

MEETING MINUTES SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Ramos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Gilbert Ramos
Commissioner Mary Ann Worden
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner Stephen Kennedy

ABSENT: Commissioner Diana Martinez (staff received no notification of Commissioner Martinez's absence)

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Russell, P.E., City Engineer
James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Victor Gutierrez, Assistant Engineer
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE
3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
Eric Petersen approached the Commission to provide a calendar for Bike Month 2016.
4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 11, 2016

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION REPORTS:

1. 1-HOUR PARKING ZONE REQUEST ALONG 900 BLOCK OF EAST ALISAL STREET (Holaday Avenue to Sanborn Road)

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommendation to City Council of approving 1-hour Parking Zone designations along the northern curblin of the 900 block of West Alisal Street (between Holaday Avenue and Sanborn Road).

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department. Victor Gutierrez presented the report in Spanish.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the full amount of red zones were needed at the end of the block, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the number of off site parking spaces being provided could be changed, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Howell asked what the large parking lot is across the street, staff advised it is for the market.

Commissioner Worden advised the long building used to be a packing shed union office, it is now a Chiropractor Office according to a posted sign. There is also a travel agency, a photography place, and an insurance office.

A business owner approached the Commission to advise the people who are not in agreement with the parking lot are not businesses located on their block, they are located a block away, so they are not even affected.

A business owner approached the Commission to comment their customer parking is being taken by farmworkers, they park in the 20-minute green zone all day long and there is no police enforcement.

Commissioner Viarengo commented the five adjoining businesses are all in favor and SUBA is in favor, he sees no problems with the proposed recommendation.

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OF CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (1-Hour Parking Zone along 900 Block of East Alisal Street), COMMISSIONER WORDEN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. 20-MINUTE GREEN ZONE REQUEST AT 349 WILLIAMS ROAD

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommendation to City Council of approving four 20-minute Green Zone designations for the business tenant located at 349 Williams Road.

Victor Gutierrez presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Kennedy commented he is in approval of the recommended action.

Commissioner Worden commented the 20-minute Green Zone is needed in this area.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about parking for delivery trucks, staff and the applicant provided information about the loading zone.

Commissioner Ramos asked about the possibility of changing the time limits of the parking zone. James Serrano advised the City Code governs the time frame for parking limits. James advised enforcement continues to be an issue and staff is working on this.

MacGregor Eddy approached the Commission to state the issue of abandoned vehicles should be address in this area. The high number of abandoned vehicles is taking up space where parking could be provided. The abandoned vehicles also make it difficult for streets to be cleaned and swept.

COMMISSIONER WORDEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OF CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (20-Minute Green Zone at 349 Williams Road), COMMISSIONER RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: NONE

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

A. Commissioner Flescher reported the trees have been trimmed near the traffic signal at Church and Alisal, at the post office, and wanted to thank staff.

Commissioner Flescher reported the light at Lincoln and Gabilan turns green on Gabilan even when there are no cars, he believes the timing might be off.

Commissioner Flescher Elementary commented that schools somewhere in Texas made it illegal for parents to walk their kids to school.

B. Commissioner Kennedy reported there is a "large bubble" in the pavement on Boronda, between Dartmouth & McKinnon.

Commissioner Kennedy reported there is a possible problem at the left turn lane signal going south on North Davis at Boronda Crossing, on several occasions the left hand turn signal has not been working.

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