

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Roll Call:

**Present**

Commissioners:

Eric Shamp  
Kevin Morningstar  
Bill Waddell  
Andrew Hoder  
Johnathan Ghazal

Staff:

Jeremy Floyd, PD  
John Harris, MUED  
Goutam Dobey, MUED  
Veronica Medina, MUED  
David Rabindranath, FCS  
Cruz Esparza, DSD  
Brian Desatnik, DSD

**Absent**

Commissioners:

Marc Tran (unexcused)  
Cassie MacDuff (excused)

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:01 pm by Commissioner Eric Shamp.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morningstar and seconded by Commissioner Waddell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 5 – 0 Passed**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No non-agenda related public comments were made. Comments related to specific agenda items are incorporated into the item discussion.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

**5A. *Status of Traffic and Parking Commission budget***

Mr. Dobey presented a slide with an overview of expenditures relating to the Traffic and Parking Commission budget.

**5B. *Status of work orders on items previously recommended by the Commission and work orders on items approved by staff that fall within the existing Municipal Code not requiring Commission recommendation or City Council approval***

Mr. Dobe presented a slide and provided a brief overview of the status of work orders that were previously recommended by the Commission and approved by City Council, and the status of work orders which do not require Commission recommendation and have been approved and completed by city staff in accordance with the Redlands Municipal Code. Mr. Dobe stated that the bids for four (4) projects came over the estimated cost. Staff will discuss internally how the projects will be handled. Chairman Shamp asked for clarification on which projects were came in overbudget.

**5C. *Downtown Parking Study Update (Presented by DSD Staff)***

Mr. Harris introduced Brian Desatnik, Development Services Department Director, to discuss the Downtown Parking Study. Mr. Desatnik stated that the commission should have received the existing conditions section of the Downtown Parking Study report in February. The existing conditions chapter includes an inventory of parking downtown as well as results of parking utilization surveys. It also includes responses from intercept surveys that the consultant undertook with random people downtown and employees of businesses on State Street. The next section of the report will be distributed before the next regular meeting for the commission to review.

Commissioner Morningstar inquired if one (1) weekday and one (1) weekend day is sufficient for the study. Mr. Desatnik stated that it is standard to choose a weekday and a weekend day to show typical representation.

Mr. Harris read a public comment into the record from Dennis Bell, resident. Mr. Bell expressed his discontent with the way the City is handling the parking study and the downtown parking issues.

**5D. *Citywide speed limits update***

Mr. Dobe gave an update on the adoption of the Citywide speed limits. Mr. Dobe explained that the 2021 Engineering and Traffic Survey (2021 E&TS) was approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission on March 24, 2022 and was accepted by City Council on June 7, 2022 with adoption of Resolution No. 8348. Since the adoption, two (2) road segments were reduced further from the recommended speed limits. The first of these recommendations is the segment of Barton Road between Alabama Street and Lakeside Avenue which is posted at 40 mph rather than 45 mph as recommended by the 2021 E&TS. The second recommendation is posting a 35 mph speed limit along the segment of Colton Avenue between Church Street and Grove Street. City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2946 on December 6, 2022, establishing prima facie speed limits on various streets throughout the City with the two (2) recommendations. Public

hearings were held in November and December 2022, for the consideration of Ordinance No. 2946. City Council gave direction of Staff to perform a new speed study after a section of AB 43 is in full effect, which will occur in 2024, giving local government more authority to establish the speed limit.

**5E. *Midblock crosswalk on University Street north of Park Avenue***

Mr. Dobe presented a request for a midblock crosswalk on University Street near Park Avenue. Staff discussed potential impacts of a crosswalk near the Redlands Passenger Rail with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). CPUC staff asked for a minimum distance of 250 feet from the railway. With regards to additional safety measures, CPUC does not support any flashing light signals near rail crossings such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signals. Staff performed an engineering study and saw many issues with installing a crosswalk at this location including the removal of six (6) parking stalls for visibility, vertical visibility of southbound traffic due to the grade of the road, a high speed limit, multiple visual distractions, and low pedestrian crossing counts.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning behind CPUC's regulations, alternative locations, and additional signage.

**5F. *TPC vs. Planning Commission Roles***

Mr. Harris provided clarification of the commission's role based on the City staff's understanding, past practice, and examples of the roles performed by similar committees and commissions in nearby cities. Mr. Harris presented draft revised language to the commission's duties in the Municipal Code for consideration and discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding adding street maintenance, evaluating the need for striping, signing not of a regulator nature, and removal of improvements. A general consensus was reached to bring the item back in the next commission meeting to allow time for the commission to evaluate the draft language.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6A. *Request to establish a 4-way stop at the current 2-way stop at Elizabeth Street and Fountain Avenue***

Mr. Dobe presented Staff's recommendation to establish a 4-way stop intersection to replace the current 2-way stop at Elizabeth Street and Fountain Avenue. Mr. Dobe explained the intersection is located approximately one third of a mile west of Kimberly Elementary School. Elizabeth Street has a bend west of the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Fountain Avenue that causes limited visibility of eastbound traffic. This restricted view causes road users, after stopping, the inability to see

conflicting traffic unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop. Staff performed the required engineering study and determined that the stopping sight distance criteria does meet the requirement for the installation of a stop sign.

As a public comment, John Mills, resident, expressed his concern regarding the speed on Elizabeth Street and the safety issue at the intersection.

Jake McMeans, resident, shared his experience about an accident at the intersection.

Jed Zercher, resident, expressed his concern regarding the continuing increase in the speed limit on Elizabeth and the limited visibility at the intersection.

Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the MUTCD, regulatory provisions that prohibit a 4-way stop at the intersection and legal liability concerns of inaction after being informed of a safety risk.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Waddell and seconded by Commissioner Hoder to establish a 4-way stop at the current 2-way stop at Elizabeth Street and Fountain Avenue. By roll call vote of 5-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

**6B. *Request to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on Industrial Park Avenue between Nevada Street and Alabama Street***

Mr. Dobey presented Staff's recommendation for a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on Industrial Park Avenue. He stated that businesses expressed concerns regarding the number of vehicles parking overnight and the loitering in the area.

As a public comment, William Joyce representing Joyce Moving and Storage, Inc. express concerns about the proposed no-parking zone due to the trucks parking along the street during off-business hours.

Jim Prendengant, representing Joyce Moving and Storage, Inc. expressed his opposition to the proposed parking zone.

Tracy Etison, General Manager of Old Spaghetti Factory, expressed concerns regarding burglarizing, repairs, and extra security needed due to the overnight loitering in the area.

David Rabindranath, Homeless Solutions Coordinator, stated several businesses are concerned about the overnight vandalism in the area. Mr. Rabindranath suggested partial no overnight parking.

Chairman Shamp read Commissioner MacDuff's comment into record which asked several questions including who is observing the loitering, have police addressed the

issue, number of report crimes, types of crimes, how long has the housing been opened, does the housing provide adequate parking, and alternative parking.

Sergeant Floyd stated that police presence regularly frequents the area and clarified enforcement that can currently be imposed with and without the proposed zone.

Discussion ensued regarding starting the no-parking zone east of 1781 Industrial Park Avenue, adding a commercial vehicle exemption, and tabling the item to allow alternative approaches.

**A motion was made by Chairman Shamp and seconded by Commissioner Morningstar to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on Industrial Park Avenue between the west corner of 1675 Industrial Park Avenue going east to Alabama Street and a no-parking zone for all but commercial vehicles between 10 PM to 6 AM on Industrial Park Avenue between Nevada Street and the west corner of 1675 Industrial Park Avenue.**

**Commissioner Shamp amended the motion to include if a commercial vehicle exemption is not possible, the section between Nevada Street and the west corner of 1675 Industrial Park Avenue will remain unchanged.**

**By roll call vote of 5-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shamp at 7:52 pm.