



Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR TURNER called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS TOUSSAINT, ERIKSON, LAUBER and EMANUEL

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS KAHR and RICE

NOTE: STEVE FORD, City Engineer, was present as the Public Works Director's Designee and SERGEANT TONY CAVARICCI was present as the Sheriff's Designee

ALSO PRESENT: CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, STEVEN TAULBEE, Assistant Fire Protection Engineer, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LARANCE, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

3. **Public Comment:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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:

Speaking to Item 6, DONNA TOUSSAINT said she frequently travels in the area of Anasazi Drive and Lake Mead Boulevard, and she felt it would behoove the Commission to approve this item for consistency reasons. CHAIR TURNER informed her that the item would likely be tabled, but thanked her for the input.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020

Motion made by Greg Toussaint to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Steve Ford, Sheriff Designee, Amy Emanuel; Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

5. Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Charleston Boulevard between Rancho Drive and Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard from 45 MPH to 35 MPH – Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, reported that this item is part of a capital improvement project that is being completed by the City's Engineering Division. She said Charleston Boulevard is going to remain three lanes in each direction with turn lanes, sidewalks and bus turnouts. A speed study was completed for the future improvements, and staff recommended to reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH between Rancho Drive and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER said this is a very congested road with hospitals nearby, and he agreed that 45 MPH is too high of a speed limit. CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT agreed, and the Chair felt the traffic needed to be slowed down.

COMMISSIONER EMANUEL said she lives in Ward 1, and noted that there are a lot of pedestrian crossings in this area; therefore, she was in support of the reduction.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Steve Ford, Sheriff Designee, Amy Emanuel; Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

6. Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Lake Mead Boulevard between the Clark County 215 Beltway and Anasazi Drive/Sun City Boulevard from 35 MPH to 45 MPH – Wards 2 and 4 (Seaman and Anthony)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained staff was requesting that this item be tabled for later action due to the amount of input that was received from the residents in Sun City. Staff would like to validate the concerns and craft potential mitigation measures if the speed limit is changed.

See Item 3 for related discussion.

Motion made by Greg Toussaint to Table

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

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Steve Ford, Sheriff Designee, Amy Emanuel; Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

7. Discussion for possible action to establish no parking on the west side of Lillian Street from Bonanza Road to Harris Avenue, and on Harris Avenue from Nellis Boulevard to Lillian Street – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

CHRISTINA KARANIKOLAS, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained this item was the result of complaints made about mobile car washes that have been stationed on Harris Avenue. Per City code, mobile car washes are not allowed to conduct their washes on a public right-of-way. When reaching out to Code Enforcement, staff learned that there was no identification on the vehicles or the operators to issue citations. Parking Enforcement also advised that they cannot act on Code Enforcement issues that involve business licensing. Staff conducted a short 'No Parking' test on Harris Avenue, but the mobile car washes moved to Lillian Street. Staff also worked with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue for their input, and MS. KARANIKOLAS noted that Lillian Street was just recently repaved to provide 'No Parking' zones and new striping for buffered bike lanes. In closing, she reiterated that staff is recommending to install 'No Parking' signs on the west side of Lillian Street, and on Harris Avenue from Nellis Boulevard to Lillian Street.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER asked where the problem will move to next when these signs are installed, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said it could be anywhere. She said Code Enforcement and Parking Enforcement are aware of the issue, and she added that there are very involved citizens that will alert staff of any issues. Additionally, she reiterated that City code prohibits any mobile car wash operating in a public right-of-way.

COMMISSIONER EMANUEL asked what fines these mobile car washes received, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said in this instance, when talking with Code Enforcement, none of the mobile car washes had signs on their vehicle and no proper identification was found; therefore, she did not think any citations were issued. COMMISSIONER EMANUEL said she still did not understand why the repercussions were not followed for these operations, and MS. KARANIKOLAS said Chapter 6.54 of the City code is associated with the operation and licensing of mobile car washes but deferred to legal staff for any additional information. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RIDILLA said he was not overly familiar with that specific provision, but confirmed that these operations would require a business license. MS. KARANIKOLAS added that if a 'No Parking' zone is established, they could be cited for parking in that zone in addition to receiving a citation for not having a business license.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

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

For-David Turner, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Steve Ford, Sheriff Designee, Amy Emanuel; Excused-Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

8. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:
None.

9. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Christina Karanikolas, Assistant City Traffic Engineer

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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