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**MEETING MINUTES**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

**SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL**

Members Present: Chairman Pat Lilly  
Commissioner Brendan McCarthy  
Commissioner Susan Barton  
Commissioner Libby Braband  
Commissioner Jill Hayes

Members Absent: Commissioner Michael Taylor  
Commissioner Isaac Gaetz

Staff Present: Brigitte Berger P.E., Director of Engineering and Public Works  
Russ Jensen P.E., Village Engineer  
Brian King, Police Chief

Guests Present:

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Lilly called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2015.**

Chairman Lilly directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of December 9, 2015.

Commissioner McCarthy moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Braband. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion passed.**

### **III. Petition for parking change on Laurel Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets**

Village Engineer, Russ Jensen recapped the petition requesting a change in parking restrictions on the 400 block of Laurel Avenue from "No parking 6 AM to 6 PM Monday thru Saturday, except by Permit" to "N permit parking." Mr. Jensen provided background on the resident permit parking regulations as outlined in the Village Code and how the "Lettered" permit parking works. He discussed the parking survey results and noted there were many days in which there was plenty of parking capacity on the 400 block of Laurel.

Mr. Jensen noted 200 letters were sent out communicating the meeting to the residents in the neighborhood, however there were few comments from the recipients. Staff closely reviewed the parking in the area per the request of the Commission and suggests discussion of the following parking changes to help provide parking relief to the 400 block of Laurel:

Location 1: West side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Linden and Laurel Avenues  
Existing: "No Parking 2am-5am"

Proposed: Removal of the overnight parking restriction

Location 2: East side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Laurel Avenue and the alley to the north

Existing: "N Permit Parking"

Proposed: "P Permit Parking"

Commissioner Braband asked why the daytime hourly restrictions on Linden were not changed to be the same. Staff indicated the only change proposed for this block is removing the overnight restriction.

Commissioner McCarthy noted that he was not comfortable with lifting the overnight parking ban on the west side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Linden and Laurel because of safety reasons noting the area was close to the park.

Mark Kramer, 430 Laurel Avenue, northeast side of the intersection, indicated he supports making Laurel "N" permit only. He also supports opening 4<sup>th</sup> Street up to overnight parking. The suggestion to change the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street to "P" parking is not supported, however. His concern is that a change to "P" permit parking will result in a large volume of parked cars.

Patty Maloney, 427 Laurel, reiterated her neighbor’s position and indicated Laurel is currently being parked on a continuous basis. “P” permit holders park and leave their cars for days. Ms. Maloney thought a few spaces should be opened on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chief King noted that he is okay with splitting the zone.

A discussion ensued concerning whether or not to split the 4<sup>th</sup> Street overnight parking change.

Motion to remove the 2-5 parking ban on 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Motion: Braband

Second: Barton

Change permit designation on 400 block of Laurel to N permit only

Motion: Lilly

Second: McCarthy

Split designation on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to make north half as “P” parking and south half as “N” parking. (Note to place sign approximately on the north lot line of the house on the corner.)

Motion: Lilly

Second: Braband

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barton. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.** No further discussion occurred on the motion.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by R. Jensen.