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CITY OF EMERYVILLE

ACTION MINUTES

City Council

Members:

Mayor John J. Bauters
Vice Mayor Ally Medina
Council Member Scott Donahue
Council Member Dianne Martinez
Council Member Christian R. Patz

Special Study Session AMENDED

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor John J. Bauters
Vice Mayor Ally Medina
Council Member Scott Donahue
Council Member Dianne Martinez
Absent: 1 - Council Member Christian R. Patz

3. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Council Member Donahue, to approve the Final Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Mayor Bauters, Vice Mayor Medina, Council Member Donahue, and Council Member Martinez

Absent: 1 - Council Member Patz

4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Each of the Council Members disclosed numerous contacts, both in person and via email, with businesses and members of the public regarding the proposed parking management plan.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments made.

6. STUDY SESSION

6.1. [ID-2018-311](#) Draft Parking Management Plan. (Charles S. Bryant / Chadrick Smalley / Amber Evans)

Community Development Director Charles Bryant gave the staff presentation and then introduced Economic Development Manager Chad Smalley, who presented regarding the proposed recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tom Knight, HOA director, spoke in support of delaying Watergate implementation until other areas have been tested and data collected. Preferred that there be no meters, and that it be held off until the sewer project is complete.

2. Marilyn Boucher, Owner, Broken Rack, stated that meters should be a combination of short and medium terms, and that there is one-hour parking across the street on Horton, which helped with the parking shortage. She suggested placard use.

3. Betsy Cooley agreed with Tom Knight, and added that there will also be City sewer work done by the City on Powell St. which would add to the parking displacement issue.

4. George Martin, the owner of five buildings on 67th Street, spoke in opposition to meter installation, favoring a permit program. He also supported use of placards rather than license plate registration.

5. Louise Engel made three requests for revisions, specifically within the peninsula area: (1) have residential permits on the north side adjacent to Watergate between Captain and Anchor, rather than installing meters, (2) for the parking on the Powell Street south waterfront side, she asked that meters be installed where office workers park, and (3) requested installation of meters between the Police Dept. to where private marina is located, only on the south side. She also endorsed more enforcement.

6. Fran Chiappetta agreed with Tom Knight, "begged" the Council for consideration, especially during the sewer project.

7. Sean Bailey, a Watergate resident, did not see a strong need for the management plan but rather thought it seemed like a response to a grant opportunity. He added that it was counter-intuitive to be discouraging park and rides when we should be encouraging carpooling. He added that it was a regressive tax and asked why Watergate was being treated differently.

8. Finley Robbins agreed with Tom and Fran and said that Watergate was not gated, and should be part of the permit process.

9. Mary Farrell, Watergate resident, agreed with Tom, Betsy, George, Louise, and Fran. stating she did not want meters at Marina Park, and that T-markings really help with parking. She supported small business being protected, and wondered if putting up signs and more

enforcement would help.

10. Buzz Cardoza agreed with Tom and Fran.

11. Ron Freund, Watergate resident, spoke against meters in favor of residential permits. He agreed that the north side of Powell should be designated for a residential permit program and also thought that seniors 65+ should get a discount. He added that parking enforcement persons could be used instead of police officers, to save money.

12. Geoff Sears, Wareham Development, stated there had been a comprehensive public process so far, and believed there should be some parking regulation in the North Hollis area, where there most competition for parking exists. He added that parking should encourage the use of transit.

13. Fran Quittel, Watergate resident, stated that the grant was for meters, but that parking management was a larger issue than that. She added that there was not yet enough data, and that the costs were too high.

14. Nasser Azimi, resident and business owner, agreed with Marilyn's comments, and stated that he saw a need for parking enforcement as he had experienced parking management in other jurisdictions that really helped small business.

15. Christopher Schardt stated that it was a complicated project, a lot to consider and asked what was being solved with this plan. He added that parking meters turn a city into a "fussy" place, and would diminish the quality of life that was currently so inviting.

16. Eric Maki, GlausHaus resident, spoke against short term meters on his street as his unit only has one deeded parking spot. He endorsed either a permit program or long-term metered parking.

17. Alex Bergtraun agreed with Christopher, opposed metering near his business and said that T-markings would also limit parking space.

18. Michelle Bergtraun agreed with Alex and Christopher, and suggested looking at existing lots and encouraging and subsidizing owners to turn their lots into multi-story garages.

19. Judy Timmel, Doyle Street resident, encouraged shared business and residential parking.

20. Alvin Shen (Marilyn Boucher read comments into the record on his behalf) A small business owner, he stated that the parking situation was a function of having no enforcement.

21. Joel Meltzer, small business owner on Doyle Street, agreed with Christopher, and Alex and Michelle Bergtraun. He spoke in opposition to adding meters there which he felt would change the character of the neighborhood and would not be of much financial benefit once costs were covered. He added that the number of permits offered was too low.

22. Gail Donaldson spoke in opposition to the limitation of residential permits to two per household which would be problematic for homes

that have no off-street parking available.

23. Rick Tejada-Flores spoke in opposition to pricing parking comparably to surrounding areas to disincentivize use by commuters.

24. Roni Hattrup, speaking on behalf of the Board of Emeryville TMA, spoke in support of performing a Bus Corridor study.

25. Kim Granger, resident of North Hollis, stated that commercial vehicles often park for extended periods along the street and said that enforcement needed to be improved. She stated that permit prices are too high as proposed, asked what the requirements were for large businesses to force employees to use their own garages, and stated that metering and permits would adversely affect the feel of the City.

26. Speaker stated that he is a small business owner and that Emeryville was underserved in acres of parks per resident. He added that there can be too much density and the parking problem was a result of that.

Following Public Comment, the Council gave direction to staff and the item as revised was scheduled to be brought forward for consideration at the July 10, 2018 Council meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Emeryville City Council.

/Sheri Hartz/
Sheri Hartz, City Clerk