

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 10, 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 Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee

Corey Plagenza, Director of Public Works Proxy Designee

Absent: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Program Manager of Central Valley Regional Center, Barbara Hurtado, was present to voice her concern of the center-turn lane on M Street between Loughborough/Collins Drive and Olive Avenue. Ms. Hurtado specified that road improvement is warranted due to the nose-to-nose traffic turning into Central Valley Regional Center or into PG&E in the opposite direction. Ms. Hurtado specified that she would be submitting her request for the Traffic Committee to take action in a future meeting.
2. Claudia Corchado was present to address her concern of speeding vehicles on Austin Avenue. Ms. Corchado mentioned she was at a relative's residence on Austin Avenue and witnessed several vehicles speeding in the area. She also stated that she would be submitting a citizen request for the Traffic Committee to take action in a future meeting.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of May 8, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Wilkinson Moved, Steven Son Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #18-009 – Request an Evaluation of the Posted Speed Limit on W. Olive Avenue at College Avenue (Sheryl Klein)

(Citizen requests an evaluation of the posted and effective speed limit on W. Olive Ave. near College Avenue and determine what measures can be achieved to promote pedestrian safety.)

Note: Ms. SHERYL KLEIN was unable to attend the meeting and conveyed her apologies via email.

Committee Member STRUBLE indicated that the area of concern is actually “East” Olive Avenue, not “West” Olive Avenue. Mr. STRUBLE also clarified that the current speed limit is set at 40 MPH and the current speed study being completed by the consultant suggests to increase the speed limit to 45 MPH.

Chairperson SON suggested that the item be delayed until the amended speed limit ordinance is adopted to make a definitive decision.

MOTION: To continue the item, pending adoption of the new speed limit ordinance.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Struble Moved, Wilkinson Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

2. Request #18-010 – Request for a Handicap Parking Space in Front of the Residence of 73 Sonoma Street (David Rivero)
(Citizen requests a handicap parking space in front of 73 Sonoma Street due to disability and special needs.)

Resident of 73 Sonoma Street, Mr. DAVID RIVERO, shared his opinion on why a handicap parking space should be installed in front of the property. Mr. RIVERO informed there are three families who park in front of his residence because there are two trees in front of his yard which supply shade. Mr. RIVERO expressed that he often receives headaches and has other health issues, thus having a designated handicap parking space would be a benefit to him.

Committee Member STRUBLE replied that he opposed the request since disabled on-site parking is not ADA compliant.

Chairperson SON added that disabled on-site parking would entail several improvements to meet ADA requirements, which include: path of travel, driveway modifications, signage, and more.

Mr. RIVERO said there are people who park in the area for a long duration.

Mr. STRUBLE informed Mr. RIVERO to contact Police Dispatch if he observe vehicles parked in an area for more than 72 hours.

MOTION: To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Michael Wilkinson Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

3. Request #18-011 – Request Installation of Handicap Parking Spaces Adjacent to Regal Cinema Hollywood Merced 13, K Street Side (Levonne Phillips)

(Citizen requests the installation of handicap parking spaces located immediately adjacent to Regal Cinema Hollywood, "Downtown Theater," on the K Street side.)

Ms. LEVONNE PHILLIPS explained that it is an inconvenience for those with disabilities to park across the street from the theater and that close handicap parking spaces should be installed.

Chairperson SON described the location indicating that there are adequate off-site handicap parking in the vicinity.

Ms. PHILLIPS then suggested handicap parking be placed next to the ramp on K Street, between 18th & Main Streets, leading up to the theater.

Mr. SON responded that the ramp cannot be used as a handicap path-of-travel since it is not ADA compliant.

MOTION: To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Jacob Struble Moved, Steven Son Seconded

Vote: 3-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Abstain: Michael Wilkinson

Absent: Michael Hren

4. Request #18-012 – Request the Removal of a 2-Hour Parking Sign on the 600 Block of W. 22nd Street (Jessica Phillips)
(City Parking Enforcement Officer Jessica Phillips requests the removal of a 2-hour parking sign on the 600 block of W. 22nd Ave. to provide an additional five parking spaces without time restriction.)

Committee Member STRUBLE specified that the 2-Hour parking sign is necessary to allow adequate customer parking.

MOTION: To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Jacob Struble Moved, Corey Plagenza Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

5. Request #18-013 – Request Painting of Red Curb on Kelly Avenue, Between Baker Drive to Hwy 140, to Allow Enough Lane Space for Traffic Traveling in Opposite Directions (Corey Plagenza)
(City Traffic Signal/Lighting Technician Corey Plagenza is requesting the curb along Kelly Ave, between Baker Drive and Hwy 140, be painted red because vehicles parked along the curb does not leave enough space for traffic, causing vehicles to cross centerline.)

Public Works designated proxy and City Traffic Signal/Lighting Technician, COREY PLAGENZA, articulated that there is not enough road space for vehicles traveling in opposite directions when there are vehicles parked along the curb, therefore drivers travel in the centerline. Mr. PLAGENZA indicated he would like the curb painted red - 60 feet on the west side of Kelly Avenue, although he is open to suggestions.

Chairperson SON responded he would like to inspect the location with Mr. PLAGENZA and delay the item until the next meeting to determine a resolution.

MOTION: To delay the item to the next meeting in September.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Michael Wilkinson Seconded

Vote: 3-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble

Abstain: Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

6. Request #18-014 – Request to Install Additional One-Way Signs in the Alley in the 700 W. Block, Between 19th & 20th and N & O Streets (Don Green)

(Citizen requests additional One-Way signs installed in the alley way between 19th & 20th and N & O Streets to safely organize the heavy flow of traffic.)

Resident DON GREEN shared his observance of the traffic congestion in the alley way. Mr. GREEN indicated close to half of the area is for parking, the next block over where the banks are situated is already a one-way alley, and continuing the one-way direction would help with traffic flow.

Chairperson SON concurred with Mr. GREEN's suggestion.

MOTION: To approve the extension of a one-way alley in the 700 W. block between 19th & 20th and “N” & “O” Streets.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the one-way alley.

Jacob Struble Moved, Corey Plagenza Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Wilkinson, Jacob Struble, Corey Plagenza

Absent: Michael Hren

G. ADJOURNMENT

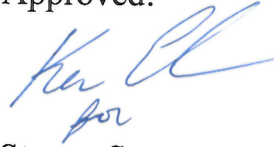
The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

By:



Nancy Lee
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Steven Son
City Engineer/Chairperson