

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 22, 2025 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 Kevin Morningstar.

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Kevin Morningstar
Bill Waddell
Carl Davis
Donivan Fox

Staff:

Goutam Dobey, MUED
Johana Silva, MUED
Chris Boatman, Assistant CM
David Rabindranath, FCS

Absent

Vincent Fu (excused)
Patrick Taylor (excused)

Council Liaison:

Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Temp

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Davis, motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Wyatt and Dena Allen, residents, expressed concerns about speeding on 17th Street and Florida Street. They submitted a petition requesting a traffic review.

Adrian Asencio, resident, expressed dissatisfaction that items he had previously submitted were not included on the current agenda. Staff explained that this was communicated to him in advance, and additional time was needed to properly review his traffic concerns.

Andy Hoder, resident and former TPC Commissioner, shared that he wanted to explain the reasons for his departure from the commission and noted that he holds no hard feelings toward any of the commissioners.

Jason Jaurigue, stated that many people that pass the 4-way stop at Judson St and Brockton Ave. He expressed that more enforcement is needed in that intersection.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4A. *No-parking zones on streets surrounding Sylvan Park*

Mr. Boatman presented a request from the Homeless Solutions Division (HSD) to revisit the TPC's May 25, 2023 decision not to recommend parking restrictions around Sylvan Park. HSD continues to receive complaints about long-term vehicle parking along the park's perimeter, which contributes to litter, vandalism, and maintenance challenges. While 72-hour stationary parking limits exist in the municipal code, enforcement is difficult due to vehicles being moved short distances. Mr. Boatman stated that park hours are from dawn to dusk and the parking zone will further enforce it. Staff recommends overnight parking restrictions to give additional enforcement authority to the city.

David Rabindranath, HSD manager, gave an overview of the types of issues encountered in the area. Staff also identified street width issues on portions of East Park Avenue, Division Street, and Chapel Street, recommending full-time parking restrictions on specific segments to improve traffic safety. Commissioners asked if the no-overnight parking on Industrial Park Avenue shifted vehicles to other locations and if the area has seen improvements. David stated that it pushed people to get help with with the housing with city projects.

George Ramsy, resident, has concerns with Chapel Street parking being eliminated on both sides due to the university housing located on Chapel Street. He asked if Chapel Street could be a one-way street instead.

Judy Ramsy, resident, expressed difficulty accessing her home due to street congestion.

Edwin Morales, resident, suggested implementing permitted parking for residents.

Commissioners discussed whether parking should be prohibited on both sides of Chapel Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Waddell and seconded by Commissioner Davis to recommend to City Council approval of the time-parking zones on public street segments adjacent to Sylvan Park as shown in the attached location map excluding the west side of Chapel Street.

The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

4B. *Preferential residential parking permits on Vine Street*

Ms. Silva presented a request from tenants of a mixed-use building at the southeast corner of Vine Street and Cajon Streets to establish a preferential parking zone on both sides of Vine Street, between Cajon Street and 6th Street. The request seeks to exempt residents from the existing 2-hour parking restriction, allowing them to park without a time limit. The building includes six apartment units above ground-floor commercial spaces. Although the area is not currently part of a designated preferential parking zone, residential permits were mistakenly issued in the past and have since been revoked. If approved, the 2-hour limit would remain in effect for the general public, while permitted residents and their guests would be allowed to exceed the time restriction. Per the Municipal Code, each unit would be eligible for up to three resident permits and two visitor permits, allowing for a maximum of 30 permits in the zone. There are approximately 31 curbside spaces available. Notices were sent to nearby businesses, and their feedback was included in the meeting packet.

Devyn Diorio, resident, expressed concerns about personal safety and limited parking options, noting unsuccessful attempts to coordinate with a nearby church.

Nick Ortiza, shared that he often receives tickets due to working during the day and needing to park when he returns home.

Jason Ruiz, resident, stated that parking with permits had never been an issue until recently and expressed concerns about the nearby parking structure being unsafe.

Cynthia Ruiz, representing Juliet of Last Studio, stated that increased parking demand may be due to a new restaurant, not residents.

Daniel Gohman, business owner, supported the residents' request and added that 2-hour parking limits are challenging for businesses with longer appointments or events.

Jennifer Hayhurst, business owner, raised concerns about insufficient ADA parking and difficulty her clients face finding parking, suggesting more spaces be added to the parking structure.

Commissioner discussed whether temporarily suspending the 2-hour restriction could be used to evaluate parking impacts, but Mr. Dobby noted that would require a separate process. Commissioners also asked staff to explore other potential options to bring back at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Waddell to recommend to City Council to establish a new preferential parking zone on Vine Street between Cajon Street and 6th Street. The motion failed with a 1 - 3 vote.

This item was tabled to the next commission meeting.

4C. *Permanently close vehicular through access to Garden Hill Drive*

Ms. Silva presented a resident-initiated request to permanently close Garden Hill Drive at its connection with Ford Street due to concerns about traffic, safety, and protection of historic infrastructure. Issues cited included large truck traffic, lack of sidewalks, noise, and the availability of alternate routes. A staff-conducted traffic study found average daily volumes of about 1,000 vehicles, low travel speeds, and seven collisions in the past 10 years—three involving hit-and-run damage by trucks. Large vehicle traffic was determined to be infrequent. Staff noted that a closure could impact emergency response, reroute traffic to nearby streets, and require a turnaround that may involve private property. A request to Caltrans to reclassify the street as local is underway to help reduce truck routing.

Edgard Jimenez, resident, opposed the closure, noting only four homes are on Garden Hill and many would be inconvenienced and suggested a speed bump.

Michelle Porteous, resident, cited speeding and truck traffic, and raised concerns with visibility at the Ford/Garden Hill intersection.

Colin Northath, resident, argued staff's data did not support closure, supported Caltrans reclassification and urged rejection of the request.

Charlie Cutler, resident, stated alternate routes are comparable and fire trucks should not rely on Garden Hill.

Del Barrett, resident, opposed closure, citing freeway access needs and no observed speeding.

Dan Dalton, resident, described Ford Street as funneling speed into Garden Hill and supported the closure due to comparable alternate routes.

Michael Scullin, resident, opposed the closure, citing emergency response delays, supported reclassification and possible speed humps.

Tim Townson, resident, stated numerous homes would be impacted, questioned alternate routes' capacity to handle traffic, and did not observe speeding.

Luis Van Cleve, resident, expressed opposition to the closure.

Walter W. Bryden, resident, warned of negative safety impacts on adjacent streets from diverted traffic.

Mandy & Felipe Gonzales, residents, opposed the closure, citing safety concerns for surrounding streets, and suggested truck weight limit signage.

Keith Johnson, resident, emphasized the fire department's use of Garden Hill.

David Holtzelan, resident, cited unsafe conditions including a blind intersection, narrow roads, lack of enforcement, and no centerline.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw confirmed that enforcement has been focused on the Jordan/Ford intersection and will continue for truck violations.

Greg Malachowski, resident, questioned the study, believed a cul-de-sac is unnecessary and reiterated safety concerns.

Eric Porteous, resident, stated a cul-de-sac is not needed, noted sight distance issues, and suggested a stop sign or speed humps.

Mr. Dobby stated the traffic study was conducted per standard methodology and found no speeding issues. He stated speed humps are not warranted due to the lack of speeding issues. A stop sign could be considered in the future. Ms. Silva added that speed humps must meet the City's policy criteria, including sufficient visibility (horizontal and vertical) and spacing from intersections, and those criteria are unlikely to be met.

Commissioners discussed the concerns presented by both staff and residents. The Commission requested an update at a future meeting following the outcome of the Caltrans reclassification request, ongoing enforcement efforts, and the evaluation or replacement of existing signage. The item was suspended for this meeting.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5A. *Restricted timed parking citywide policy development*

Andy Hoder, resident, commented that current parking time restrictions appear arbitrary and non-standardized. He specifically questioned the 12-minute limit on 6th Street and suggested it be changed to 2 hours.

Ms. Silva explained the purpose of reviewing the policy and noted the item was agendaized at Mr. Hoder's request. The item was tabled to the next meeting.

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

Chairperson Morningstar noted that the public hearing for the speed limit ordinance has occurred and adoption is scheduled for July 1st.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – Next regular meeting will be held on July 24, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Morningstar at 8:53 p.m.