

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

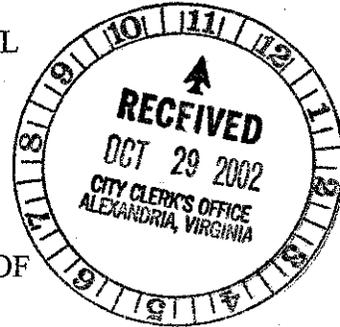
DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

FROM: RICHARD J. BAIER, P.E., DIRECTOR, T&ES *RJB*

SUBJECT: 600 SOUTH PAYNE STREET - REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING



This memorandum is to update Council regarding a petition presented to Council at its September 24, 2002, meeting by Ms. Dorothy White requesting removal of residential permit parking from the 600 block of South Payne Street.

At its regular monthly meeting on June 24, 2002, the Traffic and Parking Board received a petition requesting installation of residential permit parking in 600 block of South Payne Street. This petition was signed by 50% of the residents of the subject block. At that meeting, Ms. White submitted a counter petition, citing concern that the original petitioners had not been informed of all the facts surrounding residential permit parking. The Board unanimously agreed to defer the issue to allow time for residents to receive clarification.

On July 22, 2002, at the request of Ms. White, the issue was reconsidered by the Board. According to the enclosed minutes of that meeting, there was discussion for and against the request, following which the Board voted unanimously to approve the request, finding that the subject block met City Code requirements and the residents understood the City's residential permit parking program

The petition submitted to Council on September 24 by Ms. White does not represent the required 50% of residents in the 600 block of South Payne Street and, according to City Code, may not be considered by the Traffic and Parking Board. Section 5-8-77 (a) of the City Code states: "Residents abutting a block face within a permit parking district who wish to have permit parking district signs removed from their block face, or a portion thereof, shall submit to the City Manager, a petition signed by at least 50% of the residents of the block face or the portion thereof identified in the petition. The Manager shall forward the petition to the Traffic and

Parking Board for its review and recommendation.” We have informed Ms. White that her petition does not contain the required number of signatures, and, therefore, cannot be forwarded to the Traffic and Parking Board.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Attachment

cc: Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager for Council Relations and Administration  
Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director, T&ES, Transportation and Transit Services

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 24, 2002, 7:30 p.m.

301 King Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Johnson, Vice Chairman, Larry Ruggiero, Rolando Gonzales, Tom Walczykowski, Patrick Warren.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Converse West, Chair, and John Laychus

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation; Leroy Baker, Traffic Survey Technician; Anil Rao, Traffic Engineer; Steve Rosenberg, Senior Assistant City Attorney; and Wanda Cudzilo-Smith, T&ES, Secretary.

- I. Item Nos. 8 and 9 deferred.
- II. Request approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2002, Traffic and Parking Board Meeting. Mr. Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gonzales to approve the minutes. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to remove three hour residential permit parking on the south side of the 400 block of Upland Place.

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the residents in the 400 block of Upland Place. There are only two houses on the 400 block of Upland Place, #404 and 406. The removal of the parking restriction will apply only to the south side of the 400 block of Upland Place. Staff feels that removing the permit parking restriction will encourage commuters using the King Street Metro to park on Upland Place and monopolize the of street parking. This will make it difficult for residents to find parking.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends denial of this request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Katherine Nucci spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walczykowski to approve the request. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to install NO-U-TURN signs on northbound and southbound South Patrick Street at Franklin Street.

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the Alexandria Police Department. A NO-LEFT TURN sign is already in place at the intersection, judges have made a distinction

between the NO-LEFT TURN and NO-U TURN movements. Some have held that a U-Turn is different from a left and therefore, must have a specific sign prohibiting the movement. The primary reason for the request is to eliminate U-TURNS at this intersection as they present an unacceptable risk to the safety of motorists traveling in both directions. High volume traffic virtually assures increased risk of accident from rear-end collisions or lane-change maneuvers. In 2002, there were 35 accidents on Patrick Street from Wilkes Street south to City Limits.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of this request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Tom Walczykowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gonzales, to approve the Staff recommendation. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to install NO-U-TURN signs on eastbound and westbound Duke Street at Holland Lane.

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the Alexandria Police Department. The limited road width requires drivers to make a 3-point turn. Heavy traffic volume at this location further increases the risk of accidents from rear-end collisions or lane-change maneuvers. Every intersection on Duke Street from Callahan Drive to Dangerfield Road is signed for NO-U TURNS based on previous requests by the Police Department.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of this request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gonzales, to approve the Staff recommendation. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to install one handicapped parking space at 203 East Oxford Avenue

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by Richard T. Stone, D.D.S. at 203 East Oxford Avenue. The reason stated for this request is there are physically handicapped patients who need to be able to park very close to the building to use the handicapped ramp in the back of building. However, there is existing off street parking in the rear of the building for patients near the ramp. Staff would recommend that one of the off-street spaces in the rear of the building be marked for handicapped parking.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends denial of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Walczykowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gonzales, to deny the request. Mr. Walczykowski, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Warren voted to deny the request. Mr. Johnson abstained from voting because Dr. Stone is his dentist.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to remove two metered parking spaces in front of #113 North Alfred Street and sign the vacated spaces for NO PARKING ANY TIME.

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the Church Square Homeowners' Association. The association consists of sixteen town homes. There is not adequate sight distance from the parking garage to the street to meet the requirements of AASHTO. The Old Town Civic Association supports this request.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Albert Scariato spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Robert Steidl and Mr. Nauder Szaprics opposed the removal of two parking spaces and offered a compromise to remove only one space. Mr. Gonzales made a motion to approve Messrs. Steidl and Szaprics' request to remove only one parking space, and Mr. Warren seconded. The Board voted unanimously to remove one parking space instead of two.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request that the two-hour parking limit on both sides of Mount Vernon Avenue from Executive Avenue to Reed Avenue be changed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., to 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m..

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the businesses along the 3300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue as well as the Upper Potomac West Task Force. The objective of this request is to provide parking turnover of the limited parking spaces later into the night. The revised parking hours better coincide with local business hours of operation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cameron Barron spoke to oppose the request. Mr. Warren made a motion to defer this request, pending receipt of further documentation from staff, seconded by Mr. Gonzales. The Board voted unanimously to defer the request.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request that the east side of the 600 block of South Payne Street between Gibbon Street and Franklin Street be designated as 3 hour residential permit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**BACKGROUND:** This request is made by the residents of the 600 block of South Payne Street. The residents stated that the parking situation in their community has become unbearable in the last few months making it almost impossible for residents to park any where on the block. The 600 block of South Payne Street does not have parking restrictions, and is in Residential District 4 which is 3-hour permit parking, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on holidays. This block currently meets all requirements for residential permit parking.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Charles Nelson, Sr., and Annalise Dandrade spoke in favor of the request and submitted petition. Ms. Dorothy White spoke opposing the request and submitted a petition containing same names as Mr. Nelson's petition. Mr. Gonzales made a motion to defer this item, requesting that new petitions be done, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero. The Board voted unanimously to defer this item.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** (Deferred)

- 1) Recommend that the City Council approve installing a traffic signal at the Bradley Shopping center service road intersection with Taylor Street; and
- 2) That the Traffic and Parking Board approve the following:
  - Prohibit right turns from eastbound King Street into the Bradley Shopping Center at Taylor Street.
  - Prohibit left turns from the eastbound service road at Taylor Street.
  - Prohibit right turns from the westbound service road at Taylor Street.

**BACKGROUND:** These turning restrictions are being proposed so that the service road at Taylor Street can be controlled by a traffic signal. The existing geometry of the frontage road at the King Street intersection presents motorists with 64 conflict points between the two intersections. In addition, the Director of T&ES has received many pedestrian oriented complaints. The proposed traffic signal for the frontage road will eliminate much of the confusion. If approved, this intersection will operate very similar to the service road at the Duke Street and Jordon Street intersection. The proposed turn restrictions will eliminate direct access to the shopping center from eastbound King Street. Shopping center patrons will now need to use the slip ramp off of King Street to access the service road which will take them to the shopping center. Staff will install the appropriate guide signs to address the new access to the shopping center. If the proposed turn restrictions are not implemented the intersection should not be signalized because of safety reasons.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request to install a traffic signal at Seminary Road at Dover Place/Fillmore Avenue. - Deferred.

**BACKGROUND:** This request was sent in by a resident of Dover Place. Staff preformed an engineering study and found that the intersection of Seminary Road and Dover Place/Fillmore Avenue meets the criteria established in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for traffic signal installation. Specifically, Warrant 2- Interruption of Continuous Traffic, and Warrant 9-Four Hour Volumes were met. The Interruption of Continuous Traffic warrant applies to operating conditions where the traffic volume on the major street is so heavy that traffic on the minor intersecting street suffers excessive delay or hazard in entering or crossing the major street. The Four Hour Volume warrant applies to when the volume of intersecting traffic is the principal reason for installing a traffic signal. It needs to be pointed out that the reason this intersection met the warrants is because of the traffic volume on Fillmore Avenue - not Dover Place. The traffic volume on Dover Place is extremely low. Staff is working with the Dowden Terrace Civic Association to address traffic concerns on Fillmore Avenue. Staff is concerned that installing the proposed traffic signal will increase the volume and speed of traffic on Fillmore Avenue.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends denial of the request.

I. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Mr. Anil Rao made presentation on school traffic calming projects.
2. Lisa Henry and Lester Collins, Jr., Fantasy Carriage, presented their plan to start a new horse-drawn carriage service in Alexandria. The proposed carriage service would operate in the Old Town area. Presently there is an existing horse-drawn carriage service that operates one horse, primarily on the weekends and on some evenings. The proposed service would operate up to five carriages seven days a week.
3. In accordance with the Patent Trade Office site plan, parking restrictions are being implemented on Jamieson Avenue between Englehardt and Holland Lane, and on the John Carlyle loop. Specifically, the parking restrictions will be two-hour parking, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
4. Mr. Garbacz announced the meeting to report on Taxicab Task Force will be held September 16, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.

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