

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Ann Tucker, Jason Osborne and Casey Kane

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Beekman

**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, Sergeant William Mayfield, Police Department, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner III, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
2. Approval of the July 22, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Staff Written Updates: Written Staff Updates:
  - Dockless Mobility (Scooter) Pilot Program Evaluation
  - Metro Platform Improvement Project Update
4. City Manager Budget Priorities
  - What are the highest priority services and initiatives within your policy area that you feel should be addressed in the FY 2021 budget?
  - What additional resources might be needed to address your high priorities?
5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Matyas expressed concern about the loss of parking in the Old Town area resulting from redevelopment. He also suggested creating a system that would allow residents to park in the retail areas.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to move item 6 from the consent calendar to public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve item numbers 7, 8 and 9 in the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to modify residential permit parking restrictions on the west side of the 600 block of South Union Street from a 3-hour limit 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday to a 2-hour limit 8AM-11PM Monday-Saturday and 11AM-11PM on Sunday.
8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace the existing Yield sign with a Stop sign at the North Pickett Street and Richenbacher Avenue intersection.
9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the parking restrictions at 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue from “No Parking, except Sunday 8AM-2PM” to 2-hour parking restrictions, 9AM-5PM, Monday-Saturday.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 400 block of Wolfe Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** The following speakers provided testimony: Mr. Cavender spoke in opposition to the request. Ms. MacLean spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 400 block of Wolfe Street and directed staff to work with the churches in the area to accommodate their needs. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:
  1. Temporarily remove approximately nine (9) on-street parking spaces at the intersection of Potomac Greens Drive and Carpenter Road
  2. Temporarily convert the traffic circle on Potomac Greens Drive into a 3-way stop intersection.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Knott presented the item to the Board. The Board expressed concern about removing a tree in the middle of the roundabout.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Tromba spoke wanting to make sure that no parking removal would occur on the residential side of the street and expressed concern about losing the tree in the traffic circle.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to:

1. Temporarily remove approximately nine (9) on-street parking spaces on the north side of Potomac Green Drive at the intersection of Potomac Greens Drive and Carpenter Road

2. Temporarily convert the traffic circle on Potomac Greens Drive into a 3-way stop intersection.  
The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 12 on-street parking spaces in the unit block of South Jordan Street between Venable Avenue and Duke Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** The following speakers provided testimony: Mr. Waner and Ms. Deshong-Rojas spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to remove 12 on-street parking spaces in the unit block of South Jordan Street between Venable Avenue and Duke Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking restrictions from 8AM to 9PM Monday on the 700-900 blocks of South Pickett Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board was concerned that the request may not solve the truck parking issue and suggested that staff needed to develop a comprehensive commercial vehicle parking policy. Sergeant Mayfield with Parking Enforcement explained that enforcement would be increased to help address the problem. There was also concern that enforcement alone might not solve the problem.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the request to add 2-hour parking restrictions from 8AM to 9PM Monday on the 700-900 blocks of South Pickett Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 13. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to amend the City Code related to residential permit parking districts.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik and Ms. North presented the item to the Board. One of the more controversial changes was eliminating the 3-hour parking option to allow standardization and easier enforcement. This change could negatively impact The Little Theater's operation as well as the ability to have contractors, such as plumbers, provide services to homes within the district.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** The following speakers provided testimony: Mr. Morrison spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Matyas, Ms. Yuchun, Ms

Amidon, Ms. Whitlatih, Ms. Callanhan, Mr. Ely, and Mr. Milone opposed the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to differ the request allowing staff time to research answers to questions. The motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF UPDATES:**

- Seminary Road Project.