

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Consent Calendar

May 19, 2014
Item No: 8G

To: Mayor Gerri L. Graham-Mejia & Members of the City Council

Via: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager

From: Steven A. Mendoza, Community Development/Public Works Director
David L. Hunt, City Engineer

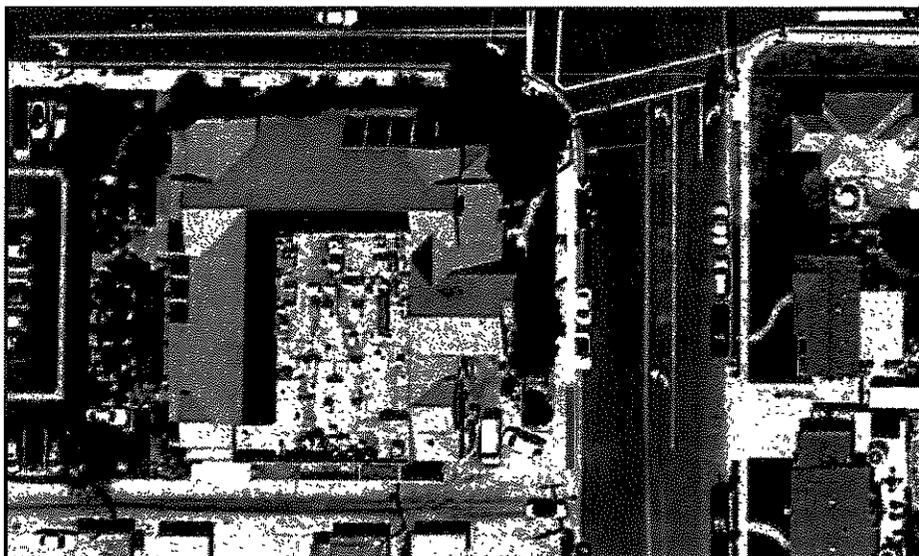
Subject: Request for Restricted Loading/Unloading Parking on Lexington Drive from Katella Avenue to the First Southerly Alley

Summary: Staff received a request from the Traffic Commission to look into restricting parking, on the west side of Lexington Drive to a loading and unloading zone, from Katella Avenue to first southerly alley.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2014-03, ' A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS ESTABLISHING A LOADING/UNLOADING, 7AM TO 4PM – WEST SIDE OF LEXINGTON DRIVE SOUTH OF KATELLA AVENUE'.

Background

Staff received a request from the Traffic Commission to look into restricting parking, on the west side of Lexington Drive to loading and unloading, from Katella Avenue to red curb by the first southerly alley. There is approximately 85 feet of parking available in the section of Lexington Drive as seen in the aerial photo below by the white arrow and 30 feet of red curb by the fire hydrant.





Westside of Lexington at Katella Ave. Delivery trucks parking in middle of street



Double deep in alley and on-site delivery area

At the February 12, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting, the Traffic Commission made the recommendation to set up a loading/unloading only parking zone on Lexington Drive on the east side of Katella Deli between the hours of 7 AM – 4 PM with unrestricted parking at other times so residents in the area could park overnight. The motion carried unanimously; this recommendation is now being forwarded to the City Council for their review and consideration.

Discussion

Trucks parking in the alley make it difficult and sometimes impossible for cars to drive down the alley. This is one of the business alleys in the City with about 400 vehicles per day driving in the alley at this location. The Traffic Code allows parking in the alley for deliveries in Section 10.24.060, Parking prohibited in alleys states:

No person shall park any vehicle in any alley for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of passengers or materials. (Ord. 409 § 2, 1981)

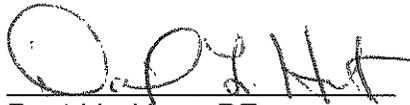
By providing a loading/unloading zone on Lexington Drive next to the Katella Deli it will allow more free flowing traffic in the alley. Changing the parking during the day to loading and unloading would remove 3 to 4 parking spaces on Lexington Drive. Staff talked with the Manager of Katella Deli and discussed this proposed change and he stated that he and the owner are fine with the restricted parking and that it would help his large delivery trucks to have that space to park. He also states that during the day the cars parking at this site are himself and other employees of Katella Deli.

All residents within 500 feet will be given a flyer on May 12, 2014, notifying them that the City Council would be considering this change.

Fiscal Impact

Two signs would be purchased and installed at a cost of under \$300. This would come out of the Street Marking and Signage account of the 2013/2014 approved budget.

Prepared By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

Reviewed By:



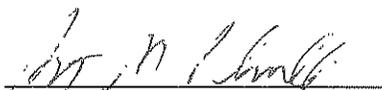
Steven Mendoza
Community Development/Public Works
Director

Fiscal Impact Reviewed By:



Glenn L. Steinbrink
Interim Administrative Services Director

Approved By:



Bret M. Plumlee
City Manager

Attachment: 1) *Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2014*
2) *Resolution No. 2014-03*

**MINUTES OF REGULAR
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**

February 12, 2014

6. STAFF REPORTS

C. Request for Loading/Unloading Parking on Lexington Drive from Katella Avenue to the First Southerly Alley

Dave Hunt gave a summary of the report and information contained therein. Mr. Hunt talked to the manager of Katella Deli, who then talked to the owner, and they are in favor of the proposed change. They agreed to ask delivery trucks to use curb loading and unloading before using the alley. Mr. Hunt stated that he is recommending approval of the request for the loading/unloading parking. He then turned discussion over to the Commission.

Concern was raised about parking being transferred into the neighborhood. Mr. Hunt stated that it would be a loss of three spaces, and those spaces are usually occupied by Katella Deli employees who will be encouraged to park in the parking lot.

Commissioner Mejia noted that there was some work being done in the alley and was concerned that trucks traveling over the speed humps may have caused deterioration of the alley. He also noted that after the trucks unloaded their vehicles they would have to proceed south on Lexington Drive to come out on Noel Street.

Mr. Hunt stated that this parking restriction would have to be taken to City Council for approval. Prior to Council consideration he would notify everyone within 500 ft. of the proposed restriction.

Commission inquired if it would be possible to have parking for loading and unloading for specified hours during the day. Mr. Hunt does not recall seeing signs for specific hours for loading and unloading.

Discussion ensued about taking away residential parking. The possibility of implementing loading/unloading parking with a time limit was a consideration because it would not restrict parking all the time. Mr. Hunt stated that the Commission could make that recommendation and he will look into time restricted loading/unloading zones.

MOTION: FIRST/SECOND Patz/Biri: Set up loading/unloading only parking on Lexington Drive for 100 ft. from Katella Avenue to first southerly alley between the hours of 7 AM – 4 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

**A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LOS ALAMITOS ESTABLISHING A LOADING /
UNLOADING, 7AM TO 4PM ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE
OF LEXINGTON DRIVE SOUTH OF KATELLA AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the city engineer has recommended that certain areas on the west side of Lexington Drive south of Katella Avenue to the existing red curb at the first southerly alley be established as a loading / unloading, 7am to 4pm zone and unrestricted the remainder of the time; and,

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2014 the Traffic Commission of the City of Los Alamitos heard the item; took public testimony into consideration and recommended to the City Council to establish said loading / unloading, 7am to 4pm zone and unrestricted the remainder of the time on the west side of Lexington Drive south of Katella Avenue to the existing red curb at the first southerly alley; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Alamitos has established by Ordinance that the City Council will, by resolution, designate certain streets or portions of streets as time limit parking; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Los Alamitos has determined that the public health, safety, and welfare will be promoted by designating the hereinafter described areas as a loading / unloading, 7am to 4pm zone and unrestricted the remainder of the time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Los Alamitos, California, finds that the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. A loading / unloading, 7am to 4pm zone, and unrestricted the remainder of the time, on the west side of Lexington Drive south of Katella Avenue to the existing red curb at the first southerly alley (*see attached Exhibit A*) is hereby established.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of May 2014.

Gerri L. Graham-Mejia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Windmera Quintanar, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cary Reisman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS)

I, Windmera Quintanar, City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 19th day of May 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Windmera Quintanar, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

