CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa McMahon and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Sanders, Acting Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Maha Gilini, Signal Engineer, Raymond Hayhurst, Complete Streets Coordinator and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer

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

2. Approval of the July 27, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Beekman noted that on Item 8, “CarZip” should be “ZipCar” and made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Carolyn Griglione spoke to the Traffic and Parking about traffic safety on Seminary Road. She expressed a desire to lower speed limit from 35 miles-per-hour (mph) to 25 mph, adding a $200 fine for speeding similar to Falls Church, and more enforcement on the street. The Board acknowledged her concerns and asked staff to follow up.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add three-hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, District 4 residential parking restrictions on the 700 block of South Payne Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Robert A Wright Sr. spoke in favor of the request.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff’s recommendation to add three hour, 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday, District 4 residential parking restrictions on the 700 block of Payne Street. The motion carried unanimously.
5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the North side of East Bellefonte Avenue at the Northwest corner of the intersection Mount Vernon Avenue and Bellefonte Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Kevin Gauthier, the applicant, spoke in favor of the request.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff’s recommendation to remove one parking space on the North side of East Bellefonte Avenue at the Northwest corner of the intersection Mount Vernon Avenue and Bellefonte Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to signalize the service road at King Street and North Dearing Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Linda Shellhouse, Mr. Sean Wilson, Mr. Dan McGolduch spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Maha Gilini presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff’s recommendation to signalize the service road at King Street and North Dearing Street and asked staff to consider a leading pedestrian interval as well as ensure that pedestrians have adequate time to cross the street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the Northwest corner and one parking space on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and East Oak Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Karen Harris and Mrs. Carol Shaughnessy spoke in favor of the request.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McMahon to approve staff’s recommendation to remove one parking space on the Northwest corner and one parking space on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and East Oak Street. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request for a “NO TURN ON RED” sign on the westbound of South Street at South Washington Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.
DISCUSSION: Mr. Ravi Raut presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ISSUE: Consideration of a request for closing the 200 block of E. Oxford Avenue from 7:30 AM to 12:30 Pm on Saturdays for the Del Ray Farmers Market.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Pat Miller spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Schuyler had concerns that other farmers markets will ask for similar road closing around the city.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:
    Amend Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Alexandria to:
    a. Establish Parking Meter Zone 4 and set multi-space meter locations.
    b. Set the daily hours of operations and maximum time limit for parking in Parking Meter Zone 4.

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

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ISSUE: An update on the recommendations of the Old Town Area Parking Study Work Group

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

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

BOARD ACTION: The Board acknowledged the study was taken.