

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 23, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Curtis Dison

Eric Shamp

Cassie MacDuff

Saanya Shrivastav

Staff:

Johana Silva, MUED

Corporal Martin Gonzalez, PD

John Harris, MUED

Goutam Dobey, MUED

Absent

Commissioners:

Matt Malouf

Anna Jaiswal

Marc Tran

Guest Consultant:

Alex Tabrizi, RK Engineering Group

2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:01 pm by Vice Chairperson Dison.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon review of the meeting minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission's last meeting on September 23, 2021. **A motion was made by Commissioner Shamp and seconded by Commissioner Dison to approve the minutes as presented and carried, with Commission MacDuff abstaining.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No non-agenda related public comments were made. Comments related to specific agenda items are incorporated into the item discussion.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5A. *Status of work orders on items previously recommended by Commission and approved by City Council*

Ms. Silva presented a slide and provided a brief overview of the status of work orders that were previously recommended by the Commission and approved by City Council.

5B. *Status of work orders on items approved by staff that fall within the existing Municipal Code not requiring Commission recommendation or City Council approval*

A slide was presented providing a brief overview of the status of work orders which do not require Commission recommendation, and have been approved and completed by city staff in accordance with the Redlands Municipal Code. Discussion ensued regarding in-road pedestrian crossing signs.

5C. *Discussion of Traffic and Parking Commission budget*

Mr. Harris gave an overview of the annual commission budget and summarized three options on how applications can be handled according to the annual budget. The first option consisted of reallocating funds from under budget projects or requesting more funding from City Council if the current budget is exhausted. The second option consisted of reviewing applications in the first month of each quarter for construction in the second quarter. The third option is for Staff to prioritize the applications. Discussion ensued regarding the budget with the general consensus of applying option two with option one.

5D. *Commission Annual Presentation to City Council*

Vice Chair Dison stated as in previous years, City commissions and committees provide annual updates to the City Council. The Commission was asked to determine who would present and an alternative presenter. It was determined that Chairperson Shamp would present to City Council on behalf of the Commission with Vice Chairperson Curtis Dison as an alternate. A tentative date of May 3, 2022 was set for the commission to report to Council.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. *Request Approval of the 2021 Engineering and Traffic Survey to update citywide speed limits*

Ms. Silva stated the City routinely prepares Engineering and Traffic Surveys (E&TS) to justify posted speed limits throughout the City and to allow the Police Department to enforce the speed limits using an electronic device. Discussion ensued regarding the recommended increases in the speed limits, consistency of speed limits within the entirety of the street and criteria to determine speed limits. Mr. Tabrizi from RK Engineering Group explained the methodology used for determining the speed limits. Cpl. Gonzalez clarified the lidar/radar equipment used for speed enforcement and warned of possible increases in violations if the 85th percentile methodology is not followed. Mr. Harris stated that citations issued are typically thrown out in court if the methodology is not followed. In addition, lowering a speed limit is not an appropriate traffic safety measure for vehicular and pedestrian safety and described a local sample

of traffic calming. Commissioner Shamp asked how the increase in speed limits has been checked for consistency against the Sustainable Mobility Plan and other City plans. Mr. Harris suggested additional time for the commission to review the report and a comprehensive discussion in an upcoming meeting to discuss the justification for the recommended speed limit changes. **A motion was made by Commissioner MacDuff and seconded by Commissioner Dison to continue the item at an upcoming commission meeting. By roll call vote of 4-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

6B. *Approval of the request to establish a midblock crosswalk on Central Avenue between Church Street and Citrus Avenue*

Ms. Silva presented Staff's recommendation of a midblock crosswalk on Central Avenue between Church Street and Citrus Avenue. **A motion was made by Commissioner MacDuff and seconded by Commissioner Shamp to recommend to City Council the request to establish a midblock crosswalk on Central Avenue between Church Street and Citrus Avenue. By roll call vote of 4-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

6C. *Denial of the request to allow residential parking permits to the current 2-hour parking zone along the east side of Cajon Street between Clark Street and Fern Avenue*

Ms. Silva presented Staff's recommendation to deny the request to allow residential parking permits to the current 2-hour parking zone along the east side of Cajon Street between Clark Street and Fern Avenue. Ms. Silva explained that residents of Cajon Street have difficulty parking on-street due to the time restricted parking. Mr. Miller, local business owner, addressed the commission on how allowing residential parking permits would negatively affect his business due to the limited number of parking spaces for staff and customers. Discussion ensued regarding the 1955 Ordinance No. 1000 that states the residential parking space requirements and the Preferential Parking Zone section of the Municipal Code that permits the issuance of three residential parking permits to any one residence and an additional two visitor preferential parking permits. Mr. Harris stated that the discussed area can be included in a downtown parking study for recommendations by a consultant. **A motion was made by Commissioner MacDuff and seconded by Commissioner Dison for the denial of the request to allow residential parking permits to the current 2-hour parking zone along the east side of Cajon Street between Clark Street and Fern Avenue. By roll call vote of 4-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

6D. *Approval of the request to establish a 270 feet 'No-Parking Zone' on Lugonia Avenue at the northwest corner of the Texas Street intersection*

Ms. Silva presented staff's recommendation of a 270 feet 'No-Parking Zone' on Lugonia Avenue at the northwest corner of the Texas Street intersection. Discussion ensued regarding possible confusion by motorists of the merging lanes on westbound

Lugonia Avenue, adding additional merging ahead signs, delineating the parking area with striping and a possible right turn only lane on westbound Lugonia Avenue, east of Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dison to recommend to City Council the installation of a 270 feet 'No-Parking Zone' on Lugonia Avenue at the northwest corner of the Texas Street intersection. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacDuff and seconded by Commissioner Shamp to table the item to allow Staff to propose alternate solutions to address merging confusion by motorists on westbound Lugonia Avenue. By roll call vote of 4-0, the motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Dison at 7:52 pm.