1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.

2. Approval of the April 27, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking at 1211 Janney’s Lane.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:
   1. Amend Title 5, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria to:
      a. Remove specific locations for meters and allow the Traffic and Parking Board to approve new meter locations.
      b. Clarify the process for establishing the daily hours of operation and maximum time limits for meters.
      c. Allow the maximum time limit for meters to be up to four hours as determined by the City Council.
   2. Extend the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street to three hours.

6. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY APRIL 27, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I, Katye North, Parking Planner.

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

8. Approval of the March 23, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mr. Jim Allgood, 1308 N. Ivanhoe St, spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about reducing the speed limit on North Ivanhoe Street from 25 mph to 15 mph. The Board acknowledged the request and directed staff to perform a speed study and present the results to the Board at the May meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

10. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add parking on the east side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. James Bender spoke in favor of the request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the applicant requested adding parking spaces to the southern side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Ave to alleviate parking issues in the community.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff’s recommendation to allow parking on the east side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to prohibit parking on south side of 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue between the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Rob Tikoyan and Mr. George Randoff spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Dereje Feleke spoke in opposition to the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the applicant requested to restrict parking from 6 PM – 7 AM at the south side of the 3900 block of Wheeler Ave due to public safety and environmental issues.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. McMahon to add two-hour parking restrictions from 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Friday to the south side of 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to restrict parking on both sides of the garage driveway located at Bell Del Ray Apartments on Main Line Boulevard.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Thomas Hill opposed the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and recommended to remove parking spaces at the north and south side of the entrance of the Del Ray apartment garage due to limited sight distance.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to remove only 10 feet of parking to the north side of the garage driveway. The motion carried unanimously.
13. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:

   1. Restructure the taxicab driver certification process;
   2. Modernization of taximeter requirements;
   3. Make minor editorial revisions to Title 9, Chapter 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria; and,
   4. Require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Spencer Kimball spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Daniel Woldigiaugil stated that the taxi industry has too many regulations and the fees are too high making it hard to compete with TNCs. Mr. Chand Dodhy spoke in opposition to items 1 and 2 and in favor of item 4.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that most of the proposed changes were to better align the City code with the recently revised State code allowing the operation of Transportation Network Companies along with some minor editorial revisions.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to recommend to Council the approval of the proposed changes to code and require that the companies forward the completed driver test to the Hack Office. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were updates about Duke Street and West Taylor Run traffic issue, and the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group.
DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 100 feet of parking at 1211 Janney’s Lane.

APPLICANT: Mrs. Mary Sexton, 1211 Janney’s Lane.

LOCATION: 1211 Janney’s Lane

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove 100 feet of parking at 1211 Janney’s Lane east of the driveway so that the bus stop can be made ADA compliant.

DISCUSSION:
Mrs. Sexton is requesting removal of one parking space immediately to the east of her driveway to improve sight distance when she exits onto Janney’s Lane. MacArthur Elementary School is just east of this location and parents of students use this parking when dropping off and picking up their children. Normally staff would recommend denial as this parking is not used all day, however, in this case the parking is located at a bus stop. This provides staff the opportunity to make this bus stop ADA compliant in the future. Staff is coordinating with the Transit Services Division to remove enough parking to make the bus stop ADA compliant. This will require removing 100 feet of parking, about four spaces.
Proposed removing a parking space
DOCKET ITEM:  5

ISSUE:  Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces at the north side of Janneys Lane at the intersection with Walleston Court

APPLICANT:  George Vercessi, resident of Walleston Court.

LOCATION:  North side of Janneys Lane at intersection with Walleston Court.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove one parking space on the north side of Janney’s Lane at the intersection with Walleston Court.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Vercessi is requesting that the City remove parking on the north side of Janneys Lane at the intersection with Walleston Court. The reason for this request is to improve the site distance exiting Walleston Court onto Janney’s Lane. This issue came before the Traffic and Parking Board on May 19, 2014 and the Board approved removing one parking space and gave staff permission to remove a second space if deemed necessary. A year has passed and staff believes that since such a long time has elapsed, this issue should be brought before the Traffic and Parking Board before removing the second parking space. Staff checked the Police Department’s Accident database and found that there have been no crashes at this intersection for the past five years. Staff visited this intersection and determined that sight distance is substandard and believes that removing an additional parking space will help. This location is unique because there is a vertical and horizontal curve which further reduce sight distance when vehicles are parked near the corner.
DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE:

Consideration of a request to:

1. Amend Title 5, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria to:
   a. Remove specific locations for meters and allow the Traffic and Parking Board to approve new meter locations.
   b. Clarify the process for establishing the daily hours of operation and maximum time limits for meters.
   c. Allow the maximum time limit for meters to be up to four hours as determined by the City Council.

2. Extend the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street to three hours.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: Citywide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend approval to City Council the proposed amendments to Title 5, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria.

That the Board recommend approval to City Council of the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group recommendation to extend the maximum time limit to three hours for meters west of Alfred Street, within the OTAPS area.

DISCUSSION:

In 2010, the OTAPS Work Group was formed to review the results and recommendations of the 2009 parking inventory report for the Study Area. The Work Group was reconvened in 2012 to further implementation efforts of the study and the 2010 Work Group recommendations. A specific recommendation from the 2012 Work Group was the installation of multi-space meters on commercial blocks within the study area and extending the hours of operation, which has been implemented over the last few years.

In the fall of 2014, an updated parking inventory was completed that reassessed parking conditions within the study area. The Work Group has been reconvened a third time to review the updated data and make additional recommendations about meter and residential parking restrictions. Since reconvening earlier this year, the Work Group has met monthly since January.

The Work Group reviewed data collected in the Fall of 2014 that shows lower occupancy patterns for meters west of Alfred Street in comparison to occupancy east of Alfred Street (Attachment 1 – Occupancy on Weekday, Friday, and Saturday evenings). In addition, the Work
Group noted less garage availability west of Alfred Street (Attachment 2 - Garage Locations). A few of the business representatives on the Work Group have noted complaints from their customers regarding the maximum time limit of two hours as well as the hours of operation until 9 pm for the meters.

Given the data reviewed and the Work Group discussion, the Work Group made a formal recommendation at their April meeting to recommend: (1) the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street be extended from 2 to 3 hours, and (2) the daily hours of operation for meters west of Alfred Street be reduced from 9pm to 7pm. There was some interest in applying these changes east of Alfred Street, but a formal recommendation was not included at that time.

With regard to the second recommendation, staff noted the budgetary impact of reducing the daily hours of operation and explained this recommendation would need to be reviewed as part of the budget process. However, the first recommendation would have a negligible impact on the budget. Given this information, the Work Group provided a unanimous motion to extend meter hours from 2 to 3 hours west of Alfred Street, and that this recommendation be processed for implementation as soon as possible.

In reviewing the actions needed to implement the Work Group’s short term recommendation, staff reviewed the parking meter section of the City Code to determine the necessary amendments. As part of this review, staff noted several areas that could be streamlined and updated, and has proposed the following amendments in coordination with the City Attorney’s Office. These amendments will facilitate the change recommended by the Work Group as well as improve the process for updating locations and hours for meters. The proposed changes are summarized below, and shown in the draft ordinance (Attachment 3):

1. Section 5-8-92: Remove the specific block locations for parking meters and allow the Traffic and Parking Board to approve new meter locations.

   Currently, specific meter locations are listed in the Code and separated into three parking meter zones. Adding or removing meters to blocks requires amending the Code by the City Council which can be time consuming. Additionally, as these locations are already reviewed by the Traffic and Parking Board at a public hearing, the process before the Council City is somewhat repetitive with few or no public comments at Council in the past. With regard to the Work Group’s recommendation to adjust the maximum time limits for meters west of Alfred Street, this would require shifting some of the blocks listed under Zone 1 to Zone 2 since Alfred Street is not the boundary between zones. Instead, staff has recommended removing specific locations and zones from the Code and allowing staff to maintain a list of locations that have been approved by the Traffic and Parking Board.

   The revised language, states that all meters currently listed will be incorporated into the city’s meter plan. Any new or removed meters would be reviewed by the Traffic and Parking Board at a public hearing and the meter plan maintained by staff would be adjusted accordingly. This revision will help streamline the process for updating locations of meters.
2. **Section 5-8-93(a)** – Clarify the process for establishing the daily hours of operation and maximum time limits for meters.

   This section was originally broken into two parts to address hours of operation for Zones 1 and 2, and Zone 3, even though the process for establishing the hours of operation for all three zones was the same (i.e., the hours are established by City Council through a resolution). The only difference is a specific area outlined for Zone 1 established the hours of operation in the Code.

   The revised language clarifies that the process for setting the daily hours of operation and maximum time limits for meters is through City Council resolution. In order to implement the Work Group’s recommendation, the City Council will need to approve a resolution setting the hours for the meters west of Alfred Street as a maximum of 3 hours.

3. **Section 5-8-93(b)** – Allow the maximum time limit for a meter to be up to four hours as determined by City Council.

   This section originally allowed the maximum time limits for meters to be 20 minutes, two hours, or 4 hours (for Zones 1 and 3 only). The proposed amendment revises the text to allow any maximum time limit up to four hours consistent with the procedures established in section (a) (i.e., establishing the maximum time limit through City Council resolution). This specific change will allow for the Work Group’s recommendation to extend the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street to three hours if approved by a City Council resolution. It would also allow for more options for maximum time limits for future decisions related to meters throughout the City.

**NEXT STEPS:**

The City Council will review the proposed amendments to the Code at their legislative and public hearing meetings in June. If approved, a resolution will be docketed for City Council to approve the extended hours for the meters west of Alfred Street within the OTAPS area.

The OTAPS Work Group will be finalizing their recommendations in June. There may be additional action required by the Traffic and Parking Board and City Council related to parking meter hours that would be reviewed in the Fall of 2015.

Finally, related to these amendments to the Code, there are several meter blocks currently missing from the Code and new blocks within Potomac Yard that are slated for meters. If the changes to the Code are approved, Staff will return to the Traffic and Parking Board in the summer to review these locations and update the City’s meter plan to include these locations.
ORDINANCE NO. _______

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATION), Article G (PARKING METERS) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 5, Chapter 8, Article G of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained, to read as follows:

(New language is underscored; deleted material is stricken)

Sec. 5-8-91 - Definitions.
   (a) The word "vehicle," as used in this division shall mean any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a street, except those operated upon rails or tracks.
   (b) The word "operator" shall mean and include every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner. (Code 1963, Sec. 22-122)

Sec. 5-8-92 - Parking meter zones to be established by the City Manager.

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to locate, install, maintain, and operate parking meters on City-owned, leased or controlled right of way or property.

(a) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as parking meter zone 1:
   (1) both sides of the 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 800 blocks of King Street and the north side of the 900 block of King Street.
   (2) both sides of the 100 block north and the 100 block south of Pitt Street, Columbus Street and Alfred Street.
   (3) both sides of the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of North Washington Street and the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of South Washington Street.
   (4) both sides of the 300, 400 and 600 blocks of Cameron Street, both sides of Cameron Street between Columbus and Alfred Streets, the south side of the 100 and 200 blocks and the north side of the 100 block of Cameron Street.
   (5) both sides of the 600 and 700 blocks of Prince Street, as well as both sides of Prince Street west of Union Street.
   (6) east side of the 200 block of South Columbus Street.
   (7) both sides of the 700 block of Duke Street.
   (8) both sides of the 100 block of South Saint Asaph Street and both sides of the 100
(9) both sides of the 100 block of South Royal Street.
(10) both sides of the 100 block of South Fairfax Street and the east side of the 100 block of North Fairfax Street.
(11) both sides of the 100 block of North Union Street, the east side of the 100 block of South Union Street, the west side of the 200 block of South Union Street and the east side of the 200 block of North Union Street.
(12) west side of the 100 block of North Lee Street and the west side of the 100 block of South Lee Street.
(13) both sides of the 700 block of Queen Street.
(14) west side of the 100 block of North Henry Street and the 100 block of South Henry Street.
(15) east side of the 100 block of North Patrick Street and the 100 block of South Patrick Street.
(16) east side of the 100 block of The Strand for a distance of 275 feet north of the north curb line of Prince Street.
(17) both sides of the 700 and 800 blocks of Princess Street.
(18) both sides of Duke Street west of Union Street.

(b) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as parking meter zone 2:
(1) both sides of the 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1800 blocks of King Street.
(2) both sides of the 100, 800 and 900 blocks of North Fayette Street and the east side of North West Street. The east side of the 600 and 700 blocks of North Fayette Street. The east side of South Fayette Street for a distance of 120 feet south of the south curb line of King Street and the west side of the 100 block of South Fayette Street for a distance of 215 feet south of the south curb line of King Street. Both sides of the 100 block of North Payne Street, except the portion between Cameron Street and the alley which is 100 feet north of King Street.
(3) both sides of the 1400, 1500 and 1600 blocks of Prince Street.
(4) both sides of the 1100 block of Madison Street.
(5) the east side of the 100 block of South Payne Street for a distance of 135 feet south of the south curb line of King Street and the west side of the 100 block of South Payne Street for a distance of 75 feet south of the south curb line of King Street.

(c) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as parking meter zone 3:
(1) both sides of the 300, 400, 500 and 600 blocks of John Carlyle Drive.
(2) both sides of the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Dulany Street.
(3) both sides of the 500 and 600 blocks of Elizabeth Lane.
(4) both sides of the 300 block of Englehardt Lane.
(5) both sides of the 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Mill Road.
(6) both sides of the 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000 and 2100 blocks of Jamieson Avenue.
(7) both sides of the 1700, 1800 and 1900 blocks of Ballenger Avenue.
(8) both sides of the 1700 block of Emerson Avenue.
(9) both sides of the 300 block of West Street.
(d) The number and locations of parking meters in the zones established above shall be determined by the city manager or the manager's designee; provided, that any proposal to locate new or remove existing meters shall be submitted by the manager or designee to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation; and provided further, that, in the event the manager or designee disagrees with the recommendation of the board, the proposal shall be submitted to city council which shall make the final decision on the proposal. Parking meter zones and the block therein currently in effect as of the date of passage of the ordinance are hereby adopted as part of the approved meter plan without any further action by the City Manager or the traffic and parking board.

Sec. 5-8-93 - Parking meters; hours and days of operation; maximum time limits; rates.

(a)(1) The parking meters in zones 1 and 2, established by section 5-8-92 of this code, shall be operated every day of the week except Sundays and legal state holidays, and the daily hours of operation and maximum time limit of the meters shall be determined by resolution of the city council; provided, that, within the area bounded on the north by the north side of Princess Street, on the west by a line 10 feet to the east of and running parallel to the east side of Washington Street, on the south by the south side of Wolfe Street and on the east by the Potomac River, meters which permit a maximum of two hours of parking shall be in operation from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

(2) The parking meters in zone 3 established by section 5-8-92 of this code shall be operated every day of the week except Sundays and state legal holidays, and the daily hours of operation of the meters shall be determined by resolution of the city council.

(b) The maximum time limit for parking in any space in parking meter zones 1, 2 and 3 shall be set forth on the meter for that space, and shall not exceed two hours or, in zones 1 and 3 only, four hours, subject to the provisions of subsection (a) above.

(c) In all parking meter zones the rate shall be $1.25 per hour at those meters that are coin only operated until such time as multi-space meters are installed. In all parking meter zones, the rate shall be $1.75 per hour at those spaces served by multi-space meters installed before November 13, 2010. Thereafter, when multi-space meters are installed elsewhere in all parking meter zones, the rate will increase to $1.75 per hour at those spaces. In all parking meter zones, the applicable rate shall be payable in such increments as provided at the applicable meter or pay station.

(d) As used in this article, the phrase parking meter shall be deemed to include a parking pay station for multiple parking spaces, and all provisions applicable to parking meters shall apply to parking pay stations, mutatis mutandis.

(Subsequent section remains unchanged.)

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor