

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007 - - - 4:00 P.M.
City Council Chamber ----- City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rosa Nowels
 Edmundo Duvignau
 Johnnie Simmons
 Rob Hallstrom

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: J. Michael Cochran, Chairman
 Stephen Hall, Vice-Chairman
 Lesley Mahaffey

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer
 Lt. Kevin Hamilton, Fullerton Police Department
 Sgt. Steve Williams, Fullerton Police Department
 Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst
 Teri Carlson, Engineering Aide III
 Amy Inzunza, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Duvignau made a motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2007. Commissioner Hallstrom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL "2-HOUR PARKING" DURING SELECT HOURS AND DAYS, ON BOTH SIDES OF WILLIAMSON AVENUE FROM EUCLID STREET TO CHESTNUT PLACE.

Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer, stated that staff has been working with the Police Department for the past year to reduce the number of parking violations adjacent to the business between Euclid Street and Chestnut Place. A few months ago, staff went out with the Police Department and installed a stripe on the roadway to indicate where the property line demarcation is between private property and City property. The reason the line was placed on the roadway is because Williamson Avenue has rolled curb with no differentiation between the City right-of-way and public right-of-way. Over the past few years, business ownership has increased to where vehicles are double parked, abandoned or parked perpendicular and/or parallel to the street. The businesses repeatedly complained to the City. The "2-Hour Parking" recommendation is based on the Police Department's recommendation, specifically Sergeant Fred Casas. The purpose of the "2-Hour Parking" restriction is to get employee parking off the street and onto private property to allow the businesses to function with their clients. Staff's recommendation is to positively help the businesses.

Commissioner Duvignau asked if the shop owners are responsible for the cars parked on the street. Mr. Miller replied that the vehicle code states what vehicles can be placed on the public street.

Commissioner Nowels asked if overnight parking is allowed on Williamson Avenue. Mr. Miller replied no.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked if it can be assumed that the majority of the cars parked on Williamson Avenue are from the dealer. Mr. Miller replied that staff cannot assume that because there are multiple businesses in the area.

Commissioner Nowels asked if staff or the Police Department have attempted to speak with the business owners. Mr. Miller replied yes that Community Preservation Officers, Police Community Officers, and Sergeant Fred Casas were very active.

Commissioner Duvignau expressed his concern about the vehicles that do not belong to a business and where will those cars be placed from this point on.

Commissioner Nowels asked staff if there are businesses that could park more vehicles on their properties and if their improper use of their properties prevents them from storing more vehicles on their properties.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked staff what the biggest issue in terms of safety or any problems that have been cited. Mr. Miller said that the issue on striping the right-of-way line helped clear up the vehicles that were parked illegally. The other issue is the business owners having a place for their clients to park.

Commissioner Nowels asked how long the businesses have been there. Mr. Miller was not sure how long they have been there.

The public comment segment was opened.

Lee Daniels, 825 Williamson Avenue, stated he's been there since 1971 and has never had a parking problem. He thinks the problem is the dealership across the way from him that has a lot of subcontractors or sublessees; they have a lot of cars parked on the street. He said the stripe that was painted has taken one parking space from them but he does not have a problem. He is opposed to the "2-Hour Parking".

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Daniels if his employees are parking on the street. Mr. Daniels said that they have one space that is now on the street, they used to park at an angle but now park parallel to the City right-of-way.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Daniels what he meant by subcontractors. Mr. Daniels replied that there are three to four guys running business out of the one space on Williamson Avenue. They have parked cars up and down the street.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Daniels what his recommendation would be. Mr. Daniels replied to leave it alone.

Commissioner Duvignau asked Mr. Daniels where his customers park if his one space is taken. Mr. Daniels replied that his customers park in front of his business. He said they have no walk-in customers.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked Mr. Daniels if he thinks the majority of the problem is in the small area he mentioned and not further down in front of the dealership. Mr. Daniels stated that he doesn't think there is any problem with the dealership.

Mr. Miller corrected the agenda to read "2-Hour Parking" versus "1-Hour Parking".

Louis Carmona, 800 Williamson Avenue, stated his son owns "Carmona's Collision". He said there are two areas that are subleasing that are creating a lot of problems. One of them is next to him and the other used to be McCoy Mills and they have leased it to someone else.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Carmona how the "2-Hour Parking" would affect his business. Mr. Carmona stated that it would hurt his business because he does not have any parking now. He does not have room for his employees to park on his property. He would need four parking spaces.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Carmona if the cars that need to be repaired are out on the street. Mr. Carmona replied no, they are on his property.

Agnes Knight, 740 Williamson Avenue, owns "City Auto Top" and 740 Williamson Avenue "Miranda Detail". She said they have never had a problem with anybody parking until "Resurrection" moved in. McCoy Mills used to own 714 Williamson Avenue and things were fine but then they leased the property and the new owners have not maintained the property. She said her cars are very seldom left overnight.

Commissioner Nowels asked Ms. Knight if the "2-Hour Parking" is approved, how it will affect her business and if it would cause a problem. Ms. Knight said her employee's park right angle into her building and they usually do not have a problem unless they decide they can park in front of her building. It would cause a problem; she doesn't think it's necessary that everyone has to make changes because of two businesses that are causing the problem.

Commissioner Nowels asked Ms. Knight if she has a solution to the problem. Ms. Knight said it doesn't bother her as long as people do not park in front of her driveways. She thinks codes should be enforced by both the Fire Department and Police Department.

Commissioner Simmons asked Ms. Knight if she has contact the Police Department when people block her driveway. Ms. Knight responded that she does not notify the Police Department, she just tells them not to park in front of her driveway.

Commissioner Nowels asked Ms. Knight if she has any other way out of her property. Ms. Knight replied no.

Alex Plascencia, 748 Williamson Avenue, owns "Kelly's Autobody". He said that he has a slight problem with the business in front of him due to them subleasing. He has

parking on his private property. The business in front of him double parks in front of his property and he is unable to pull out his car.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Plascencia how the “2-Hour Parking” will affect his business. Mr. Plascencia stated he prefers “1-Hour Parking” because it will be enough time for customers.

Mr. Plascencia would like the City to check for permits, etc. for the businesses on Williamson Avenue.

Curtis Beener, 652 Williamson Avenue, stated that he does not have any parking. The line bisected his parking. He would like the line that was painted on the street explained to him.

Mr. Miller told Mr. Beener that he can park parallel. He explained to Mr. Beener that the line means the right-of-way.

Mr. Beener said he has a door at the east end of the building and they block his door. Commissioner Nowels said that the original property didn't leave enough room.

Bob Stewart, 801 Williamson Avenue, stated that he is in favor of the “2-Hour Parking” because all abandoned vehicles park near his building. He suggests that the City put in a curb where the white line is located so that it can make parking simple.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Stewart if he has his property posted and if he contacts the Police Department when they park at his business. Mr. Stewart replied yes.

Tim Mullahey, 600 West Commonwealth Avenue, owns Mullahey Chevrolet and he is not in favor of the request. His customers and employees park on their lot. He said his property was built in 1964 and he has been there ten years.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Mullahey how many of his 90 employees park on Woods Avenue. Mr. Mullahey replied that approximately 35 vehicles park on the street.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked Mr. Mullahey how many employees park on the street as opposed to parking on the premises and of those 90 employees if only a fraction work on the same day. Mr. Mullahey said that all 90 employees work during the week and 20 employees work during the weekend.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked Mr. Mullahey if he has any onsite parking for his employees. Mr. Mullahey replied no.

Mr. Miller clarified that on the east side of Chestnut Place, north and south Williamson Avenue and from east of Chestnut Place on Williamson Avenue is exempt from overnight parking.

Leonard Renick, 1100 South Euclid Street, owns Renick Cadillac. He leases property to Mr. Mullahey. It is important to him, as a landlord, that Mr. Mullahey be able to have onstreet parking for his employees. He is opposed to the request. The concept that an employer has to provide 100% parking for their employees is fallacious. As a car dealer

in Fullerton, he feels he has been getting very little support from the City. If the request is approved, it will make it tough for him to lease to a good tenant such as Mr. Mullahey.

Commissioner Nowels asked staff why they extended the restriction between Woods Avenue and Chestnut Place if the problem seems to be between Euclid Street and Woods Avenue. Mr. Miller responded that it was a recommendation of the Police Department. It was commented to him that if it was just restricted between Woods Avenue then the people would move over to Woods Avenue and Chestnut Place.

Michael Salyards, 628-633 Williamson Avenue, works for Mullahey Chevrolet and runs the center that Mr. Renick leases to them and also across the street. There is no parking on both of the centers. He is opposed to the request.

Jim Miller, 700 West Commonwealth Avenue and 700 Williamson Avenue, from McCoy Mills Ford, said he came to the commission a couple months ago and the City gave them two (2) yellow parking spots. When he leased McCoy Mills Ford and the Ex-Honda store they always had a good relationship with the neighbors around Williamson Avenue. Within the past year and a half is when they started to have problems. They built a body shop at 820 Williamson Avenue. On the north side of Williamson Avenue, the property was subleased to "Resurrection". The employees are now parking on Woods Avenue and Williamson Avenue. He contacted the Police Department and spoke to Sergeant Fred Casas. He talked to Mr. Casas about how no code enforcement is happening in the area. Mr. Casas mentioned to him that they were looking into it. Mr. Jim Miller said he's the one that caused the white line to be drawn to show what areas the City owns and what areas the property owners own so that the City can enforce those areas. The white line did take some parking away for some of the businesses. He does not have enough space for his 85 employees to park. Mr. Casas told him that the north side of the street would be restricted for "2-Hour Parking" and the south side of the street would remain the same. His customers park on his property. He would like to get a restriction on Woods Avenue. He would like "1-Hour Parking" on Woods Avenue and "20-Minute Parking" in front of his facility and would also like to have code enforcement look at the area.

The public comment segment was closed.

Kirke Warren, Community Preservation Supervisor, stated that there are three (3) active cases open on Williamson Avenue. Staff has issued citations for canopies, NPDES violations, and construction without permits.

Commissioner Nowels mentioned to Mr. Warren that somebody mentioned that someone had been washing something down the sewers that was not allowed. Mr. Warren said staff responded to complaints from two separate addresses from businesses that have been washing Bondo into the storm drains, which is a NPDES violation. The Fire Department is tasked with commercial enforcement/inspection for NPDES and Community Preservation assists them as needed.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Warren what staff does after they cite the businesses if the problems have not been taken care of. Mr. Warren said staff can cite people through an administrative citation process which comes with a fine. For ongoing violations, staff could be citing people at least \$500.00 a day depending on the scope of

the violation. Staff can also file criminal complaints to the City Attorney's Office or civilly abate.

Commissioner Duvignau mentioned that it seems to him that the businesses do not want others to block their perpendicular parking but they do not want to give up their parking as well. Mr. Miller said that the Police Department is citing drivers that are double parking. He said that the right-of-way line has really helped as far as clearing the road.

Commissioner Simmons said that there are a lot of issues going on and would like to have more explained, such as codes.

Mr. Warren said that the planning and land use regulations regulate the use of the parcel. If someone has an auto body shop that is zoned for auto body work then it will not make a difference to the Planning Department whether it's one business that is an auto body business or a strip of auto body businesses in multiple tenant spaces. He does not think the whole number of tenants in one space is going to be an issue for the Planning Department as to the type of work that is allowed in the area.

Commissioner Simmons mentioned to Mr. Warren that there isn't a multi-tenant code that says they can only have a certain amount of tenants in a certain amount of square footage. Mr. Warren replied that the square footage is based on the use, which in this case is auto body.

Commissioner Nowels made a motion to deny staff's recommendation. Commissioner Duvignau seconded the motion which was denied unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REPEAL THE EXISTING "1-HOUR PARKING" RESTRICTION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WILLIAMSON AVENUE BEHIND MCCOY MILLS FORD PARTS DEPARTMENT AND REPLACE SAID RESTRICTION WITH "20-MINUTE LOADING/UNLOADING".

Commissioner Duvignau made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Nowels seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL "1-HOUR PARKING" ON BOTH SIDES OF WOODS AVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH AVENUE TO ITS SOUTHERLY TERMINUS.

Mr. Jim Miller stated that he would like to get "1-Hour Parking" on Woods Avenue.

Mr. Mark Miller said that they are looking at the area between Commonwealth Avenue and the southerly terminus at the railroad tracks.

Mr. Jim Miller said that they will be moving their employee parking to the inside of the fence that is behind the white line.

Commissioner Duvignau made a motion to accept the installation of "1-Hour Parking" between Commonwealth Avenue and Williamson Avenue and leaving south of Williamson Avenue unchanged. Commissioner Hallstrom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 1118 NORTH STANFORD AVENUE.

Commissioner Nowels made a motion to accept the request. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF FORD AVENUE AND WILSHIRE AVENUE.

Mr. Mark Miller stated that the intersection is a two-way stop and has painted white crosswalks across Wilshire Avenue.

The public comment segment was opened and closed.

Commissioner Duvignau said that he did not have a chance to look at all the warrants. Mr. Mark Miller said that it did not meet any of the warrants and this is also his expert opinion to install the 4-Way Stop in order to improve traffic operational characteristics of the intersection.

Commissioner Simmons asked what the traffic volume is going north and south on Ford Avenue. Mr. Miller said it is in the range of 500 to 700 vehicles a day and it fluctuates during the week.

Commissioner Duvignau made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Commissioner Nowels seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" ON BOTH SIDES OF RANCH ROAD.

Mr. Mark Miller said that this request came to staff's attention from the residents. The residents are not opposed to removing the "1-Hour Parking" and making it "No Stopping Anytime". The "No Stopping Anytime" will be on the side yards of the two properties.

Mr. Mark Miller stated there are parking restrictions within the whole neighborhood.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked what time the photo was taken because there are no cars parked on Ranch Road and one on Concord Avenue. Mr. Mark Miller replied that the aerial photos are taken by the County and most flights are done on weekends to show the features of the roadway.

Commissioner Duvignau stated that he feels bad for the students being a student himself in the past.

Commissioner Nowels asked if there have been any pedestrian safety incidents. Mr. Mark Miller replied no.

Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst, stated that one resident brought this item to staff's attention due to trash and noise. There was also a potential hazard for people coming off of State College Boulevard if there are students parked too close to the intersection.

Commissioner Nowels asked why they cannot compromise and on the corner of State College Boulevard and Ranch Road, where it curves, paint the curb red and it would still leave some parking.

Teri Carlson, Engineering Aide III, stated that she has been dealing with the entire neighborhood. Sycamore Avenue, Concord Avenue and Old River Road all want restrictions in the entire neighborhood for various issues related to students and street sweeping. Concord Avenue has "1-Hour Parking" but the entire neighborhood wants Ranch Road with "No Stopping Anytime". There was no opposition to the request.

Commissioner Simmons asked what the length of the road was. Mr. Mark Miller said that it appears that three car lengths on both sides of the street.

Commissioner Duvignau asked Ms. Carlson if most of the residents want "No Parking", "1-Hour Parking", or "2-Hour Parking". Ms. Carlson said that they want 1 and 2-Hour Parking in front of their homes but they all wanted "No Stopping Anytime" on Ranch Road.

Commissioner Duvignau stated he can see approving Ranch Road but the residents are going to want all of Concord Avenue red curb.

Commissioner Nowels made a motion to accept the request. Commissioner Hallstrom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REVIEW

Mr. Mark Miller informed the commission of the fee increases. The overnight parking petition fee has been increased to \$430.00. The crossing guard fee has been increased to \$685.00. The appeal fee has been increased to \$165.00.

Council approved the Sunset Lane item that was on the agenda last month. Staff will be changing the parking restrictions. The disabled person's parking space on Truslow Avenue has been done.

Staff has restriped and posted Kimberly Avenue from Placentia Avenue and Raymond Avenue. It has cleaned up the area.

Staff has also restriped Chapman Avenue between Raymond Avenue and Berkeley Avenue.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Nowels commented that it seems in the last year or two the City's roadwork has improved. However, Gilbert Street needs to be improved. Staff mentioned that the area is a current project and construction will start soon.

Commissioner Duvignau thanked staff for patching up the hole on Walnut Avenue and Raymond Avenue. He mentioned that he sees a lot of codes are being violated on Acacia Avenue between Kimberly Avenue and Orangethorpe Avenue. There are "No Parking" signs posted, however they still park on the street. He has seen many people

park there and his neighbors have been mentioning it to him as well. Mr. Langstaff mentioned that red curb has been placed in that area.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked staff to review an area for a possible 4-way stop at the intersection of Amerige Avenue and Orchard Avenue west of Euclid Street and north of Commonwealth Avenue.

Commissioner Simmons commented that since they are having so many problems with the college and parking she asked if anyone has approached the college about running a shuttle. Mr. Mark Miller replied yes and that they have a satellite campus in Irvine. Staff will be meeting with the college soon. He mentioned that the college has some master plans coming soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be allowed on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Commission's jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 1, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.