

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2ND FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Converse West, Chairman, Jay Johnson, Larry Ruggieo , Patrick Warren, Amy Slack, Randy Cole, Kevin Posey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director, Transportation & Environmental Service; Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation; Transportation; Ravi Raut, Transportation Studies Engineer; Leroy Baker, Traffic Survey Technician, Transportation; Lucky Stokes, Division Chief, Construction & Inspection; Randy Merritt, Inspector II, Construction & Inspection; Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney; City Attorney Office; Monte Rosson, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department; Richard Garcia, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department; Bill Coates, Assistant Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 26, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes to the November 26, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to temporarily restrict left turns into and out of East Custis Avenue at Jefferson Davis Highway.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. David Fromm gave a summary on the request. Mr. Arthur Johnson, Mr. Dennis Valentine, Ms. Marge Heirs, Ms. Sherie Good, Ms. Sandy Modell, Mr. Tim Coakley, and Ms. Diane Hill spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Peter Farrell, Mr. John C. McGram, Mr. Paul Haire, Mr. Bill McCune, Mr. Tom Haz, Mr. Benjamin Gerlach, and Mr. Joe Hart spoke against the request. Ms. Slack made a motion to defer the request. The motion was withdrawn. Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to defer the request until the next (February) meeting to allow staff to contact some of the other affected civic associations such as Mt. Jefferson Civic Association and to allow staff to collect more data to help determine impacts on other streets such as Hume Avenue and Raymond Avenue. The Board voted unanimously to defer the request until the

next (February) Traffic & Parking Board meeting.

- 5. ISSUE:** Consideration of a Safe Route to School/Pedestrian Safety project at the intersection of Valley Drive and Martha Custis Drive to provide the following interim pedestrian safety measures:
- 1) Installation on an ALL-WAY STOP sign at the intersection of Valley Drive and Martha Custis Drive.
 - 2) Installation of a NO U-TURN sign at the intersection of Valley Drive and Martha Custis Drive.
 - 3) The removal of one parking space on the north side of Valley Drive and one space on the south side of Valley Drive in front of the school
 - 4) The installation of NO PARKING OR STOPPING 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. signs on the north side of Martha Custis Drive between the school parking lot entrance and the main school entrance.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Eleanor Seline, Ms. Carlene Bahlar, Ms. Kay Arndorfer, Ms. Jennifer Rode, Ms. Pat Leene, and Mr. Rod Kuckro spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Mary C. Ammen, and Ms. Susan Pollack spoke against the request. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the request minus the turn restriction. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request minus the turn restriction.

- 6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and South Columbus Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Robert B. McConnell, Ms. Viviana Rubiano, Ms. Mavreen Dugan, and Mr. Nathan Macek spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to recommend to the City Council to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and South Columbus Street. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Recommendation to City Council to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and South Columbus Street.

- 7. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the existing District 10, 3 hour residential permit parking on the south side of the 1600 block of Peach Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to, 2-hour residential permit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Bill Coates, Assistant Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement, and Ms. April Felkins spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Johnson made a motion,

seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the request. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on the north of the 1600 block of Peach Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Bill Coates, Assistant Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement, and Ms. April Felkins spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the request. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

TAXICAB HEARING:

9. **ISSUE:** Appeal of a two day suspension of Kohistany S. Mohammad's public driver's permit (#799) for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that the appeal be denied and that Kohistany S. Mohammad's public driver's permit (#799) be suspended for two days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation*.

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Kohistany spoke in his own defense. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to deny the appeal. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal.

10. **ISSUE:** Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office of a 120 day suspension (Revocation Option) of Kohistany S. Mohammad's public driver's permit (#799) for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-6 *Operating taxicab vehicle for hire without insurance*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommendation to the City Manager that Kohistany S. Mohammad's public driver's (permit #799) be suspended for 120 days (Revocation Option) for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-6 *Operating taxicab vehicle for hire without insurance*.

Deferred until next Public Hearing on 2/25/08 with the following condition that Mr. Kohistany S. Mohammad can avoid the hearing by surrendering his Driver' Permit and Vehicle Permit to the Hack Inspector's Office prior to the date.

11. **ISSUE:** Appeal of a two day suspension of Larry Frimpong's public driver's permit (#270) for violation of City Code sections: 9-12-60 (a)(4) *Failure to keep a*

taxicab in good order or safe repair; 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a drivers permit; and, 9-12-56(a) Failure to report an accident within 24 hours to the Hack Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that the appeal be denied and that Larry Frimpong public driver's (permit #270) be suspended for 2 days for violation of City Code sections: 9-12-60 (a) (4) *Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair; 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a drivers permit; 9-12-56(a) Failure to report an accident within 24 hours to the Hack Office.* **WITHDRAWN**

12. ISSUE:

Appeal of a one day suspension of Belai Sebsibie's public driver's permit (# 322) for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation.*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that the appeal be denied and that Belai Sebsibie public driver's permit (# 322) be suspended for one day for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation.*

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Sebsible spoke in his own defense. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warren to deny the appeal. The Board voted 6 to 1 to deny the appeal. Mr. Ruggiero voted No.

13. ISSUE:

Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Meftuhe Nuru Mohammed's public driver's permit (#196) be suspended for 7 days for violation of City Code Sections: 9-3-56(b) *Manifest Violation; and, 9-12-6(a) Operating a taxicab without insurance.*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that Meftuhe Nuru Mohammed's public driver's permit (#196) be suspended for 7 days for violation of the City Code Sections: 9-3-56(b) *Manifest Violation; and, 9-12-6(a) Operating a taxicab without insurance.*

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Meftuhe Nuru Mohammed spoke in is own defense. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warren to suspend Mr. Meftuhe Nuru Mohammed Public Driver's Permit (#196) for 5 days. The Board voted unanimously to approve the 5 days suspension of Mr. Meftuhe Nuru Mohammed's Public Driver's Permit (#196).

14. ISSUE:

Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Abdikadir M. Ibrahim's public driver's permit (# 1123) be suspended for 10 days for violation of the City Code Sections: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation*; 9-12-41 *Operating a taxicab for hire without a drivers permit*; 9-12-71 *Operating a taxicab for hire without a vehicle permit*; and, 9-12-6(a) *Operating a taxicab without insurance*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that Abdikadir M. Ibrahim's public driver's permit (# 1123) be suspended for 10 days for violation of the City Code Sections: 9-12-56(b) *Manifest Violation*; 9-12-41 *Operating a taxicab for hire without a drivers permit*; 9-12-71 *Operating a taxicab for hire without a vehicle permit*; and, 9-12-6(a) *Operating a taxicab without insurance*.

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Abdikadir M. Ibrahim spoke in his own defense. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to suspend Mr. Abdikadir M. Ibrahim public driver's permit (# 1123) for 8 days. The Board voted unanimously to approve the 8 day suspension of Mr. Abdikadir M. Ibrahim public driver's permit (# 1123).

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NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 25, 2008