



Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

PRESENT: ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT and COMMISSIONERS ERIKSON and LAUBER

EXCUSED: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS KAHR and RICE

NOTE: ROSA CORTEZ, Assistant City Engineer, was present as the Public Works Director's Designee and LIEUTENANT GREGORY MUNSON was present as the Sheriff's Designee

ALSO PRESENT: JOANNA WADSWORTH, 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 State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: 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:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2020

Motion made by Margo D. Erickson to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

5. Discussion for possible action to remove on-street parking in the cul-de-sac of Peaceful Dawn Avenue – Ward 4 (Anthony)

Minutes:

JOANNA WADSWORTH, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained Peaceful Dawn Avenue is located in the extreme northwest, just south of Lone Mountain Road. The segment for discussion is the portion east of Cliff Shadows Parkway, specifically the cul-de-sac on the east end. She said no homes front Peaceful Dawn Avenue, and there is one lane in each direction. Currently, on-street parking is permitted for the entire length. The Monument at Lone Mountain is a single family resident neighborhood located on the south side of Peaceful Dawn Avenue, and the Cliffs at Lone Mountain is a townhome community located on the north side of Peaceful Dawn Avenue. MS. WADSWORTH said the street appears to be used for overflow parking for the townhome community,

and it is mainly clustered towards the western end of Peaceful Dawn Avenue. A request was received from a resident regarding questionable activities by those parking in the cul-de-sac, who added that there was illegal littering and dumping from those parking there overnight. The City installed 'No Dumping' signs to help deter the illegal dumping, and this item will remove the on-street parking designation in an effort to deter further illegal activities and allow the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) to issue citations. Staff is proposing 'No Parking' signs and red curbing within and 65 feet in advance of the cul-de-sac. In closing, MS. WADSWORTH said the two adjacent homeowner associations were contacted and no objections were received.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT said in the past there was more backup documentation provided to the Commissioners in advance, and MS. WADSWORTH confirmed that she will provide additional information in the future.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER visited the site over the weekend, and he said there is a fence around the area to stop the illegal dumping. He was not sure that the signs would stop the illegal dumping, but he was in favor of the entire proposal.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT felt that signs are not very effective unless they can be actively enforced. He asked if Metro is prepared to enforce these new restrictions, and MS. WADSWORTH said City staff worked with Metro on this proposal, and the recommendation of enforcement came from their office. She said the City will continue to coordinate this ongoing effort with Metro's staff.

LIEUTENANT GREGORY MUNSON, as the Sheriff's designee, said Metro had no problem with this proposal, and they will visit this area on a regular basis.

STEVEN TAULBEE, Assistant Fire Protection Engineer, said the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue team also supports this proposal, and they will conduct their own enforcement in addition to Metro's.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

6. Discussion for possible action to install speed humps on Ballard Drive between Burnham Avenue and Eastern Avenue – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

JOANNA WADSWORTH, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained Ballard Drive is located just southwest of Charleston Boulevard and Eastern Avenue. Several residents requested the installation of speed humps, which prompted the evaluation of the street for speed hump effectiveness. Traffic counts were conducted in January, prior to the COVID-19 shutdown. Typically, the recommended threshold for speed humps is for areas with a volume of 800 vehicles per day and an 85th percentile speed of 35 MPH. The east segment of Ballard Drive is just below that threshold with 776 vehicles per day and an 85th percentile of 34 MPH. The west segment has a volume of 621 vehicles per day and an 85th percentile of 34 MPH. Mailers were sent to the neighborhood in May to determine the support for the speed humps, and 13 ballots were received in support. A second mailer went out in September, and an additional 14 ballots were received in support. Staff recommended approval of the request, and MS. WADSWORTH noted that staff will field the speed hump locations based on utilities, parking, and other elements.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT recalled speed humps being installed on a neighboring street over a year ago, and wondered how the community reacted to those. MS. WADSWORTH said she was not familiar with that installation, but she noted that her office has not received any negative feedback for recent installations.

ROSA CORTEZ, Assistant City Engineer as the Public Works Director's Designee, asked if the intersection at Ballard Drive and Crestwood Avenue is a four-way stop, and MS. WADSWORTH said it is a two-way stop.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

7. Discussion for possible action to approve the operating routes for the Horse Drawn Carriage operations around Floyd Lamb Park – Ward 6 (Fiore)

Minutes:

JOANNA WADSWORTH, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained the applicant will be operating one carriage drawn by two horses. The service is by appointment only, and there will likely be only one reservation per day. Operating hours are expected to be during daylight hours, but most reservations are expected to take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Rides will take place from the applicant's horse stables located near Grand Teton Drive and Bradley Road to Floyd Lamb Park. A shorter route is also being proposed, where the horses would be dropped off at the parking lot on Rochelle Avenue. Staff recommended approval of the route with one amendment, which is to use an escort or pilot vehicle to follow the carriage. MS. WADSWORTH also noted that the operations will be reviewed on a 60-day cycle to evaluate the sanitation, safety and traffic impacts if any are encountered.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER lives immediately next to Floyd Lamb Park, and he said many residents are worried about horse feces in the main roadways. He also worried about the traffic on Durango Drive and Grand Teton Drive. He supported the project, but wanted to continue reviewing its impact on traffic and sanitation.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON asked if there will be anybody following the carriage, and LIEUTENANT GREGORY MUNSON, as the Sheriff's Designee, confirmed there will be a vehicle following the carriage in order to alert surrounding vehicles and pedestrians. COMMISSIONER ERICKSON then asked if someone in the following vehicle can pick up any droppings, and MS. WADSWORTH said there will be a shield on the carriage to catch any droppings.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT asked how this operation will be administered, and MS. WADSWORTH said this is a private business that has been working to obtain a business license from the City. A piece of their application includes approval of their operating route, which is why the Commission is reviewing it. The City's role is making sure the applicant is in compliance with the conditions on their business license.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER said there are a lot of weddings at Floyd Lamb Park, and the national monument on Moccasin Road has become an increasingly popular spot for photos. He wondered if a wedding party could be taken to that monument via the carriage, and MS. WADSWORTH said if there were other destinations or routes that were of interest to the applicant, they would bring another application for approval.

Applicant BRAD KLOSS explained it is his intention to operate the business, but felt it was more of a hobby. He owns a horse ranch off of Bradley Road and Grand Teton Drive, and recently acquired two Gypsy Vanners from Ohio who have years of experience on the road. MR. KLOSS felt this would be a nice amenity to offer people for special events, and he enjoys the ambiance of Floyd Lamb Park. He said the horses have diaper bags that strap on, which catch about 75 percent of their droppings. The remaining 25 percent will be picked up by the following vehicle. In closing, he said Animal Control has given Veterinarian approval. By trade, he is an Animal Nutritionist, and he has great respect for his animals and the community.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER asked if MR. KLOSS coordinated with the Silverstone Homeowners Association, because they would be impacted by the proposed carriage route. MR. KLOSS said he tried to avoid Grand Teton Drive, but there was no way to do so. He had not spoken to anybody at the Silverstone Homeowners Association because he felt it was far enough from their entrance. COMMISSIONER LAUBER said the carriage route cuts across Silverstone's main entrance on Buffalo Drive. MR. KLOSS referenced the 90-day review condition placed on the application by staff, and said he will be working closely with MS. WADSWORTH on any concerns that need to be addressed. COMMISSIONER LAUBER felt MR. KLOSS should educate the Silverstone Homeowners Association residents so they understand how to behave and drive around horses.

LIEUTENANT MUNSON pointed out that the carriage has lights, and MR. KLOSS added that the headlights are visible from 500 feet away.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

8. Discussion for possible action to install a speed cushion on Elton Avenue between Jones Boulevard and Wallace Drive – Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

JOANNA WADSWORTH, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, explained Elton Avenue is located west of Jones Boulevard and south of the US 95 Highway. Residents requested that the City take action due to speeding on the street. Since Elton Avenue is an emergency response route, speed cushions were evaluated. The traffic study was completed in February, and the volumes and speeds exceeded the minimum threshold criteria for speed cushions. Surveys were sent to the nine houses that front Elton Avenue in May and October, and two ballots were received in favor of speed cushions. Staff recommended approval of the project, and MS. WADSWORTH noted that the actual location of the speed cushions will be field identified.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT inquired about the average speed on this street, and MS. WADSWORTH said the 85th percentile was 36 MPH, where the posted speed limit is 25 MPH. She added that Elton Avenue saw over 3,000 vehicles within a 24-hour period. COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT asked if this street is sloped to the east, and MS. WADSWORTH said it is leveled.

COMMISSIONER LAUBER said there are speed humps on Elton Avenue, west of Wallace Drive, and MS. WADSWORTH said speed cushions are used in this particular area because it is a fire response route. COMMISSIONER LAUBER said the community nearby can only use Elton Drive to exit the neighborhood and gain access to the US 95 Highway, which is why the street sees so many vehicles in a day.

ACTING CHAIR TOUSSAINT wondered if speed humps are becoming more popular, and MS. WADSWORTH said there is a lot of communication from residents coming in annually for speed humps.

LIEUTENANT GREGORY MUNSON, as the Sheriff's Designee, confirmed that the Fire Department does prefer speed cushions, and law enforcement is in support of anything that will slow people down.

Motion made by Steven Lauber to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Steven Lauber, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Kathleen Kahr, Marlon Rice;

9. **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.

10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Joanna Wadsworth, Assistant City Traffic Engineer

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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and
The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov