

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 11, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Steven Son, Acting City Engineer

Committee Members: Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Planning Designee
Juan Olmos, Director of Public Works Designee
Jacob Struble, Police Chief Designee

Absent: Mike Wilkinson, Fire Chief

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of May 9, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez Moved, Steven Son Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Juan Olmos,
Jacob Struble

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

(At this time, it is appropriate for any Committee Member to give an informational report of any work completed, training, or other item to share with other members. Please be brief, and no action may be taken on these items.)

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #17-010 – Citizen Concerns of Parking Issues on West 15th Street (Karen Trevigne)

(Citizen has concerns with buses parking along West 15th Street in front of the Senior Living Apartments.)

Citizen KAREN TREVIGNE detailed her concerns with the Committee, noting that the buses spend hours idling on West 15th Street in front of the senior living apartments. Ms. TREVIGNE also stated she had previously contacted The Bus; however the problem has persisted over the last three years.

Chairperson SON informed the Committee he would contact The Bus to try and resolve the parking and idling issues on West 15th Street.

Clerk's Note: No action was taken on this item.

2. Request #17-011 – Citizen Traffic Concerns on Buena Vista Drive (Barbara Jamison / Amy de la Torre)

(Two citizens have traffic safety concerns along Buena Vista, east of M Street, due to the curvature of the street and speed of traffic.)

Committee members reviewed the location map and discussed the existing traffic calming measures in place. The committee was in agreement that the location did not warrant additional calming measures.

Clerk's Note: No action was taken on this item.

3. Request #17-012 – Request for Alteration of Merced Municipal Code Section 10.28.060 – Parallel Parking (Michael Flores)
(Citizen is requesting MMC Section 10.28.060 be altered to include additional language explaining why vehicles must park parallel to the curb in a cul-de-sac.)

Committee Member STRUBLE cited California Vehicle Code Section 22502 which states vehicles shall park with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to the curb. Lieutenant STRUBLE further stated the language in the Merced Municipal Code (MMC) was in agreement with the vehicle code and should not be altered.

MOTION: To deny the request for alteration of MMC Section 10.28.060.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Jacob Struble Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

4. Request #17-013 – Request for On-Street Disabled Persons Parking at 233 Pyramid Avenue (Rhoda S. Garay)
(Citizen is requesting the addition of on-street disabled persons parking at 233 Pyramid Avenue.)

Citizen RHODA GARAY explained her request for an on-street disabled persons parking space for her husband, stating they were renting the property and were looking for the addition of blue curb due the slope of the driveway.

Committee Member STRUBLE explained that the addition of blue paint only would not create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking space. In addition, Lieutenant STRUBLE stated that the process of constructing an ADA parking space and updating the

City's Municipal Code was a permanent measure for a potentially temporary living situation. Lieutenant STRUBLE suggested the citizen utilize her garage, as that would provide a flat surface for loading and unloading.

MOTION: To deny the request for on-street disabled persons parking at 233 Pyramid Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Jacob Struble Moved, Steven Son Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Juan Olmos, Jacob Struble

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

5. Request #17-014 – Request for Four-way Stop at West 11th and R Streets (Manuel Zaragoza / Edelmira Zaragoza)
(Two citizens are requesting a four-way stop at the existing two-way stop on West 11th Street at R Street.)

Citizens MANUEL ZARAGOZA and JUAN LAUREL explained their concerns, specifically with visibility due to the taco truck parked in the parking lot at the corner of the intersection. Mr. ZARAGOZA also described his concerns with the lack of a crosswalk on R Street.

Committee Member MENDOZA-GONZALEZ informed the citizens that the taco truck owner/operator would have been required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City Planning Department. As part of the CUP process, the Planning Department looks at various criteria including impact on traffic at a given location. Mr. MENDOZA-GONZALEZ stated he would review the CUP to see if the taco truck is in compliance.

Chairperson SON explained the warrant criteria necessary for the approval of stop signs and stated the City would need to conduct a full traffic analysis prior to taking action on the request.

MOTION: To perform a traffic study, including assessing the need for a pedestrian crossing, at West 11th and R Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Jacob Struble Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Juan Olmos,
Jacob Struble

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

6. Request #17-015 – Request for 30-Minute Parking Zone at 28 West Main Street (Thom Dugan)
(Business owner is requesting the addition of two 30-minute parking spaces at 28 West Main Street due to vehicles parking all day in front of the store.)

Committee Member STRUBLE stated there are existing 3-hour parking zones at the requested location and to address Mr. Dugan’s concern of all-day parking, the Police Parking Enforcement Division would closely monitor the existing parking zone. Committee members were in agreement that the additional parking enforcement would alleviate the business owner’s concerns.

MOTION: To deny the request for 30-minute parking zones at 28 West Main Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Jacob Struble Seconded

Vote: 4-0

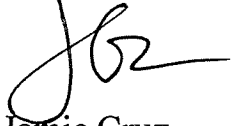
Voting Aye: Steven Son, Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Juan Olmos,
Jacob Struble

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

G. ADJOURNMENT

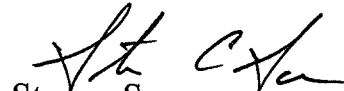
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

By:



Jamie Cruz
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Steven Son
Acting City Engineer/Chairperson