

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Eric Shamp.

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Eric Shamp
Kevin Morningstar
Carl Davis
Andrew Hoder
Benjamin D. Perez

Staff:

Ryan Steinhaus, PD
Johana Silva, MUED
Goutam Dobey, MUED
John Harris, MUED

Absent

Cassie MacDuff (excused)
Bill Waddell (excused)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hoder noted a few typographical errors in the minutes.

Commissioner Morningstar moved, and Commissioner Hoder seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 25, 2024, with the typos corrected. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4A. *Review and clarify Traffic and Parking Commission responsibilities and consider ordinance updates*

Chair Shamp explained that his initial proposal to amend the ordinance stemmed from concerns that the commission's scope did not adequately address non-motorized transportation issues and lacked clarity on the division of responsibilities between the Planning Commission and the Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC). He expressed

agreement with the language changes proposed in Mr. Harris's memorandum, with two corrections noted below in red.

"It shall be the duty of the Traffic and Parking Commission to advise the City Engineer, Planning Commission, City Manager, and City Council, and to generally serve as a liaison between the general public and the City Council regarding traffic matters, including:

1. Receiving complaints relating to motorized and non-motorized traffic and parking matters and the enforcement of traffic regulations within public rights-of-way and parking facilities and to recommend ~~to~~ ways and means of improving traffic conditions;
2. Reviewing and providing input for traffic reports, studies, and analyses prepared by City staff and consultants related to public pedestrian, motorized and non-motorized transportation, and parking projects;
3. Reviewing and making recommendations on master plans, projects, and programs related to pedestrian, motorized, non-motorized, and mass transit facilities;
4. Advising the City Council with respect to on-street and **public** off-street parking, posting of speed limits, traffic calming alternatives, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic circulation;

The commission shall keep records of all of its acts and proceedings and shall submit all of its recommendations to the City Council and to the City Manager."

The commission approved the proposed language changes in the ordinance, as detailed in the memorandum, with corrections noted (in red above). The motion was made by Hoder and seconded by Morningstar, with a 5-0 vote.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5A. November meeting cancellation – Special meeting TBD

Ms. Silva informed the commission that the November Traffic and Parking Commission meeting traditionally falls on Thanksgiving Day and sought input on scheduling alternatives. She asked whether the commission wished to permanently cancel the November meeting or select a new standing date.

After deliberation, four of the five commissioners reached a consensus to cancel the November meeting, with the option to schedule a special meeting if needed.

5B. Discussion of possible RRFB installations at existing crosswalks

Ms. Silva explained that the City utilized unused funds from the 2023-2024 TPC budget to acquire Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) for five locations. She noted that the commission had been provided with a map inventorying all existing midblock crosswalks in the city and requested recommendations on which locations should be prioritized for the new RRFBs. She also mentioned that three locations had received specific requests from the community.

Chairperson Shamp read a written comment from resident Sylvia Potter, who supported improving pedestrian safety at the Center Street crosswalk, south of Redlands Boulevard. Ms. Potter expressed concern about its proximity to Redlands Boulevard, high vehicle speeds, and the curved roadway, which obstructs visibility.

Angela Calabrate, representing the Braemar Co-Op, highlighted the dangers of the Center Street crosswalk due to the curved road, high traffic speeds, and frequent near-misses between vehicles and pedestrians.

Mary Hanson, also speaking for the Braemar Co-Op, emphasized that the crosswalk is heavily used by elderly residents of Braemar Apartments, as the facilities are located on both sides of the street. She reiterated concerns about the dangerous location.

Mary McLoughlin raised additional concerns about the same crosswalk, citing the road's width, poor lighting, and sharp curves as safety hazards.

Evan Sanford, of the Chamber of Commerce, requested RRFBs at the Citrus Avenue and 9th Street crosswalks. He described the area as high-traffic, heavily used, and poorly lit, and suggested restriping the crosswalk for better visibility.

Don Bell, a Braemar Apartments resident, pointed out that the Center Street crosswalk is exceptionally wide, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross safely without running. He also suggested repainting the crosswalk.

No decisions were made regarding RRFB placement at this time. The Commission requested additional data from the Police Department on pedestrian-vehicle conflicts at all 44 crosswalks in the city.

5C. Striping on Colton Avenue fronting Slow Bloom Coffee

Ms. Silva presented a striping exhibit requested by Vice Chair MacDuff, delineating parking areas near Slow Bloom Coffee. She noted that no funding is currently available in the budget for this item. The commission asked whether striping could be applied along the entire length of Colton Avenue when funding becomes available or during the next resurfacing of the street, Mr. Dobe confirmed that it is possible.

5D. Update on Columbia Street parking restrictions

An update was provided that the Columbia Street parking restrictions will go to council for approval at their October 15th meeting. It was noted that the motion presented to council would be the same as the commission's recommendation from their July meeting.

5E. Update on Left-Turn Pocket Study

An update was given that per recommendations on the previous Left Turn Pocket Study, all the left turn lane lengths were extended by Facilities and Community Services.

5F. Status of work orders

Ms. Silva reported that there are no new work orders and all previous work orders have been completed.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND/OR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Shamp asked if there were any comments or requests for future agenda items by the commission.

Items requested for the next regular Commission meeting agenda were as follows:

Projects List – A list of current projects related to traffic and transportation to be included as an information item.

Chairperson Shamp announced that he would not be seeking a second term as a commissioner on the TPC, making this his final meeting. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and contribute to community safety. Commissioner Hoder noted that his term is also ending and shared that he has not yet decided whether to serve another term. Ms. Silva added that this meeting marks Benjamin D. Perez's final session as a student commissioner.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting will be held on January 23, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Shamp at 7:34 p.m.