## CITY OF MERCED

### TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Traffic Committee – April 10, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Ken Elwin, Acting City Engineer, Chairman

Julie Nelson, Alternate to City Planning Manager

Tom McCall, Alternate to Fire Chief

Members Absent:

Jacob Struble, Alternate to Police Chief

Staff Present:

Stan Murdock, Public Works

Juan Olmos, Public Works

Maria Mendoza, Economic Development Clarence Chance, Inspection Services

Beth Ball, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Louk Markham

#### 3. Consent Calendar:

- **3.1 M/S/C NELSON/ELWIN** filed and approved Traffic Committee Minutes for January 12, 2012.
- **3.2 M/S/C NELSON/ELWIN** filed and approved Traffic Committee Minutes for February 14, 2012.
- **3.3 M/S/C NELSON/ELWIN** filed and approved Traffic Committee Minutes for March 13, 2012.
- 4. Reports: None

#### 5. Business:

# 5.1 Request to change two 30-Minute Parking spaces to two 3-Hour Parking spaces on West Main Street. (Jen DeJager, Merced CA)

Jen DeJAGER requested to change two 30-Minute Parking spaces to two 3-Hour Parking spaces in front of 28 West Main Street. Ms. DeJAGER's clients stay longer than 30 minutes but no longer than 3 hours. There are no public parking lots in the vicinity for her clients to use.

MENDOZA stated that this will not be a problem. The business owners are responsible for the cost of materials and labor. In a previous phone conversation between BALL and Ms. DeJAGER, Ms. DeJAGER agreed to pay for any costs involved.

After further discussion, the Traffic Committee approved the replacement of two 30-Minute Parking spaces with two 3-Hour Parking spaces at 28 West Main Street.

M/S/C NELSON/McCALL by unanimous voice vote to replace two 30 Minute Parking spaces with two 3-Hour parking spaces in front of 28 West Main Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approve amending ordinance to remove two 30-Minute parking spaces and replacing them with two 3-Hour Parking spaces in front of 28 West Main Street.

# 5.2 Request to remove a handicap parking space in front of a residence on Chalk Hill Court. (Alex Gomez, Merced CA)

Mr. GOMEZ requested that a handicap parking space in front of his residence on Chalk Hill Court be removed. The original requestor of the handicap parking space was a previous home owner and no longer lives there.

After discussion of the item, the Traffic Committee approved the removal of the handicap parking space.

M/S/C NELSON/ELWIN by unanimous voice vote to approve removal of the handicap parking space.

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approve amending ordinance removing handicap parking on Chalk Hill Court.

5.3 Request to change two parking spaces in front of the Sheriff's Department located at 700 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to two No Parking spaces. (City Staff for Sheriff Mark Pazin, Merced CA)

Sheriff Mark Pazin requested via Clarence CHANCE (City Staff) to change two on street parking spaces to two No Parking spaces. CHANCE explained that a new crosswalk and handicap ramp recently were installed and that drainage is an issue. Vehicles parked in the on street parking spaces block the street sweeper from reaching the water and the stagnant water becomes slippery.

CHANCE also explained that Sheriff Pazin is concerned about the safety of the staff and would like the spaces to be marked No Parking so that it may deter suspicious vehicles from parking there.

NELSON questioned whether a red curb would deter suspicious vehicles from parking there. McCALL confirmed that it is a legitimate concern; dispatch, detectives, and other staff are in close proximity to the front of the building.

After further discussion, the Traffic Committee approved the two No Parking spaces in front of 700 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

M/S/C NELSON/McCALL by unanimous voice vote to approve changing two on street parking spaces to two No Parking spaces in front of 700 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approve amending ordinance adding two No Parking spaces in front of 700 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Prepared by:

Beth Ball

**Recording Secretary** 

Submitted By:

Cen/Elwin, Chairman

Merced City Traffic Committee