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6. Request #16-015 – Request for No Parking Zone along a Portion of Parsons Avenue (Joel Svendsen)
(City of Merced Engineering Department employee is requesting a no parking zone along a portion of Parsons Avenue, south of Childs Avenue, due to the anticipated additional traffic generated from a proposed 3-story hotel development.)

Chairperson ELWIN described the location of the proposed development, including the required re-striping of Parsons Avenue to accommodate the anticipated traffic flow. Mr. ELWIN explained the parking would need to be eliminated to accommodate the bicycle lane and the width of the traffic lanes.

MOTION: To approve the no parking zone along the requested portion of Parsons Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the No Parking Zone along Parsons Avenue.

Shawn Henry Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Julie Nelson

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3. Request #16-012 – Request for No Parking Zone along a Portion of Loughborough Drive (Erik Ekizian)
(Citizen is requesting a no parking zone adjacent to the driveway entrance near 900 Loughborough Drive due to vehicles blocking the line of site for drivers making a westbound turn onto Loughborough Drive from the driveway.)

Citizen ERIK EKIZIAN explained his concerns with a van that continually blocks the line of site for vehicles turning westbound onto Loughborough Drive from the Mall Parking Lot near 900 Loughborough Drive.

Committee Member STRUBLE stated the Police Department often receives calls for vehicle accidents at the location and suggested a 20 foot no parking zone. Chairperson ELWIN and Committee Member HENRY agreed a 20 foot no parking zone would be appropriate.

MOTION: To approve a 20 foot no parking zone along the requested portion of Loughborough Drive.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the No Parking Zone along Loughborough Drive.

Shawn Henry Moved, Jacob Struble Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Julie Nelson

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4. Request #16-013 – Request for No Parking Zone along a Portion of Kibby Road (Carl Brown)
(City of Merced Water Department employee is requesting a no parking zone at a City water sample collection point due to semi-trucks blocking access to the site, creating an unsafe situation for employees during sample collection.)

Committee Member OLMOS stated there were already some sections painted red along Kibby Road. Chairperson ELWIN explained that City Water crews were having difficulty finding a safe place to park near the City's water collection site due to semi-trucks parking along the area, and suggested a 20 foot no parking zone.

MOTION: To approve a 20 foot no parking zone along the requested portion of Kibby Road.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the No Parking Zone along Kibby Road.

Juan Olmos Moved, Shawn Henry Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Julie Nelson

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7. Request #16-016 – Request for Alteration of Loading Zone along a Portion of East 20th Street (Greg Spicer / Lori Slaven)
(Charles Wright Elementary School is requesting the “Loading Only 9 AM to 5 PM” sign be altered to “Loading Only 7 AM to 4 PM” due to parents parking in the zone during the peak hours of 7:50-8:30 AM.)

Merced City School District Employee MATT ADAMS explained the school’s request to alter the designated time of the loading zone to better accommodate the “safety patrol” system they were planning on implementing at the adjacent crosswalk.

Chairperson ELWIN and Committee Member OLMOS agreed the Merced Municipal Code would need to be updated to reflect the designated time change and a new sign would need to be posted.

Mr. ADAMS stated the school would inform parents of the change in the loading zone time to alleviate any confusion from the change.

MOTION: To approve the request to change the freight and passenger loading zone along East 20th Street to the designated hours of 7 AM to 4 PM.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to change the freight and passenger loading zone along East 20th Street to the designated hours of 7 AM to 4 PM.

Ken Elwin Moved, Jacob Struble Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Ken Elwin, Shawn Henry, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Julie Nelson