

**MINUTES
CITY OF SONORA
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Parking and Traffic Commission was held in the Conference Room at City Hall, 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA on this date.

The following members of the Commission were present: Chair Ron Stearn, Jim Garaventa, John Richardson, Mark Stinson, Aimee New, Mark Ferreira and Mike Lagomarsino. Also in attendance was City Administrator, Tim Miller.

Ron Stearn opened the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Minutes: Chair Ron Stearn asked if there were any changes to the minutes of July 15, 2015. Commissioner Jim Garaventa made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Commissioner Mark Stinson seconded the motion.

MOTION: Garaventa **SECOND:** Stinson

VOTE:

AYES:	Garaventa, Stinson, New, Richardson, Stearn, Lagomarsino (6)
NOES:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	Ferreira (1)
ABSENT:	None (0)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 1. Consideration of request from Chuck Kiel on to add a parking space on the east side of Washington Street, south of the intersection of Washington and Stockton Streets.**

Mr. Kiel was present and said it looked like there should be a parking space there, but it is not marked.

Commissioner Ron Stearn stated that there used to be three parking spaces there and when they re-paved it changed.

Commissioner Mike Lagomarsino stated that the area now is 28 feet going south if you back up to the T marking and there was nothing on the curb.

Commissioner Mark Stinson made a motion to eliminate what is there now and see how many

City Administrator, Tim Miller suggested a yield sign. It also establishes the right –of-way.

Commissioner Ron Stearn said he liked the idea of a yield sign there.

Commissioner Jim Garaventa asked if they could paint the word yield on the street as well.

Commissioner Mike Lagomarsino said they could.

Commissioner Amiee New made a motion to put a yield sign and paint the road with the word yield at the intersection of Bradford and Shepherd Street. Commissioner Mark Ferreira seconded the motion.

MOTION: New **SECOND:** Ferreira

VOTE:

AYES: New, Ferreira, Garaventa, Richardson. Stinson, Stearn,
Lagomarsino (7)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

4. Consideration of request from the Sonora Police Department to add a loading zone on the west side of Shepherd Street, north of the intersection of Shepherd and East Bradford Streets.

Commissioner Mike Lagomarsino handed out an overview of the area to everyone for the loading zone area now.

Commissioner Mark Stinson said this is not a city installed loading zone and the business park their trucks there all day (in the back of Heuser’s furniture store) which was one of the contributing factors to the accident mentioned earlier. Residents, Councilmembers and the Police Department are getting complaints of this area being blocked. He also suggested a parallel loading zone.

Commissioner John Richardson agreed with that.

Commissioner Lagomarsino suggested making the loading zone 30-40 feet from the telephone pole to the back doors of the building and mark the rest a red zone to keep everyone safe because of the way the parking spaces jut out now.

City Administrator, Tim Miller, suggested running the loading zone from the power pole to the red zone and shorten the section of red zone to the corner of the building and eliminate parking spaces.

Commissioner Jim Garaventa made a motion to run the loading zone from the power pole to the

red zone and shorten the section of red zone to the corner of the building and eliminate parking spaces as City Administrator, Tim Miller suggested.

MOTION: Garaventa **SECOND:** New

VOTE:

AYES: Garaventa, New, Ferreira, Richardson. Stinson, Stearn,
Lagomarsino (7)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Commissioner Mark Ferreira asked about plans for the stretch of Snell Street that is falling apart

City Administrator, Tim Miller, said the City has spent all their money on the Washington Street overlay project, so that would have to wait.

Commissioner John Richardson asked why there was no parking during the Christmas Parade.

City Administrator, Tim Miller, said the business community approached the City Council to eliminate parking downtown during the Christmas Parade and for parade goers they have a nicer view.

Commissioner Mark Stinson said it is also safer as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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