

CITY OF CORONADO

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2010

A meeting of the Traffic Operations Committee (T.O.C.) was held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Scott Huth, Rachel Hurst and Lou Scanlon were present. Jim Newton represented the absent Ed Walton and John Traylor was absent and unrepresented. Assistant Engineer Dave Johnson was also present.

1. Minutes of the May 27, 2010 Meeting – Approval – The minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Scanlon abstaining.

2. Oral Communications – None.

3. Recommendation Regarding the Request to Install Three 30-Minute and Five One-Hour Time-Restricted Parking Spaces in Front of the Building at 1113 Adella Avenue – Mr. Johnson said a business owner of 1113 Adella submitted a request to change some of the metered parking in front of her building to one-hour and 30-minute parking spaces. Staff feels that the two-hour spaces along the downtown area provide for proper turn over and shorter term parking would only benefit a few businesses that need that shorter term parking. It's staff's recommendation to not recommend to the City Council shorter time parking zones in front of 1113 Adella.

Mr. Huth asked if there are any shorter metered parking zones in the commercial area and Mr. Johnson said they're scattered throughout the area. He pointed out on an overhead image a 12-minute green zone on the other side of Adella. He doesn't believe it has a sign, but it has a stencil and there is a sticker that says "12 Minutes" on the meter pole. In addition, there is a white passenger-loading zone by the El Cordova Hotel which is 40' long; the rest is all two-hour metered parking. Mr. Huth asked if time-restricted parking requires different signage to make it readily noticeable that you're going from a two-hour stall to a different one and Mr. Johnson said there would be some signage involved to make sure that people understood that these were not two-hour zones that are mostly found in the downtown area. Ms. Hurst said she thinks there's more than one 12-minute space between that location and the post office.

Ms. Hurst recalled this Committee hearing an item about newly created time-restricted parking at the new Rotary Plaza and liquor store and the decision was that fewer than what were originally marked that way should be maintained for shorter term parking. Mr. Johnson concurred and said it was originally planned to have seven short-term parking spaces and the people in the area decided that they only wanted one. They preferred two-hour parking over short-term parking.

Mr. Huth asked if the area had been canvassed and Mr. Johnson said that notices were sent to residences/businesses in the area and the requestor was sent a copy of the report.

Mr. Mr. Scanlon moved to accept the staff recommendation, Ms. Hurst seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Recommendation Regarding Installation of Traffic Calming Devices in City Alleys – Mr. Johnson said this issue has come before the Committee before and the Committee voted to send a

recommendation to the Council which said that it did not recommend installing speed limit signs or speed humps on the alleys. At the Council meeting the Council expressed a little displeasure with that recommendation and felt that there were certain alleys that they absolutely wanted to see signage on and asked staff to go back and look at those alleys. Staff looked specifically at whether some signage might be appropriate in the alleys on the 300 blocks of A, B and C Avenues. Staff also looked at some more heavily traveled alleys in the City for speed and volumes to determine whether or not they were applicable for signage. Those alleys were the Vons alley and the Adella alley, which includes the post office.

Today's recommendation is to install speed limit signs on the 300 blocks of the A/B and the C/Orange alley. There is already an existing speed limit sign on the B/C alley in the 300 block. In addition to that recommendation, staff will continue to be proactive in determining whether there are conditions that warrant speed limit signs on any other alleys. In addition, Ed Walton sent a memo to the Committee members that spoke about some alternative wording on those signs and directed that signs be installed on the A, B, C and D alleys in the 300 blocks. Mr. Newton said there had been a little bit of confusion as to exactly what the Council directed staff to do at the last Council meeting when this was discussed. After a little debate, it was decided that the Council directed staff to install speed limit signs on those four alleys in the 300 blocks. That will be done. Mr. Walton's recommendation was to use a slightly customized speed limit sign which would say "Alley Speed Limit 15 MPH." That would be posted on the A, B, C and D alleys in the 300 blocks. The rest of the alleys in the City would then be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Newton asked if a speed survey is required for enforcement of a 15-mph speed limit and Mr. Scanlon said it would be needed to enforce radar; however, from a practical aspect it's almost impossible. The distance is just too short.

Mr. Huth asked if speed humps had been considered and whether it makes sense to install a temporary hump like the rubberized humps in the Golf Course parking lot. If there's a real problem should we put something like that in to see if it works? Mr. Johnson said he hadn't been given any direction to go that way. He thinks the signs will be a first effort to see if they influence speeds at all and if we still are not getting the results the Council's looking for then maybe the rubberized humps will be looked at.

Mr. Scanlon moved to go back to the Council with the staff recommendation that signage be installed on A, B, C and D Avenues in the 300 blocks with no additional alleys at this time. In the future, should there be determined a need, signage could be placed in additional alleys. Mr. Newton asked if the Committee's feeling comfortable with the alley speed limit sign, could it be added to the motion? Mr. Scanlon said he thought the hope was that by adding the word "alley" to the signs people who read that sign would understand that alley speed limits are 15 mph irrespective of whether or not they're signed. Mr. Johnson said that would be special wording; the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* doesn't necessarily allow the word "alley" to be put on a speed limit sign. It would be a non-standard sign and he doesn't know if that would preclude enforcement. Mr. Scanlon recommended going with a standard sign; he understands where Mr. Walton is going with this but he doesn't want an implication that in these alleys 15 mph is the speed limit while others may not be 15 mph. He said that the signs don't do any more for the ability of the officer to enforce that speed limit than what currently exists.

Mr. Scanlon moved to have standard 15-mph speed limit signs in the 300 blocks of the A, B, C and D alleys; it was seconded by Ms. Hurst and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.