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TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

March 13, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Council Chamber - City Hall

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Gentry	(18-02)	05/31/21
	John Reece	(07-00)	12/04/22
	Keith Marriott	(02-00)	08/27/23
	Randy Parlett	(02-02)	07/11/23
	Robert Douglass	(01-00)	02/11/24

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clements, Director of Public Works and Transportation
Brady McKinley, Asst. Director of Public Works and Transportation
Keven Schneider, Superintendent of Streets
Scott Gatewood, Traffic and Parking Supervisor
Bryan Carter, City Attorney
Chris McBane, Sergeant, Traffic Unit
Chris Crain, Recording Secretary

Item 1 Call to order and elect Chair and Vice Chairperson.

Acting Chairperson Gentry called the meeting to order. A welcome was extended to Robert Douglass who was appointed February 11, 2019.

Member Reece nominated David Gentry as the Chairperson for the Traffic Commission for 2019. Member Marriott seconded the nomination. Member Gentry nominated John Reece as the Vice Chairperson for 2019. Member Parlett seconded the nomination. By unanimous vote, David Gentry and John Reece were elected as Chair and Vice Chair for 2019.

Item 2 Approve minutes.

Member Reece motioned to approve the November 2018 minutes and Member Marriott seconded the motion. (Traffic Commission has not met since 11/14/18.) **By general consent the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.**

Item 3 Remove parking restriction and allow 2-hour parking on the east side of 7th Street between Felix and Edmond.

Mary McGarry submitted a written request for a traffic study to examine the feasibility of removing the parking restriction and allow parking on the east side of 7th Street in the block between Felix and Edmond Streets. Ms. McGarry informed the Traffic Commission that the sidewalks are wider in that block and that if the sidewalks were readjusted, there would be room for parking on both sides of the street.

Patrick Modlin, owner of the property at 722 Felix, (8th and Felix) believes that it is the responsibility of the City to look at the parking situation downtown to address the proximity of parking to the businesses for it to be a vibrant community.

Austin Benson, Marty Novak and Laura Wyeth believe the lack of street parking is a deterrent to businesses locating in the downtown district.

Member Parlett moved that the Traffic Commission recommend the Public Works Department conduct a study of the sidewalk and parking issues in this block of 7th Street and provide recommendations. Member Reece seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Brian Myers noted that there are 15-minute parking spaces on the west side of the street that he believes create an unfair advantage for the business. Scott Gatewood answered that businesses are required to pay the City a yearly fee for customer service parking spaces.

Item 4 Electric Vehicle Parking Ordinance discussion.

In 2017 Kansas City Power and Light (KCPL) entered into an agreement with the City to install and operate electric vehicle charging stations in certain City-owned parking lots. Since the installation, gas powered cars park in the spaces designated for electric vehicle charging. This ordinance will make it unlawful for a vehicle that is gas powered, or an electric vehicle that is not connected to a vehicle charging station, to be parked in an electric vehicle designated space in City lots as well as public lots. Violators would be assessed a fine of \$25.00.

Member Parlett asked if there was a revenue sharing agreement with KCPL for spaces in the City owned lots or with businesses that have given up space in commercial lots. Andy Clements advised that this is something that may be discussed in the future with various providers.

Chairperson Gentry inquired about the fines assessed for other parking violations. Sergeant Chris McBane responded that fines for specific violations vary and increase if fines are not paid within the specified time period.

Member Reece motioned that the Traffic Commission support the ordinance as written and forward to the City Council for consideration. Member Parlett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Member Reece moved that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Member Parlett. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Crain

Chris Crain, Recording Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting: April 10, 2019.