CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2019, 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Tucker

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Katye North, Division Chief of Mobility Services, Daphne Knott, Division Chief, Department of Project Implementation, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Christine Mayeur, Complete Street Manager and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

- 1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
- 2. <u>Approval of the October 28, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes</u>: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. <u>Staff Written Updates</u>:
 - **A.** Fiscal Year 2021 Repaying Schedule
 - **B.** Valet Special Use Permit Update
- 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

No one from the public spoke in this period.

CONSENT CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman move items 5 and 7 from the consent calendar to public hearing; and approve item 6. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove No Parking signs and replace with 3-Hour parking signs on the west side of the 800 block of South Payne Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install No Parking signs within the Princess Street and Earl Street intersection.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board and explained the original request was for all-way Stop control. The intersection did not meet the warrants, so staff was recommending parking removal. The Board

inquired about a timeline for the school walk audit and expressed concern about safety.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The following speakers provided testimony: Ms. Eisenman, Ms. Adams, Mr. Slowik. All the speakers opposed the request because they believed all-way stop signs were needed.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Osborne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to install "No Parking" signs within the Princess Street and Earl Street intersection and ask staff to examine ways to make the intersection more visible/safe. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Beekman, and Mr. Kane voting in support; and, Mr. Lewis voting in opposition.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove approximately four parking spaces on the east side of the 1100 and 1200 blocks of North Pitt Street to improve sight distance.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board. The Board expressed concern that the outreach effort was insufficient because several of the speakers indicated they were not informed about the proposal.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The following speakers provided testimony: Mr. Herring, Mr. Miller, Ms. Haslinger, Mr. Sheiner, Ms. Chimento, Mr. Grant opposed the request primarily due to the loss of parking; and Mr. Durso spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the removal of 10 feet of parking on the south side of the two entrances on the east side of 1100 and 1200 blocks of North Pitt Street; and asked staff to work with the residents. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Beekman, and Mr. Kane voting in support; and, Mr. Lewis voting in opposition.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to temporarily remove two (2) on-street parking spaces near 1557 Potomac Greens Drive to allow for construction vehicle movement from Slaters Lane onto Potomac Greens Drive for the construction of the Potomac Yard Metro Station.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Kott presented the item to the Board. The Board was concerned that vehicles might still park in the vacated spaces. Ms. Kott indicated that a flagger could help guide the trucks through the turn if cars were parked in the spaces.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to temporarily remove two (2) on-street parking spaces near 1557 Potomac Greens Drive to allow for construction vehicle movement from Slaters Lane onto Potomac Greens Drive for the construction of the Potomac Yard Metro Station. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install an additional stop sign at the intersection of Port Street and Dock Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The following speakers provided testimony: Mr. Huang and Dr. Gibson spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to install an additional stop sign at the intersection of Port Street and Dock Street. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a High Intensity Activated crossWalK (HAWK) signal on Braddock Road between the intersection of North Early and Minnie Howard Campus.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mayeur presented the item to the Board. The Board noted that installing ADA ramps on the south-west corner may not be possible due to the stormwater catch-basins.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The following speakers provided testimony: Ms. Smith, Mr. Hartt, and Ms. Spallow spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the request to install a High Intensity Activated crossWalK (HAWK) signal on Braddock Road between the intersection of North Early and Minnie Howard Campus.

STAFF UPDATES:

- The announcement of no meeting in December
- The Board indicated that calendar on City's webpage needed updating
- Mr. Kane provided and update on the Transportation Commission and AMP