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Th12b

Prepared May 8, 2023 for May 11, 2023 Hearing

To: Commissioners and Interested Persons

From: Kevin Kahn, Central Coast District Manager
Kiana Ford, Central Coast Planner

**Subject: Additional hearing materials for Th12b
Appeal Number A-3-STC-22-0018 (Nighttime Oversize Vehicle Parking
Restrictions)**

This package includes additional materials related to the above-referenced hearing item as follows:

Additional ex parte disclosures received in the time since the staff report was distributed

EXHIBIT B

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Filed by Commissioner: Justin Cummings

1) Name, agenda item # or description of project: Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions Thursday May 11 item 12b

2) Date and time of receipt of communication: May 3, 2023 16:40

3) Location of communication: Santa Cruz County Board Conference room 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication: Matt Huffaker

5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made: _____
City of Santa Cruz

6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication: Commissioner Justin Cummings and Trina Barton, Third District Staff

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: Commissioner Justin Cummings, Trina Barton, Lee Butler, Lisa Murphy, Matt Huffaker, Larry Imwale

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

See attachment

5/3/2023
Date


Signature of Commissioner

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On May 3rd, 2023 at 16:40 Santa Cruz City staff members Larry Imwalle (Homelessness Response Manager) Lisa Murphy (Deputy City Manager), Lee Butler (Planning and Community Development Director) Commissioner Justin Cummings, and Third District staff member Trina Barton met after City Manager Matt Huffaker reached out to meet regarding Application No. A-3-STC-22-0018 (Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions, Santa Cruz), which will be heard on May 11th, 2023. The City manager expressed that they were reaching out because they wanted an opportunity to hear any questions Commissioner Cummings might have regarding the Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions application and the current status of the City's Safe Parking Program. Trina Barton, from my staff was present to help take notes. I expressed to the City staff that I thought that the meeting was for me to hear from them, so they provided a brief update on the City's safe parking program.

Currently, there are 15 vehicles fully enrolled in the tier 3 program, including a 40ft vehicle that takes up substantial space. Twenty vehicles is the maximum number of vehicles for tier 3. There are nine vehicles in the tier 2 program which is overnight only and is in downtown lots and they have identified 47 spaces in total for tier 2. Tier 1 was located at the police department, which were emergency sites, but many of them have been moved over to the tier 3 sites. They also expressed that there is demand for tier 3 sites, but those are the hardest to locate due to the fact that they offer 24/7 services. They expressed that the downtown lots used for tier 2 are challenging to use as tier 3 because businesses use them. The tier 3 lots cost \$500,000/ year to maintain and currently there are four full time staff that are running the program. The City representatives expressed that if they ran out of capacity and people are interested in the program they would be provided a voucher.

The City expressed that what has evolved since the substantial issue was raised was that the City eliminated the setbacks from intersections and the representatives expressed that they appreciated working with the Coastal staff and the recommendation of an approval for one year.

I asked the applicants if they had any conversation with the appellants, to which they said that they had not had any discussion with Reggie Meisler who is a member of Santa Cruz Cares and filed the appeal, except for public record act requests made by Mr. Meisler. The city staff did indicate that the cities attorneys had been in contact with the attorneys from the ACLU.

When I asked the City representatives about their funding situation and how they foresee being able to support the program moving forward, the City Manager expressed that they were committed to sustaining and maintaining the program with approval of the permit. He also expressed that this is a big move for the City of Santa Cruz because many other jurisdictions are not offering 24/7 support and they are committed to maintaining services if the permit is approved.

They also expressed that this would help build capacity for the Free Guide, which is the provider of the services for the RV program. The city went on to express that there are no providers locally in this realm and that the Free Guide and Salvation Army were the only applicants. The Free Guide had no prior experience running this kind of program and this could offer future opportunities for growth. The Free Guide also helped operate the winter shelter and have been helping to meet an unmet need.

I was then asked if I had any further questions at this time, to which I said I did not due to the fact that the City Manager had sent an earlier text expressing that he had a hard stop at 16:45.

End of transcript.

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A-3-STC-22-0018 (OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS)

MAY 11, 2023 HEARING

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

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EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Filed by Commissioner: Justin Cummings

1) Name, agenda Item # or description of project: Oversized Vehicle Ordinance #
your project pertains to an item on our current agenda, please write the item # above.

2) Date and time of receipt of communication: 4/18/2023 @ 18:25 hrs

3) Location of communication: Parish Public House 841 Almar Ave Santa Cruz, CA 95969 (If not in person, include the means of communication, e.g., telephone, e-mail, etc.)

4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication: Michael Polhamus

5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made: _____

Michael Polhamus

6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication: Justin Cummings

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: Justin Cummings, Michael Polhamus, Sean Maxwell

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

I was having a conversation with Sean Maxwell at the Parish Public house when we were approached by Michael Polhamus. Just before Michael left he asked to discuss an item pending before the coastal commission. I encouraged him to set up a time to discuss the item due to ex parte communications and he replied by requesting that I reject the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, which will be coming before the commission. That was the extent of our conversation regarding the item.

4/20/2023
Date


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EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Filed by Commissioner: Andy Schiffrin, staff to Commissioner Cummings

1) Name or description of project: Daide Way street striping in Santa Cruz

2) Date and time of receipt of communication: 4/17/23

3) Location of communication: Telephone

(If not in person, include the means of communication, e.g., telephone, e-mail, etc.)

4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication: Renee Kwan

5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made: Same

6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication: Andy Schiffrin

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: Andy Schiffrin and Renee Kwan

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

Ms. Kwan is a property owner on David Way and opposes the proposed striping of parking spaces on the street, though it will reduce traffice and increase property values. Only a minority of the street's residents support the proposal (9 of 65), despite the proponents statements that it has overwhelming support. The justification given is that it will increase public safety, and reduce trash and noise but the real reason (from emails) is to target RVs and school buses, which will reduce coastal access. It will reduce parking spaces from 21 to 10. She urges Commissioner Cummings not to support the proposal. She is in real estate and property development so her opposition may be surprising.

April 17, 2023

Date

Andy Schiffrin
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