

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

Chair Beger called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of February 7, 2019 to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Mote led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL (1):**

PRESENT: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

ABSENT: None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Amir Modarressi, Interim Assistant City Engineer; Norman Wray, Senior Engineering Technician, Nader Alqam, Assistant Engineer; and Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2):**

**(2) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Traffic and Transportation Commission Meeting from November 1, 2018 were tabled to the next meeting.**

MOTION: Lopez

SECOND: Mote

AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS (None):**

**NEW BUSINESS (3-7):**

**(3) Review, Discuss, and Recommend Approval to City Council for a Request to Add Scales Way into Preferential Parking District 4.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Norman Wray reported that on January 24, 2017, the City Council approved Preferential Parking District 4, which included Del Rosa Road, Hidalgo Street, Rostrata Avenue, and Yucca Street. Mr. Wray noted that in addition Council then approved two more requests to add Burnham Avenue on June 26, 2018 and to add Val Verde Avenue on August 28, 2018. Mr. Wray reported staff did conduct parking studies and observations. He stated that while all other streets in the area are 36 to 40 feet wide, Scales Way was 28 feet wide. He also stated the policy for establishing a Preferential

Parking District requires a minimum of 2/3 (66.6%) of the local residents support. The petition showed that just over 2/3 (69%) of the residents were in favor of a Preferential Parking District, which meets the policy requirements.

Mr. Wray also stated the policy has a recommendation not a requirement that the peak parking demands have a 75% of on-street parking occupied during the peak parking hours. He stated the parking study showed that the peak parking hours are at night, and the typical evening demand was 42% of parking spaces occupied, with demand going up later at night.

Additionally, Mr. Wray stated that if Scales Way was not to become a part of the Preferential Parking District, it would likely impact Highland Avenue to move more vehicles to Scales Way.

Commissioner Lopez questioned staff regarding lack of parking spaces availability and new housing developments in the City of Buena Park. Mr. Wray informed everyone the parking developments currently have higher standards and in the near the future it maybe the City may not be able to set as high of parking standards as we have.

Mr. Wray reported the budget impact for the proposed addition to the Preferential Parking District #4 would cost for the installation of the necessary signs would be approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500. He also stated the permits are already on hand, so no additional costs for permit production would be required at the moment.

Resident Anthony Vargas of 7229 Scales Way expressed his concerns regarding the parking issues for Scales Way. He reported many vehicles are parked overnight and trash is left behind. He also stated the street has issues with sight distance.

Resident Shailesh Patel of 7127 Scales Way stated he was upset with the parking issues on Scales Way. He reported people are sleeping in their cars, leaving food and trash wrappers, and bottles behind. Mr. Patel stated finding parking is very difficult.

Resident Mary Kay Santos of 7212 Scales Way thanked staff and the Traffic and Transportation Commission for listening to the residents' concerns. She stated she had hopes for solution to the parking issues on Scales Way.

Resident Joel Gomez of 6682 Gramercy Street stated his frustrations. He had questioned regarding what are the options for Gramercy Street parking issues. Mr. Gomez expressed his issues of finding a solution; he asked that Gramercy Street be included in the Preferential Parking District.

Resident Albert Cantoran of 7218 Scales Way suggested speed bumps for the area. He stated his concerns regarding the lack of parking in the area.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to have City Council approve the request to add Scales Way into Preferential Parking District 4 (PPD No. 4).**

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

Motion carried.

**(4) Review, Discuss and Approve a Recommendation to Install Channelizing Devices on Malvern Avenue.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wray reported that in November 2017, a business owner requested a keep clear zone at Malvern Avenue at a driveway approximately 240 feet southeast of Beach Boulevard. He stated staff met with owner to review the concerns, and performed an investigation in the area. Mr. Wray noted that Malvern Avenue is a six lane arterial street with a painted median. He also reported staff observed that during the evening peak hours, westbound traffic on Malvern would sometimes back up far enough to block the driveway. In addition, it was reported staff made a five year collision history review in the area (January 2012 through December 2016). It was noted that there were 18 collisions in the general area, but only two in the area of the driveway. Mr. Wray stated staff would not recommend installing a Keep Clear zone without making other changes. That a keep clear zone would make it easier for right turns from the driveway into the left turn lanes on Malvern Avenue. He stated given the collision history, it could lead to more collisions occurring. That the other concern would be that the Keep Clear zone could encourage more eastbound traffic to make illegal left turns across the island and into the driveway.

Mr. Wray reported the budget impact would be approximately \$1,000. The channelizers and paint material to do the work were on-hand.

Resident Fidel Dela Cruz of 6741 Highland Avenue discussed his issues with the parking situation. He stated his concerns with the lack of parking available in the evenings. He also was very upset with the crime activity in the area. He also spoke regarding the size of the street. Mr. Cruz also recommended for safety that street lights be installed on the street to give more light. His final suggestion for the area that any new developments in the area consider there is enough parking spaces for the extensions of the homes. He strongly suggested requiring permits.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to approve the installation of channelizers on Malvern Avenue east of Beach Boulevard.**

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

Motion carried.

**(5) Consideration for Recommendation to the City Council for the Installation of 100 Feet of Red Curb on Rostrata Avenue at Spring Street.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nader Alqam gave a report regarding the installation of 100 feet of red curb on Rostrata Avenue at Spring Street. He stated a report was received in November 2018 from Brenda Pack. Mr. Alqam stated staff conducted a sight distance review of the location and concluded that the sight distance conditions could be improved.

Mr. Alqam stated the StrataPointe Townhomes were open in 2017. Mr. Alqam reported a five year review was conducted and found no reported collisions caused by the sight distance issues at the driveway. He noted a recommended action of 50 feet of new red curb and this is consistent with past actions. Mr. Alqam stated the budget impact would be approximately \$200.

Chair Beger made a note two emails were read from Jason Rodriguez and Orlando Rodriguez.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to add 25 feet north and 25 feet south on Spring Street and Rostrata Avenue of red curb.**

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

Motion carried.

**(6) Consideration of Approval if Installation of School Crosswalks on San Diego Drive at San Dimas Circle.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nader Alqam gave a report regarding the school crosswalk improvements. He stated that in April 2018, a parent of a student attending Buena Terra Elementary School contacted city staff to regarding their complaints about the traffic. Mr. Alqam reported City staff contacted the school and spoke with the school office manager, Ms. Lisa Pellicano to discuss the item. Mr. Alqam stated the proposed location of the crosswalk would not alter the location of the bus stop to prevent any sight issues.

Mr. Alqam stated that city staff asks the recommendation to approve the installation of school crosswalks and pedestrian crossing improvements on San Diego Drive at San Dimas Circle. He reported the budget impact would be an estimated cost of \$6,350 which would include the striping at the cost of \$350 (thermoplastic), signage costs are estimated to be \$1,500, and the installation of an ADA complaint curb ramp is anticipated to be \$4,500 at the time of construction.

**Motion: Approve the new signage and installation of the school crosswalks and pedestrian crossing improvements on San Diego Drive at San Dimas Circle.**

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

Motion carried.

**(7) Review a Possible Change to Parking Prohibition Policy.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wray gave a report on the review of a possible change to the parking prohibition policy. He stated that on October 8, 2002, the City Council approved the City Council Policy Statement (Policy) No. 25. This policy statement was allowing staff to review and approve routine requests. He stated it was intended to streamline and be a time saving to residents by reducing delays.

Mr. Wray stated several years ago, the previous City Attorney reviewed this policy and informed staff the he believed the policy was not legal per his interpretation of the law. Specifically, the Attorney stated he did not believe that the California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows the "local authority" (Council) to delegate authorization to restrict parking.

In addition Mr. Wray stated there would be no direct budget impact on this item. However, lowering the staff time required to address certain requests will result in a lower cost each time a restriction is requested.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (8-12):**

**(8) Review Changes to the Traffic Signal at Orangethrope and Brenner.** Mr. Wray reported the traffic signal has been monitored. He gave the Traffic and Transportation Commission an update. He noted a flashing yellow signal is on order and it will be installed in a few weeks.

**(9) Review Traffic Signal Lighting at Western and La Palma.** Mr. Wray noted the traffic signal has been worked on and are waiting to gather cost information from Siemens.

**(10) Status Report of Prior Approved Items.** Mr. Wray reported regarding the school bus loading at Emery Elementary.

**(11) Other Capital Improvement Projects.** It was reported on the grant for the safe routes at the schools. It was also noted the street rehab projects were being worked on.

**(12) Other Police Department Informational Items.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

None

**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 7:40 p.m. until Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Elizabeth Genera, Secretary

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Chairman