
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Steven Beeuwsaert at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Beeuwsaert.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Steven Beeuwsaert, Vice Chair Mark Jones, Commissioner Mike Caputo, Commissioner Greg Staar and Commissioner Larry Woodruff

Director of Public Services/City Engineer Kenneth H. Rosenfield, informed the Traffic Commission of an inadvertent technical error at the January 27, 2016, Traffic Commission meeting, which caused the exterior doors of City Hall to lock at 7:00 PM. While there were members of the public at the January 27th meeting, other members of the public stated they were unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, Mr. Rosenfield stated it was appropriate to repeat the action items from the January 27th meeting for the Election of Chair and Vice Chair, and Review of Beckenham Street Parking Conditions.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Beeuwsaert to open nominations to elect a new Chair. Commissioner Mike Caputo nominated Chair Steven Beeuwsaert. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Larry Woodruff. There were no further nominations.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Beeuwsaert to open nominations to elect a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Larry Woodruff nominated Vice Chair Mark Jones. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Greg Staar. There were no further nominations.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident David Oslinker of Laguna Village, addressed the Commission regarding street sweeping on Mill Creek Road. Mr. Oslinker requested the City post no parking signs on the days and times of street sweeping on Mill Creek Road, to allow the street sweeper to sweep the street more efficiently.

4. MINUTES

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2016, ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER STAAR, S/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0**

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 REVIEW OF BECKENHAM STREET PARKING CONDITIONS

Director of Public Services/City Engineer, Kenneth H. Rosenfield, indicated over the course of the past 18 months, staff has responded to resident concerns regarding an increase in overnight parking activity on Beckenham Street. The Traffic Commission has reviewed the existing parking regulations, the results of multiple night surveys of vehicle parking and considered several parking control options to address residents concerns. Most recently, the City Council discussed the potential creation of a Permit Parking Zone on Beckenham Street with Permits being made available only to residents of the Acacia Knolls community and the Sunset Place community. However, after public comments on this proposal, the City Council requested an alternate approach of the addition of a no overnight parking zone on the southerly side of Beckenham Street across the frontage of Acacia Knolls. Director Rosenfield indicated this regulation was implemented as of November 30, 2015, and staff had performed before and after parking counts on Beckenham Street. The most recent survey on March 8, 2016, indicated the new parking regulation on Beckenham Street did not have a significant impact on night parking usage on the nearby streets of Sunset Place West, Sunset Place East, Costeau Street or Camberwell Street. Vehicle parking in the area continues to occur in a legal manner and has not consumed the

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available parking supply. Director Rosenfield indicated that unless new information or concerns are expressed about the newly established No Parking Zone, staff recommends that no further parking control options need to be considered at this time.

Director Rosenfield indicated the City Council also requested staff look at extending parking on Laguna Hills Drive to address overflow parking from Beckenham Street. Director Rosenfield stated parking on the City's arterial highways is generally prohibited for traffic flow and operational purposes, but Laguna Hills Drive is one of the few exceptions. There is a Permit Parking Zone on a portion of the north side of Laguna Hills Drive westerly of Paseo de Valencia that exists for the sole benefit of the medical office uses at that corner. Open parking is not permitted on the north side of Laguna Hills Drive to avoid its daily use by students of Laguna Hills High School and the resultant potential undesirable mid-block student-pedestrian crossing of this arterial highway. Day time parking only is allowed on the south side of Laguna Hills Drive to accommodate student parking needs. There is no overnight parking on Laguna Hills Drive in the area easterly of Paseo de Valencia. While nightly parking on the north side of Laguna Hills Drive, beyond the existing Permit Parking Zone could be allowed, beginning 1000' westerly of Paseo de Valencia, it may not be necessary and it may be too distant to be effective to pull parking off of Beckenham Street. In the alternative, the Permit Parking Zone could be expanded or modified in favor of "first come, first served" utilization of the potential parking supply with permits offered to City residents, but this alternative raises other issues, particularly for the medical office building. Director Rosenfield indicated staff recommends that no action on this parking supply option be pursued at this time.

Resident Dee Dee Gollwitzer of Sunset Place, spoke in favor of permit parking on Laguna Hills Drive, and concerns about potential overflow parking onto Sunset Place, if permit parking were extended on Beckenham Street.

Resident Lou Greenleaf of Acacia Knolls, requested the City allow residents of Acacia Knolls to park on Beckenham Street, in the no overnight parking section, while Acacia Knolls performs upcoming curb, gutter and asphalt repairs.

Resident Norma Sangalang of Acacia Knolls, spoke in favor of permit parking on Beckenham Street.

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Resident Hugh Meador of Acacia Knolls, spoke in favor of permit parking on Beckenham Street.

Resident Gary Steinberg of Sunset Place, spoke in favor of permit parking on Laguna Hills Drive, and against permit parking on Beckenham Street.

Resident Nancy Yuu of Acacia Knolls, stated the parking conditions are difficult for the Acacia Knolls residents.

Debbie Rey, HOA President for Acacia Knolls, stated there are 99 units in Acacia Knolls, 25% of the units do not have driveways and Acacia Knolls only has 26 guest parking spaces. Ms. Rey spoke in favor of permit parking on Beckenham Street.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY
M/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0**

**6.2 REVIEW OF HON AVENUE TO KENNINGTON DRIVE PASS-
THROUGH TRAFFIC AND TRAFFIC SPEED CONDITIONS NEAR
CLARINGTON PARK**

Director Rosenfield indicated a resident recently contacted staff with an expressed concern that the residential neighborhood northerly of Alicia Parkway (referred to as the Missions Planned Community), which is accessed via Alicia Parkway/Hon Avenue and Paseo de Valencia/Kennington Drive, was a “major cut-through” for drivers intending to avoid traffic conditions along either or both Alicia Parkway and Paseo de Valencia. There was also an expressed concern over traffic vehicle speed near Clarington Park and a request for Speed Humps. Staff initiated an evaluation of the above issues and retained the consulting firm of Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., to evaluate the field conditions. Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., initiated an Origin and Destination Study, which determined a 19% pass-through condition of traffic during the three-hour study period. The vehicular traffic speed in the report found an 85th percentile speed, the speed at which 85% of the drivers are driving at or below, to be 29 mph near Clarington Park. The 10 mile per hour pace was 20 to 29 mph covering 82% of all vehicles. The expected traffic speed on a 25 mph speed limit street has been shown to be between 32 and 34 mph. However, in this case, the traffic speed was consistent with the speed limit. The use of physical devices to address traffic conditions is addressed in the City’s Residential Streets Management Policy, which states,

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relative to speed humps, that these devices will only be considered when all other traffic control options and police enforcement have been exhausted and where the prevailing speed of traffic is greater than 34 mph for two speed surveys taken one month apart. In the current evaluation, the vehicular traffic speed does not support considering physical devices. Director Rosenfield stated the survey results of a 19% pass-through condition and an 85th percentile speed of 29 mph were not unusual or inconsistent with the usage of these roadways.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY
M/VICE CHAIR JONES, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0**

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Sergeant Prince gave a verbal report updating the Traffic Commission on traffic issues in the City. Sergeant Prince updated the Commission on the Sheriff's response to the Beckenham Street vehicle vandalism, and reported they have increased patrols in the area. Staff selected a Deputy to fill a vacant Motor Deputy position, and pending successful completion of training, the new Motor Deputy should begin patrol in the summer. Sergeant Prince acknowledged Motor Deputy Joseph Bucaro, who has worked extra hours to help backfill the vacant Motor Deputy position. Deputy Bucaro successfully interacts with the public and is excellent with public relations, and has provided the City with a balanced traffic index rating. Sergeant Prince stated Deputy Bucaro is making a difference for the safety of our community.

7.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer. Staff stated resident Mike Bland on Lost Colt Drive, requested the trailer be placed in a different location on Lost Colt Drive, and staff is accommodating Mr. Bland's request.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mike Caputo

Commissioner Caputo wanted to thank Deputy Joseph Bucaro for his service.

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Chair Steven Beeuwsaert

Chair Beeuwsaert recommended the Traffic Commission request the City Council acknowledge Deputy Joseph Bucaro for his service to the community.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Beeuwsaert declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Prepared by:

Kenneth H. Rosenfield, P.E.
Director of Public Services/City Engineer

Approved By:

STEVEN BEEUWSAERT, CHAIR