CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MAY 23, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000

M I N U T E S


BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: William Schuyler and James Lewis.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Hillary Orr, Complete Street Manager, Ray Hayhurst, Complete Street Coordinator, Katye North, Parking Planner, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

2. Approval of the April 25, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Carl Fisher made a comment about the usage of HOV lanes on Route 1. He asked for more enforcement or removing the HOV lanes restriction.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove a traffic signal at the intersection of South Henry Street and Franklin Street and install all-way Stop sign.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Ntoetse Bertocci opposed the request. She stated it is dangerous for her grandchildren walk to the recreation center across the street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tucker to approve staff’s recommendation to remove the traffic signal at the intersection of South Henry Street and Franklin Street. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cole voted against the motion. The motion was not carried forward.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request for a “No Turn On Red” sign on Southbound of Commonwealth Avenue at West Glebe Road to accommodate a bicycle box.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.
BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to install “No Turn On Red” sign on Southbound of Commonwealth Avenue at West Glebe Road to accommodate a bicycle box. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of an amendment to the Parking Meter Zones Division of City Code (Article G, Division 1) to update the locations of meters and other minor corrections.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request for an amendment to the Parking Meter Zones Division of City Code (Article G, Division 1) to update the locations of meters and other minor corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request for (1) an amendment to the Metered Parking Lots Division of the City Code (Article G, Division 2) to update the process for approving new metered parking lots.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request for: 1) an amendment to the Metered Parking Lots Division of the City Code (Article G, Division 2) to update the process for approving new metered parking lots; and, 3) add language to the ordinance clarifying that the Traffic and Parking Board would make recommendations on all changes to the hours and rates for metered parking lots. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a traffic signal at North Van Dorn Street and Menokin Drive.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Orr presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve the request to install a traffic signal at North Van Dorn Street and Menokin Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove three parking spaces and install Capital Bikeshare stations.
DISCUSSION: Mrs. Orr presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Zachary Desjandins spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to remove three parking spaces and install Capital Bikeshare stations. The motion carried unanimously.

10. STAFF UPDATE:

   o Ms. North updated the Traffic and Parking Board on the pilot program of Pay by Phone at the residential blocks adjacent to metered areas.
   o Mr. Garbacz asked for Motor Coach Taskforce Representative, Mr. Cole accepted this role.
   o Mr. Garbacz updated the Traffic and Parking Board about the proposed new color scheme for Yellow Taxi Cab.