

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2018**

Chair Woodward called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of August 2, 2018 to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL (1):**

PRESENT: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

ABSENT: None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Nabil S. Henein, Interim Director of Public Works & Engineering; Norman Wray, GIS Specialist; Sergeant Nguyen of Buena Park Police; and Ella Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2):**

**(2) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2018.**

MOTION: Lopez

SECOND: Mote

AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS (None):**

**NEW BUSINESS (3-5):**

**(3) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that City Council Approve a Request for a Loading Zone on Dale Street.**

Mr. Wray gave the report regarding the request for a loading zone on Dale Street. He stated staff conducted a parking and collision history. He stated during school times there is heavy traffic. He noted no collisions were ever reported.

Mr. Wray and staff recommended the installation of a 100-foot long passenger loading zone on the west side of Dale Street adjacent to the day care. He stated the zone would be installed pursuant to the Buena Park Municipal Code (BPMC) 10.32.020 Section C: "White shall mean no stopping, standing, or parking for any other purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers, or for the purpose of depositing mail in

an adjacent mailbox, which shall not exceed three minutes, and any such restrictions shall apply between seven a.m. and six p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays.

Mr. Wray reported the estimated budget impact would be approximately \$500.00.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to recommend that City Council approve the request for a loading zone on Dale Street.**

MOTION: Beger  
SECOND: Lopez  
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**(4) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that the City Council Approve a Request to add Val Verde Avenue into Preferential Parking District No. 4. (PPD No. 4).**

Mr. Wray reported on the request for an addition to add Val Verde Avenue into Preferential Parking District No. 4. He stated the location was between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Fullerton Creek Channel, just east of Knott Avenue. He stated PPD No. 4 included the streets Del Rosa Road, Hidalgo Street, Rostrata Avenue, and Yucca Street. He stated the original parking district was approved at the January 24, 2017 City Council meeting. He also stated that Council conducted a six month review, and determined it would be acceptable to add other streets to the existing PPD No. 4. Mr. Wray reported that on June 26, 2018, Council approved the request to add Burnham Avenue to PPD No. 4.

Mr. Wray stated in June 2018, a petition was submitted to add Val Verde Avenue into the PPD No. 4. He also stated that the two requirements were met. First, it is a "reasonably self-contained area." Second, 78 percent of the residents on the street were in favor of a PPD.

Mr. Wray reported the budget impact of the proposed addition to PPD No. 4 would be the cost to install necessary signs which would be approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500. He noted that the permits for PPD No. 4 were already produced.

Resident Mary Kay Santos of 7212 Scales Way stated she had concerns with safety. She expressed there is a lot of overflow of parking onto their street. She wanted to voice that being a smaller street it is difficult to maneuver, especially if an emergency occurred.

Resident Norman Leonard of 6657 Val Verde Avenue stated he was very concerned about the crime on the street. He expressed his concerns if an emergency vehicle tried

to get to Val Verde Avenue that access would be impossible. He stated the overflow has brought trash, limited parking, and crime.

Resident Rigoberto Hernandez of 6641 Val Verde Avenue stated the parking situation is getting worse every day. There is trash and crime.

Resident Shawn Cohen of 7082 9<sup>th</sup> Street stated he was upset with the overflow parking on Val Verde Avenue. He is very frustrated with the situation.

Resident Blanca Loaysa at 7501 9<sup>th</sup> Street stated her parking situation. She stated her suggestions to benefit the City and the residents in regards to the lack of parking.

Commissioner Lopez questioned Sergeant Nguyen of the Buena Park Police Department to assist with the parking situation. Sergeant Nguyen stated four Parking Control Officers are conducting enforcement.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to approve that City Council approve the request to add Val Verde Avenue into Preferential District 4 (PPD No. 4).**

MOTION: Lopez  
SECOND: Kester  
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**(5) Review, Discuss, and Recommend that the City Council Approve a Request to Create a Preferential Parking District in the Vicinity of Yosemite Drive.**

Mr. Norman Wray reported on the request to create a Preferential Parking District (PPD) on Lassen Drive, Lassen Circle, Sequoia Drive, and Yosemite Drive. He reported that in March 2018, resident Ross stern submitted a completed petition for a new PPD. Mr. Wray stated each request must meet two requirements to be considered. First, he noted that 88.2 percent of the residents were in favor. Second, he noted that the PPD must be "reasonably self-contained area."

Mr. Wray reported that the current request met the PPD policy. However, in addition, there was a recommendation that the peak parking demand be at least 75% of the available spaces. He reported that since it was such a large area, staff had to do their observations into several "sub-areas." Mr. Wray reported that the average peak parking demand for the entire PPD was 57 percent, which was below the recommend value. However, the sub-areas of "Yosemite Drive East" and "Sequoia Drive East" average peak parking demands were 89 percent and 74 percent. Mr. Wray stated these areas

were the closest to the apartment complexes on Ball Road, and those demands were actually higher than they were during the las study done in April 2018.

Mr. Wray stated based on the review of the request, staff recommended that the Traffic and Transportation Commission that City Council approve this PPD. He stated it has met the two requirements (2/3<sup>rd</sup> minimum support and a “reasonably self-contained area”).

Mr. Wray reported the budget impact to establish the PPD would be \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. He stated the majority of the cost (approximately \$6,000.00) would be for permit parking signage in the area.

Resident Mark Kennell of 6640 Sequoia Drive spoke about his family having issues with the lack of parking. He expressed his concerns. He requested something be done immediately.

Resident Kris Ribali of 6501 Yosemite Drive expressed his frustrations with the lack of parking, the trash, the crime, and would just like a place to park.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to approve a request for a new Preferential Parking District (PPD) on Lassen Drive, Lassen Circle, Sequoia Drive, and Yosemite Drive.**

MOTION: Mote  
SECOND: Lopez  
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lop0ez, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (6-10):**

**(6) Status Report of Prior Approved Items** – Mr. Wray gave a status report on Preferential Parking District No. 4 and stated the signs have been completed and letters to the residents will be sent to pick up their parking permits.

**(7) Update – Knott Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Project** – Mr. Wray stated it is in the final stages. A two year monitoring phase is required.

**(8) Update – Artesia Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project - Phase I Completion will be going to City Council** – Mr. Wray stated this project will take another year and half.

**(9) Other Capital Improvement Projects.** Mr. Henein gave an updated report on the City streets. He noted Beach Boulevard is in the planning phase to improve the traffic signals. He also stated they are working on the traffic at Malvern Avenue. They are working on a few recommendations.

**(10) Other Police Department Informational Items.** Sergeant Nguyen reported a DUI check point is scheduled for Friday, August 17, 2018 and location is to be determined.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

**Resident Mike Wilkinson of 8042 San Leandro Circle introduced himself to the Traffic and Transportation Commission. He expressed his interest in volunteering in the future.**

**Resident Kathy March of 6523 San Harold Way stated her concerns with the parking issues with the Speech and Development School. She stated she has spoken to the school. Ms. March stated she and the residents are very frustrated.**

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

**None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As no further business was brought before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

  
Ella Jones, Secretary

  
Chairman