CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019, 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Ann Tucker, Randy Cole, Kevin Beekman, Jason Osborne. and Casey Kane

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineer IV, Katye North, Division Chief of Mobility Services, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner III and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

- **1.** Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
- 2. <u>Approval of the March 25, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes</u>: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. <u>Staff Written Updates</u>:
 - a. All-Way Stop at Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Boulevard
 - b. 72-Hour Rule Exemption Evaluation

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

- Mr. Cohen supported adding meters on Lee Street.
- Mr. Rossello expressed concerns about the Seminary Road Complete Streets project.
- Ms. Pakula expressed concerns about the proliferation of scooters in the City.
- Mr. Berridge expressed concerns about the residential pay by phone program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve consent items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The motion carried unanimously.

- **ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 300 block of Wolfe Street.
- **6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 100 block of Wolfe Street.
- 7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 100 block of S. Lee Street.

- **8. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add a loading zone to the 900 block of King Street
- **9. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to relocate and change the hours of a loading zone on the unit block of Prince Street

PUBLIC HEARING

10. ISSUE: Consideration of policies regarding installing pay stations, alternative payment methods, and text size on program signage related to the Residential Pay by Phone program.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board felt the word "supporter" needed more clarity on the ballot to ensure the integrity of the process. There were also concerns about the enforceability of the scratch off vouchers and the need for guidance directing parkers to the pay stations.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to recommend to the City Manager approving the request to amend the policies regarding installing pay stations, alternative payment methods, and text size on program signage related to the Residential Pay by Phone program. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to temporarily revise the hourly and maximum rates for City Garages and Lots

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board. The Board noted the importance of collecting data to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed changes and felt staff should do some outreach to promote the lower off-street parking rates.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to recommend to City Council passing a resolution for the staff recommend rates for City Garages and Lots in Old Town between Memorial Day and the end of the WMATA shutdown. The motion carried unanimously.

12. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to prohibit parking in the right lane of the westbound Braddock Road approach to Russell Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board noted that the Sharrow pavement markings on Braddock Road were never replaced when the street was resurfaced.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to recommend to the Director approving the request to prohibit parking in the right lane of the westbound Braddock Road approach to Russell Road and reinstall sharrows for both directions of Braddock Road between Mt Vernon Avenue and Russell Road. The motion carried unanimously.

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- **13. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to modify the Polk Avenue and North Latham Street intersection by:
 - 1. Prohibiting parking within the intersection on North Latham Street's northbound side
 - 2. Preliminary approval to install an All-Way Stop control at a given time deemed appropriate by the Director of T&ES during the McArthur at Taney Project.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board expressed the importance of taking a more wholistic approach to traffic management around Patrick Henry School and asked staff to evaluate placing a 15-mph school zone on Latham Street. The Board felt approving the requested all-way stop signs was premature and should be considered closer to when the MacArthur School students are relocated to the old Patrick Henry School building.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to recommend to the Director approving the request to prohibit parking within the intersection on North Latham Street and for staff to continue working with Alexandria City Public Schools and the community to resolve the traffic issues. The motion carried unanimously.

14. STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Kane updated with the Board about the Seminary Public meeting, the paving schedule for the trails, and the status of the mobility plan.

Mr. Schuyler provided a brief update on the Refresh initiative