



TRAFFIC COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022, 7:00 PM
Village Hall Council Chambers
6900 North Lincoln Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lidia Zaia-Kaihara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Chairperson Zaia-Kaihara led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call Present: Chairperson Zaia-Kaihara, Commissioner Maxie Boynton, Commissioner Antonio Costantino, Commissioner John Ernst, and Commissioner Tony Jin

Staff Liaison Present: Chief Jay Parrott

Trustee Liaison: Trustee Craig Klatzco

Excused: Commissioner Nayyer Habeebuddin

4. Report by Chair

No Report

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Constantino moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Traffic Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote 5-0.

6. Unfinished Business

Resident Only Parking – 4000 North Shore Avenue

Chief Parrott presented the item with updated photos and explained the need for adhering to the past and current guidelines for obtaining resident only parking and that the criteria has not been met. Deviating from the established criteria will have an impact on other requests from residents and inconsistencies with Village practice and justifications.

Commissioner Costantino, after all items of discussion and public forum, made a motion to deny the permit request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jin and the motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Resident Only Parking – 7200 Kilpatrick Avenue

Chief Parrott presented the item for discussion and advised that the same principle applies to this application in regard to meeting the necessary standard for approval. Chief Parrott recommended that the permit request be denied due to not meeting the criteria as established.

Commissioner Ernst recommended that a review of the matter take place in regard to this request to see if the restrictions from the parkway parking item on the agenda will have a positive or negative impact on the parking issue within the 7200 block of Kilpatrick. Chief Parrott advised that a 6-month review would be in order due to the currently vacant building on the northeast corner of Kilpatrick and Touhy Avenues that may have an impact once occupied for the 7200 block of Kilpatrick. Traffic and parking impact look backs are common with new businesses in the Village and often established by the Village Board when approval is made.

Commissioner Ernst made a motion to deny the resident only parking request with a new parking study to take place without the requirement for a new petition by the residents in 6 months. Commissioner Boynton seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0 in a roll call vote.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion – Parkway Parking Restrictions for 7200 Keating Avenue (west side) Restrict parking up to two hours only daily from 6am to 9pm, no commercial vehicle parking at anytime and no parking from 9pm to 6am.

Chief Parrott presented the item for discussion and advised of the current language in the Code is outdated due to the existing and renewed lease agreement between Toyota of Lincolnwood and the Village. The public parkway parking of 12 spaces on the west side of Keating north of Touhy Avenue currently had no restrictions and this parking was consumed by Toyota employees. Chief Parrott also advised that the dealership placed signs not in compliance with the Code restricting parking for employees of the dealership only. Chief Parrott advised those signs were to be removed by months end by the dealership otherwise the Village would be removing the signs. Chief Parrott advised that parking restrictions were necessary to allow customers to park in the parkway parking and restrict commercial vehicles.

Commissioner Ernst made a motion to approve staff's recommendation on the parkway parking restrictions after all items of discussion and public forum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boynton and the motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

8. Public Forum

Amani Faraj, a resident spoke in favor of resident only parking for 7200 Kilpatrick Avenue and the difficulty of parking on the block from business customers of the nearby businesses parking on the block and not parking in the lot for customers.

Naeem Dhijay, a resident spoke in favor of resident only parking for the 7200 block of Kilpatrick Avenue.

Yasmin Olivarez, a resident spoke in favor of resident only parking for 7200 block of Kilpatrick Avenue.

Two other residents were present and indicated they were in favor of resident only parking but did not formally speak. Comments from attendees to the Commission when inquiry was made was that local business customers including customers from Psistaria Restaurant were parking on the 7200 block of Kilpatrick and not utilizing customer parking in the lots.

Although not present, staff informed the Commission of a business owner, John Argianas who indicated he was in favor of restricted parking for the parkway of 7200 Keating north of Touhy Avenue on the west side.

An email from a Darren Montalto from Leader Auto Group representing the Toyota Dealership, did not want restricted parking for the parkway in the 7200 block of Keating and wanted the parking as first come, first served.

9. Report by Staff

Chief Parrott reported speed radar warning signs were placed on Cicero Avenue in the 6600 block for north and southbound traffic due to complaints. The speed radar trailer was placed on Devon Avenue east of the Valley Line Trail for west bound traffic to be warned before approaching the trail. Warning signs are in place for westbound Pratt Avenue at Keeler Avenue. The police messaging board is in place to warn eastbound traffic along Northeast parkway.

Police have also been conducting speed enforcement throughout the Village and near Proesel park due to the concerns. The Memorial Day holiday also brings special enforcement through grant funding from IDOT.

Based on the agenda items and concerns expressed, letters by the police department will be sent to the businesses near 7200 Kilpatrick asking for the businesses to be considerate of the parking complaint for the nearby residents. Letters will also be sent to the Lincoln Avenue car dealerships on driving behavior complaints of their car porters and concerns of employees parking on North Shore Avenue.

10. Good of the Order

Commissioners Boynton and Costantino expressed concerns of speeding vehicles along Hamlin near Morse Avenue and concerns related to the car porters driving in excess of posted speed limits for the car dealerships located at Pratt and Lincoln Avenues.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Costantino moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Commissioner Jin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Jay Parrott
Chief of Police