

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 13, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Steven Son, City Engineer

Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Director of Public Works Designee
Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee
Michael Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Absent: None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of January 9, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Michael Wilkinson Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Jacob Struble,
Michael Wilkinson

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #18-003 – Request for Speed Limit Signs on El Portal Drive between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road (Joe Brucia)

(Citizen is requesting a speed limit sign installed on El Portal Drive between Parsons Avenue and McKee Road. There are resident kids in the area and signage is required for their safety.)

Chairperson SON informed that the Merced City Council has previously directed to decrease the speed limit in the area to 30 MPH which encompasses the citizen's request.

MOTION: To deny request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Wilkinson Moved, Jacob Struble Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Jacob Struble, Michael Wilkinson

2. Request #18-004 – Request for On-Street Disabled Persons Parking at 1156 Crescent Avenue (Patricia Morgan for Leroy Morgan)

(Citizen is requesting the addition of on-street disabled persons parking at 1156 Crescent Avenue.)

Chairperson SON stated that the applicant's request for on-street disabled persons parking did not meet construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant space.

Committee Member STRUBLE agreed and mentioned that the last few years he has had to deny such requests.

MOTION: To deny request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Jacob Struble Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Jacob Struble, Michael Wilkinson

3. Request #18-005 – Request to Repaint Existing Student Loading/Unloading Red Curbs in Front of School to White Curbs to Allow Parking Outside of Regular School Hours (Merced Police Officer Ben Dalia)
(Officer Dalia is requesting that the existing red paint marked for student loading/unloading be repainted white to allow residents/citizens to park their vehicles outside of regular school hours.)

Committee Member WILKINSON declared that buses should not be allowed to park in red zone and they should be ticketed. WILKINSON suggested that the City follow State Vehicle Code pertaining to fire lane and cleanup our Municipal Code.

Committee Member OLMOS expressed that the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance is currently under review.

Chairperson SON added that the ordinance especially pertaining to the red curb requires updating.

Committee Member WILKINSON concluded that he will direct the Fire Marshal to inspect the curb area in front of the school and remove any “No Parking” signs if necessary as well as note corrections to bring the Municipal Code up-to-date.

MOTION: To deny request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Wilkinson Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Jacob Struble,
Michael Wilkinson

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

By:



Nancy Lee
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Steven Son
City Engineer/Chairperson