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The Transportation Infrastructure Mobility Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Work Session Room, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

Present: Chris Ott, Chair
Dylan Hedrick, Council Member
Carissa Dutton, Council Member

Staff Present: Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Paul Luedtke, Transportation Director
Carma Potter, Recording Secretary

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Carissa Dutton and seconded by Council member Dylan Hedrick to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024, meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **No Parking Zone: Naaman Forest and Mansions Drive - Scoping Discussion**

This item was referred to the Committee by Councilmember Ott, with a second from Councilmember Hedrick at the February 17, 2025, Work Session.

Chair Ott introduced the issue, citing anticipated development of a future soccer complex at Holford and President George Bush Turnpike.

Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation, provided detailed responses:

- Explained that Naaman Forest Boulevard is planned as a four-lane divided road that will eventually become a through street.
- Noted that current on-street parking stems largely from nearby apartment residents avoiding fees for garage/covered parking.
- Confirmed the area has received complaints, and some restricted parking is already in place.
- Clarified that parking restrictions would be implemented once the road connects, in conjunction with or shortly before construction completion.

Councilmember Carissa Dutton raised concerns about the city's reactive posture and suggested early restrictions to build public awareness.

Committee consensus was that parking restrictions would be timed with or just ahead of roadway completion, not immediately.

b. No Parking Zone: Stadium Drive Near General Dynamics - Scoping Discussion

This item was referred by Councilmember Ott, with a second from Councilmember Hedrick at the February 17, 2025, Work Session.

Clarification made that the location was mislabeled as "Stadium Drive" in the agenda; the actual problem area is Fifth Street, south of Cooper Concrete.

Chair Ott described:

- Ongoing illegal parking of 5–17 vehicles daily, including an 18-wheeler.
- Vehicles parked in lanes intended for traffic, reducing usability of the four-lane street.
- "No Parking" signs are present but in disrepair and widely ignored.

Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation, responded that

- Confirmed signs can be refreshed.
- Noted that City Marshals could enforce parking restrictions once signage is updated.
- Confirmed that leaving vehicles in the street for multiple days is also a code violation.

There was committee discussion that emphasized that nearby businesses should have sufficient private parking and that the road is now critical for shuttle operations during events.

The committee agreed on next steps:

- Refresh signage.
- Implement targeted enforcement.
- Monitor for compliance.

4. ADJOURN

At 5:13p.m., the meeting was adjourned.