

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2019**

Chair Beger called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of June 13, 2019 to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Kester led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL (1):**

PRESENT: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward  
ABSENT: None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mina Mikhael, Assistant City Engineer; Deepthi Arabolu, Principal Engineer; Bret Carter, Police Sergeant; Norman Wray, Senior Engineering Technician; Nader Alqam, Assistant Engineer; and Ella Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2):**

**(3) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2019**

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS (None):**

**NEW BUSINESS (3-11):**

**(3) Recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 45 feet of red curb westerly, on the north side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 455 feet west of Western Avenue.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Nader Alqam presented a report that staff recommended installing 45 feet of red curb westerly, on the north side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 455 feet from Western Avenue. Mr. Alqam stated the street is a two lane, residential roadway with heavy parking demands. He also stated the roadway is striped with a centerline stripe. Mr. Alqam reported that staff reviewed the collision history for the past five years and nothing had been reported.

Mr. Alqam stated a request was received from a resident and on-property supervisor at the Madrid Apartment Homes due to the obstruction of parked vehicles along the curb, adjacent to the apartments.

Mr. Alqam reported the staff recommended approval for the request of installation of 45 feet of red curb westerly, on the north side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 455 feet from Western Avenue. The budget impact would be an estimated \$350.00.

**Motion: Approve amended recommendation for the installation of 20 feet instead of 45 feet of red curb westerly, on the north side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 455 feet from Western Avenue.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(4) Recommendation to the City Council for installation of 25 feet of red curb easterly, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,055 feet, west of Western Avenue and 50 feet of red curb westerly, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,134 feet west of Western Avenue.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Alqam presented a staff report recommending installing 25 feet of red curb easterly, on the south side of Melrose Street and 50 feet of red curb westerly, on the south side of Melrose Street. He reported Melrose Street is a two-lane, collector street with heavy parking demand and the roadway is not striped with a centerline stripe. He stated staff reviewed the collision history on Melrose Street in the vicinity of the driveway, and it was reported that in the past five years no traffic collisions were reported.

Mr. Alqam stated there is a flood control channel adjacent to the street on its north side. He stated staff conducted a field review, and staff proposed 25 feet of red curb easterly, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,055 feet, west of Western Avenue and 50 feet of red curb westerly. He also reported, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,132 feet west of Western Avenue. The estimated budget impact would be approximately \$350.00.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation to the City Council for installation of 25 feet of red curb easterly, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,055 feet, west of Western Avenue and 50 feet of red curb westerly, on the south side of Melrose Street from 1,134 feet west of Western Avenue.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(5) Recommendation to the City Council for installation of 50 feet of red curb westerly, on the south side of Melrose Street, 295 feet west of Western Avenue.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Alqam reported a request was received in May 2019 from Mr. Wiley Drake, Pastor and Church Operator at the First Southern Baptist Church of Buena Park (6801 Western Avenue). Mr. Drake had stated that vehicles were turning out of the church onto Melrose Street were having difficulty with sight distance due to obstruction of parked vehicles along the curb adjacent to the church. He noted staff conducted a collision history on Melrose Street. He stated no reported collisions in the past five years. Mr. Alqam stated the estimated budget impact would be approximately \$350.00.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 50 feet of red curb westerly, on the south side of Melrose Street, 295 feet west of Western Avenue.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(6) Recommendation to the City Council for installation of 126 feet of red curb on the east side of Valley View Street north of Caballero Boulevard.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Alqam reported a request was received in April 2019 from the Amazon Safety Department about a traffic safety concern along Valley View Street north of Caballero Boulevard. He noted Valley View Street between Caballero Boulevard and Coyote Creek channel is a divided roadway, striped for three lanes in each direction and operates as a major arterial highway. He stated the west side of the roadway segment was within jurisdiction of the City of Cerritos, with the east side of the roadway within the jurisdiction of the City of Buena Park.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 126 feet of red curb on the east side of Valley View Street north of Caballero Boulevard.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(7) Review, discuss, and approve a request for an on-street accessible parking space at 6821 Oregon Street.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Norman Wray reported a request was received in December 2018; Ms. Rebecca Ruiz made a request for an on-street accessible parking space fronting her property at 6821 Oregon Street. Mr. Wray noted staff has made a number of parking observations in the area to address the impact of removing one parking space.

Mr. Wray also stated areas with a high parking demand are more likely to require that the disabled person have a longer trip to and from a vehicle. He stated, although overnight parking demand is high, modifying one parking space is not likely to have a significant impact for the rest of the neighborhood. However, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requires a disabled parking stall to be accompanied by an ADA accessible ramp. He noted, staff recommends that the ramp would require a monetary cost of approximately \$2,500 depending on the conditions.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council Study Session to discuss the on-street accessible parking request in conjunction with the construction with an ADA ramp; with greater review of the policy as a whole.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(8) Review, discuss, and deny a request for an on-street accessible parking space at 8611 Valley View Street.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Wray gave a report regarding a request was received in May 2018, from Mr. John Donaldson at 8611 Valley View Street. Mr. Wray stated staff made a number of parking observations in the area to the address. He stated on reviewing the application package, staff did not feel the application justified the typical requirements of the City's disabled parking policy. He reported one of the specific requirements of the policy outlines that using a garage for storage is not a valid or approved reason to require an on-street disabled parking space. Therefore, staff recommended the Traffic Commission deny the request.

**Motion: To follow Staff's recommendation to deny a request for an on-street accessible parking space at 8611 Valley View Street, Buena Park.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(9) Recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 5 feet of red curb northerly, on the west side of San Jose Circle, from 110 feet north of Holder Street.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Alqam gave a report regarding a request was received in May 2019, from Mr. Robert Shackley at 8101 Holder Street. Mr. Alqam stated San Jose Circle is a two lane residential cul-de-sac street, with several driveways fronting both sides.

He noted the estimated budget would approximately be \$50 to install five feet of red curb.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 5 feet of red curb northerly, on the west side of San Jose Circle, 110 feet north of Holder Street.**

MOTION: Lopez  
SECOND: Beger  
AYES: Beger, Kester, Lopez, Mote, Woodward

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**Motion carried.**

**(10) Recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 58 feet of red curb northerly, on the east side of Stanton Avenue, from 122 feet north of East Holt Street.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Alqam gave a report regarding a request was received in May 2019 from a resident at 8001 Holt Street. He stated the resident approached staff and expressed cars were making it difficult to pull into his driveway. Mr. Alqam stated staff conducted a review. He noted this is a residential area and no past collisions in the last five years.

He noted the estimated budget would approximately be \$50 to install eight feet of red curb.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 5 feet of red curb northerly, on the west side of San Jose Circle, 110 feet north of Holder Street.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**(11) Recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 25 feet of red curb northerly, on the south side of Pinchot Court, east of Beach Boulevard.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Alqam gave a report regarding the installation of 25 feet of red curb on the south side of Pinchot Court, east of Beach Boulevard. He noted Pinchot Court is a two lane residential street with several driveways fronting it on the south side. He also stated the south of the street has very high parking demand.

He noted the estimated budget would approximately be \$50 to install 25 feet of red curb on the south side of Pinchot Court.

**Motion: Approve recommendation to the City Council for the installation of 25 feet of red curb on the south side of Pinchot Court, east of Beach Boulevard.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (12-14):**

**(12) Introduce new Principal Engineer Deepthi Arabolu: Introduced herself and her background. She mentioned her background and she has over 15 years of experience as a public servant. Prior, she worked with Orange County Public Works. She mentioned she is excited to serve all in the City of Buena Park.**

**(13) Review changes to the traffic signal at Orangethorpe and Brenner: Mr. Wray reported the traffic signal at Orangethorpe and Brenner is now a protected permissive which is why we still have the signs, and no longer flashing yellow.**

**(14) Other police department informational items: None**

**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 7:32 p.m. until Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

  
Ella Jones, Secretary

  
Chairman