

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

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

PRESENT: Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Yolanda Hayes
Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Larry Tack

ABSENT: Commissioner Kendra Howell (staff received notification of Commissioner Howell's absence on 2/7/17)

STAFF PRESENT: James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Jose Saucedo, Assistant Engineer
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

COMMISSIONER BRANDON HILL MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER VIARENGO TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON FOR TONIGHT'S COMMISSION MEETING, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to make the following comments: 1) In November there was a bicycle crash on Main Street under the railroad tracks. A bicyclist was riding on the sidewalk and went into the street. Everyone was okay, but something needs to be done about bike lanes in this area. Posting share the road signs, etc. would help; 2) Provided the status of changes to the bike boulevard law, allowing 20 mph speed limits on bike boulevards; 3) The City has done some things on standardizing bylaws, Mr. Petersen does not remember the City Attorney attending the Traffic and Transportation Commission to ask about changes to the bylaws; 4) In December there were items passed by City Council without any input from the Traffic and Transportation Commission; 5) Mr. Petersen suggested naming the street Mary Ann Worden lives on "Mary Ann Worden Boulevard".

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to report the magnolia trees right across from the post office are blocking the traffic lights. Someone was hit on Alisal Street a few months ago, all up and down the street trees are blocking visibility. Mrs. Worden asked that striping be refreshed on some of the worst streets, such as Williams Road.

4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 13, 2016
2. TAXICAB ZONES NEAR THE FORMER GREYHOUND TERMINAL

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council approve of removing four Taxicab stands near the former Greyhound Terminal

Commissioner Hayes commented she agrees with removing the Taxicab Zones and adding any additional parking throughout Salinas.

COMMISSIONER LARRY TACK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (10/13/16 MINUTES and TAXICAB ZONES), COMMISSIONER FLESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION REPORTS:

1. SAN ANGELO RESIDENTS REQUEST TO OPT IN TO THE DISTRICT 3A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend to City Council approval of adding San Angelo Drive (from Santa Cruz to San Bruno) to the Residential Permit Parking District 3A

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

Commissioner Hayes asked about the number of parking permits each residence is allowed to purchase, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hayes asked about the use of funding for the permits, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hayes commented she drove through the residential area and was very impressed with the neighborhood. She asked where traffic in this area comes from, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Tack asked if the parking program was a permanent program and if there is an escalation clause for the price of the permits, James Serrano provided information.

John Jennings approached the Commission to provide photos and other information for Commissioners. Mr. Jennings stated 17 residents (including himself) signed the petition. Mr. Jennings has put notes on vehicle windshields and has spoken to some of the drivers and they are just not understanding the reason they cannot park in the residential area. A couple of residents he has spoken to do not want to pay a fee to park in front of their own house, they are asking if a visitor's pass can be made available free of charge.

Stacy Wilson approached the Commission to state that parking is an issue on their street because it is where the permit parking program stops. She asked that the Commission take a look at vehicles parking on the corners. She believes this is a dangerous practice and should be illegal. Mrs. Wilson commented San Angelo is a very long street with no Stop signs, so people get up to pretty high speeds.

Commissioner Tack suggested maybe speed humps or traffic calming might help the issue.

Commissioner Hill commented he understands the need for the parking program request in this area. People sometimes feel the parking space in front of their house belongs to them, but it does not. He is aware the parking situation around the hospital is very bad.

Commissioner Flescher asked about guidelines used for Stop signs, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Flescher asked about the laws regarding parking at corners, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hayes commented she is in favor of this recommendation and believes these items should be addressed when they are brought forward to the Commission. She commends resident for taking action to solve problems in their neighborhood.

John Jennings re-approached the Commission to report that the street sweeper has not swept in front of his house for several years because of the amount of cars constantly parking on the street.

Commissioner Hayes commented the City Council addressed the issue of street sweeping in January and there was an announcement they are going to start putting street signs out when the street sweeper will come around.

COMMISSIONER HAYES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #1 (SAN ANGELO RESIDENTS REQUEST TO OPT IN TO THE DISTRICT 3A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM), COMMISSIONER FLESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM – EL PASO PLACE OPT OUT REQUEST

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider request from El Paso Residents to Opt Out of the District 3A Residential Permit Parking Program and make a recommendation to City Council

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

Commissioner Hayes asked if the residents requesting to opt out of the program were renters or owners, James Serrano provided information regarding the rules of the parking program.

Bill Victorino approached the Commission to say when this program first started a representative came through their community and presented the initial proposal. It sounded like parking would be permitted by the hospital, not the residents. Their neighborhood is no different than any other neighborhood in Salinas that does not have to purchase a parking permit to park in front of their house. All of the driveways on El Paso are very long and hold up to 4 cars. It is an inconvenience to have to purchase a permit to park on the street, especially since the new parking enforcement has begun. Residents thought it would be a good idea for the hospital to purchase placards for resident to place on their cars to identify who residents are.

Selena (did not provide last name) approached the Commission – this program was for employees of the hospital, she has yet to see any employees from the hospital or the convalescent facility park on their street.

Dave Robinson approached the Commission. They know their neighborhood very well , they don't have a traffic problem. They don't mind being close to the hospital. This parking program was put in place back when the hospital was doing a lot of work and the demand for parking was higher. It's not a matter of paying money for a permit, it is just an inconvenience.

Mr. Victorino re-approached the Commission to ask about how the process works, where does their request go from here? James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Tack commented the homes around Maple Park are all unique.

COMMISSIONER TACK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #2 (EL PASO PLACE OPT OUT REQUEST), COMMISSIONER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. MULTI-WAY STOP AT THE ALISAL STREET AND CAPITOL STREET INTERSECTION

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive report from City Staff regarding Council approval of a Multi-Way stop at the Alisal and Capitol Streets Intersection.

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.
Commissioners provided comments and suggestions to staff.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to offer comments regarding this action being considered by City Council without any input from the Traffic Commission.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Hill commented regarding the newly proposed Uniform Bylaws. Crissy White will provide copies of the previous Commission bylaws to Commissioners.
- B. Commissioner Hayes commented she is happy to be a part of the Traffic and Transportation Commission. She invited fellow Commissioners to visit her neighborhood on Little River Drive to view new traffic calming installations that are being made. Commissioner Hayes commented she is interested in the Vision Zero Program and "WRAP" boxes used for police enforcement.
- C. Commissioner Flesher commented on some new bike lanes that are being installed.
- D. Commissioner Viarengo reported there are traffic calming installations being made in his neighborhood also, he encouraged fellow Commissioners to attend neighborhood meetings where a lot of information is being shared.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: March 9, 2017

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Viarengo, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary
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