

City of Las Vegas

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

June 27, 2013

1:00 P.M.

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR TURNER called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS AGUILAR, CLEMENSEN, CERVANTES, MARSHALL, ERICKSON and PHILLIPS

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS HOBAN and McMORRIS

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN S. RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, LEAN COLEMAN, Deputy City Clerk, O. C. WHITE, City Traffic Engineer and PAM SAMUOLIS, Secretary, Traffic Engineering

After the roll call, CHAIR TURNER suggested the Commissioners and Staff introduce themselves, since this Board meets infrequently and new Members were present.

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive

3. [PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED](#)

Minutes:

APPLICANT for agenda item 5, KATHERINE TAYLOR, explained her daughters medical condition and physical limitations, thus the need for the requested handicap parking space directly in front of her residence. She has received an overwhelming support from her neighborhood and is only aware of two neighbors that are in opposition: one neighbor down the street from her owns a daycare and the other neighbor at 5113 Wapiti Point Court always parks his vehicle in the aforementioned parking space.

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DIANA KANITZ resides across from MS. TAYLOR at 5109 Wapiti Point Court and attested to the support from the neighborhood as well as the problems with available parking spaces within the neighborhood. A majority of residents do not park their vehicles in their garages but on the street. MS. KANITZ realized that many of the residents garages need to be cleaned and/or organized to accommodate their vehicles; however, neither MS. TAYLOR nor her daughter should have to bear the burden. She questioned how such a necessity could be questioned and urged the Commission to grant MS. TAYLORS request.

ANTHONY LIVRERY noted that he was one of the first residents in the neighborhood and owns full-size trucks that do not fit in his garage. He, along with other residents, has parked in front of MS. TAYLORS home. He does not negate that MS. TAYLORS daughter has some limitations; however, he has witnessed her running across the street as well as playing on a regular basis. Given her daughters physical condition, he questioned why this family would reside in a two-story home. MR. LIVRERY recalled a previous neighbor whose child was handicapped, yet the bus driver assisted them without hesitation and believed this bus driver would do the same for MS. TAYLOR and her daughter.

MR. LIVRERY pointed out that the bus services MS. TAYLORS daughter for approximately three minutes per day; therefore, designating the parking space as handicap to benefit one resident is simply not justified when residents/visitors need the parking space and the service time is very brief. He questioned who would absorb the costs for this request and pointed out that MS. TAYLOR could modify her driveway to accommodate her daughters needs.

MR. LIVRERY submitted his letter and asked the Commission to deny MS. TAYLORS request.

4. [For possible action to approve the final minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2013](#)

Motion made by GREG CLEMENSEN to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, GREG CLEMENSEN, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding the installation of a handicap parking zone in front of 5112 Wapiti Point Court](#)

Motion made by JORGE CERVANTES to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 2; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-JOHN J. PHILLIPS, GREG CLEMENSEN; Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

Minutes:

O. C. WHITE, Traffic Engineering, summarized that the City of Las Vegas received a request from KATHYRN TAYLOR to designate the parking space in front of her home as handicapped. Staff has received a copy of MS. TAYLORS documentation from the school district that she feels supports and justifies her request.

MS. TAYLOR reiterated her comments made under Item 3.

MR. WHITE informed the Commission that staff asked MS. TAYLOR to follow-up with her neighbors to confirm their support or opposition. Per MS. TAYLOR, the residents immediately to the left and right of her and a few others are in support. Because one resident, ANTHONY LIVRERY, is in opposition, staff placed this request on the agenda for the Commission to consider.

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MR. WHITE has not spoken with MS. TAYLOR; however, he has informed MR. LIVRERY that the request falls under a program that the City has been involved with for the past 15 years. There are a number of designated handicap parking spaces in front of residential homes throughout the city of Las Vegas; these residents qualify for this type of service which provides access for all citizens.

In studying the area in front of MS. TAYLORS home, staff has determined there is sufficient space to accommodate the requested handicap parking stall. MR. WHITE pointed out to the Commission that should MS. TAYLOR relocate or the handicap parking stall is no longer needed, the handicap sign would be removed and the parking space would return as public parking.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON wondered if it was feasible to have the space designated as handicap parking only during certain times of the day. MR. WHITE responded that staff would have to research the possibility of having an actual white and blue handicap parking sign. However, staff did not believe it was appropriate to have a time certain, given the nature of the space and the difficulty in anticipating the amount of time needed to assist the individual.

COMMISSIONER CLEMENSEN visited the site and recognized that the homes are situated very close to each other. However, he believes in the front of the house, there is sufficient sidewalk space next to the driveway for the bus to pull up to. The lots are very narrow and parking spaces on the street are limited, since majority of the residents do not park their vehicles in their garages.

COMMISSIONER AGUILAR asked if the City had a legal obligation to make accommodations in this type of situation, relative to the American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. MR. WHITE replied that despite ADA standards changing over the years, the City is obligated to ensure sidewalks and public places are provided for those with disabilities. Such accommodations vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. There are no CC&Rs for this community, and **MS. TAYLOR** briefly explained to the Commission the situation and time involved when the 44-foot bus picks up/drops off her daughter. She submitted the letter she received from the school district, which she believes validates her request and stipulates the requirements the school district must abide by.

Using the maps on the overhead, MR. WHITE, with MS. TAYLORS assistance, discussed with the Commission the bus orientation when picking up/dropping off MS. TAYLORS daughter. She referred to the aforementioned letter and emphasized that the school district requires curb to curb pick-up and drop-off. Her daughter was once 100 percent paralyzed but has since gained some mobility; she still has some paralysis on her right side and will be challenged if she is forced to walk on the uneven blacktop area and not the sidewalk. Either MS. TAYLOR or her niece assists her daughter to the bus, although the bus driver has assisted at times.

CHAIR TURNER appreciated having the maps/photos displayed, which ultimately lends a better understanding of what is being discussed.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL confirmed with MR. WHITE that, if approved, the cost for the blue and white handicap sign would be minimal.

6. [Discussion for possible action to update Traffic Schedule 25-I, 30 MPH Speed Limits, regarding speed limit changes on the following roadways: 13th Street from Rue 13 to Stewart Avenue; Azure Drive from Centennial Center Boulevard to Tenaya Way; Bonneville Avenue from I-15 Overpass to Main Street; Centennial Center Boulevard from Ann Road to Tropical Parkway; Maryland Parkway from Sahara Avenue to Bruce Street; Rue 13 from Clark Avenue to 13th Street; Rue 13 from Stewart Avenue to Maryland Parkway; Tropical Parkway from Durango Drive to Centennial Center Boulevard](#)

Motion made by MARGO D. ERICKSON to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, GREG CLEMENSEN, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

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O. C. WHITE, Traffic Engineering, explained the roadways the changes pertain to and pointed out that in one area, there was an inconsistent speed limit. Staff has conducted a study to come up with the appropriate speed limit and allow for consistency, in line with some County islands. He requested approval of the schedules, as staff believes the requested changes are most suitable for the subject roadways. COMMISSIONER ERICKSON understood the logic in providing consistency.

7. [Discussion and possible action to update Traffic Schedule 25-II, 35 MPH Speed Limits, regarding speed limit changes on the following roadways: Carey Avenue from Martin L. King Boulevard to Revere Street; Farm Road from Maverick Street to Jones Boulevard; Farm Road from Tenaya Way to Rainbow Boulevard; Jones Boulevard from Racel Street to the North City Limits; Rainbow Boulevard from Elkhorn Road to Farm Road; Rainbow Boulevard from Whispering Sands Drive to Racel Street](#)

Motion made by MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, GREG CLEMENSEN, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

Minutes:

O. C. WHITE, Traffic Engineering, explained the roadways the changes pertain to. Unlike the County subject area, the city of Las Vegas (City) area is well developed. Given the fact that the City and the County share parts of the roadways, staff believes the requested change will accommodate both entities.

8. [Discussion and possible action to update Traffic Schedule 25-III, 40 MPH Speed Limits, regarding a speed limit change on the following roadway: Elkhorn Road from Durango Drive to Cimarron Road](#)

Motion made by GREG CLEMENSEN to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, GREG CLEMENSEN, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

Minutes:

O. C. WHITE, Traffic Engineering, explained the roadways the changes pertain to and noted that staff made an effort to work with the residents in finding the best resolve that allows for safer driving. Elkhorn Road has been completed, and staff believes changing the speed limit to 40 miles per hour is the most suitable speed limit for the subject area.

9. [Discussion for possible action to elect annual officers](#)

Motion made by MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR, GREG CLEMENSEN, JORGE CERVANTES, LT. LEONARD MARSHALL; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT HOBAN, LILLIAN McMORRIS

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER AGUILAR commended CHAIR TURNER on doing a wonderful job and nominated him as the Chairperson. CHAIR TURNER nominated COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS as Vice Chair.

10. [CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED](#)

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Regarding Item 6, COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS pointed out that unnecessary discussion could have been eliminated had the photos been shown to the Commission at the beginning of the discussion. The applicant, MS. TAYLOR, could have shown where she desired the handicap parking sign to be and where the bus should pick-up/drop off her daughter. Although MR. WHITE hoped that staff could provide photos on different items to the Commission prior to meetings, CHAIR TURNER agreed with him regarding staffs objective in remaining unbiased on all items. COMMISSIONERS CLEMENSEN and ERICKSON believed the main issue evolved around a dispute between two neighbors over a parking space. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RIDILLA urged the Commission to recall Item 5, should they want to continue discussion on Item 5, to which the Commission opted to proceed with the next agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lean Coleman, Deputy City Clerk

O. C. White, City Traffic Engineer

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