaining technology driven jobs with good pay and benefits,

and strongly encourages Verizon Communications to continue to employ EVRC workers in Massachusetts providing the same repair center services that have served the Commonwealth for over forty years; and

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Salem, Massachusetts will provide a copy of this resolution to Verizon, strongly encouraging Verizon to consider the impact of relocating workers out of state on their workers and families, the communities in which they live, and the economic growth and stability of the communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In City Council April 25, 2013

Referred to the Committee on Government Services co-posted with Committee of the Whole

ATTEST:

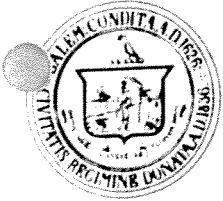
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CITY CLERK
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

By a 3 yes 0 no votes
this matter was referred out
to the full council with a
favorable recommendation

Arthur C. Sargent
Chairman

#174

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In City Council, March 14, 2013

Ordered:

That the Committee on Government Services meet to discuss the installation of pedestrian lights on Bridge Street and that the following be invited: representatives from the Mayor's office, School Committee, Engineering Department, Electrical Department and the City Solicitor, and a representative from the overseeing traffic engineering group.

3 yes 0 no votes ↓

In City Council March 14, 2013
Adopted

Councillor Sosnowsk moved that Dave Knowlton city engineer & Gary Hebert traffic consultant come up with a plan to make this crosswalk safer for pedestrians.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

and still follow state and ~~Federal~~ Federal guidelines.

The matter remained in committee

Arthur P. Savant