CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024, 7 P.M. IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Lewis, Vice Chair Ann Tucker, Annie Ebbers, Lavonda Bonnard, Casey Kane, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps (virtual).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III.

- 1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
- 2. Approval of the September 23, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - Speed Camera Program Update
 - Edsall Road & Yoakum Parkway Corridor Improvements Projects
 - Sanger Avenue Public Engagement
 - Ms. Phelps asked if staff could provide more details on outreach for this project, to which Ms. McGraw will get the Project Manager to send the Board more information as available.
 - Mill Road Corridor Improvements
 - Mr. Kane suggested that the City release an citywide announcement about this project to get input from commuters given the general lack of residents on Mill Road. Ms. McGraw will relay this suggestion to the Project Manager.
 - North Early Street Request for Residential Permit Parking District Update
 - Chair Lewis asked if any blocks were occupied at a rate that nearly met the threshold for being eligible for creating a new RPP District, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that the 2100 block was 60% occupied during one of the parking surveys.
 - Council Approval of King-Bradlee Service Road Changes
 - Traffic and Parking Board Schedule 2024 Schedule Update
- 4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** None.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** Parking Removal, Signal Changes, Overall Pilot Approval – 200 Block of King Street Pilot Closure.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane suggested adding to the recommendation that the parking removal would be temporary for the duration of the temporary pilot. Chair Lewis suggested adding pedestrian zone signage to the ends of the block during the pilot.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Garrett Breton testified in support.

Clare Skarda testified in opposition.

Osborne Mackie testified in opposition.

Bruce Shafer testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to recommend:

- the Director of T&ES temporarily remove 17 parking spaces and modify the traffic signal at the intersection of Fairfax and King Streets; and
- the City Council approve the ordinance approving a temporary closure of the 200 block of King Street; and
- Approve the revisions to the Parklet Requirements.

The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw provided the Board with an update regarding:
 - Traffic and Parking Board Budget Priorities Letter
 - o Mr. Kane suggested that the enforcement of Maintenance of Traffic plans/detours be prioritized, perhaps with additional funding for additional staff.
 - Ms. Ebbers moved to approve the budget priorities with the addition of enforcing Maintenance of Traffic plans/detours, seconded by Ms. Mihalik. The motion carried unanimously.
 - City Council Transportation Project Updates
 - Appeals were filed for the Eisenhower Avenue and South Pickett Street streetscape projects.

7. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ebbers. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.