
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Ed Rowe

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Rowe, Vice Chair Froelich, Commissioner Beeuwsaert, Commissioner Caputo

Absent: Commissioner Frazier

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Rowe to open nominations to elect a new Chair. Commissioner Michael Caputo nominated Commissioner Donald Froelich. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Beeuwsaert. Nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous.

Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Frazier Absent)

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Froelich to open nominations to elect a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Steven Beeuwsaert nominated Commissioner Michael Caputo. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Ed Rowe. Nominations were closed, Vote was unanimous.

Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Frazier Absent)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

4. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2014, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER ROWE, S/VICE CHAIR CAPUTO

Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Frazier Absent)

5. PRESENTATIONS**5.1 CITYWIDE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR SPEED LIMITS**

Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, indicated that the Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits is required by the California Vehicle Code and is required to be performed by Agencies in order to set speed limits. Mr. Javed introduced consulting Traffic Engineer, Jerry Stock, from Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., to present the Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits. Jerry Stock, Traffic Engineer, reported that the Traffic Survey ensures that speed limits are being properly established, speed traps are not being created, and speed limit enforcement is allowed by radar. This Traffic Survey was performed by having a certified radar technician use a calibrated radar gun and collect surveys in an inconspicuous unmarked car that is away from stop signs and traffic signals to be able to record free flow of traffic. This data is collected during off peak hours to allow a measurement of the free flow of traffic. The information is entered into a computer program that generates the 85th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of the motorists are traveling at or below. The information is compiled into a report that documents all of the findings, road assessments, streetlight and sign locations, and specific recommendations are made based on this information. In the current City Wide Engineering and Traffic survey, 62 roadway segments throughout the City were surveyed. In summary, recommendations are as follows: (1) Removal of conflicting speed limit signage on Rapid Falls Road from Cabot Road to Lost Trail Drive in the westbound direction; and (2) Establishment of a Residence District (25 mph) along Nellie Gail Road from Cabot Road to Gallup Circle. There are no recommendations for speed limit changes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 ALL-WAY STOP SIGN WARRANT ANALYSIS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BARBERA AT MARSALA

Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, indicated that staff received a request from a resident to perform a Multi-Way Stop Sign Analysis at the intersection of Barbera at Marsala in order to assist with traffic flow during school drop-off and pick-up hours. Mr. Javed reported that the intersection was adjacent to San Joaquin Elementary School and that a similar analysis was performed in 1996. Upon receiving the current request, the City's consulting firm, Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., performed a Multi-Way Stop Sign Analysis in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Mr. Javed indicated that the results revealed that there was no stop sign warranted at this location. Mr. Javed reported that the City was going to perform a pedestrian count to see if a crossing guard is warranted at this intersection in order to assist with pedestrian crossing.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT WITH THE ADDITION OF RESEARCHING ADDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BARBERA.

Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Frazier Absent)

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 ACCIDENT HISTORY AT THE INTERSECTION OF MOULTON PARKWAY AND LA PAZ ROAD

Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, reported that the City previously received a request to perform an accident review at the intersection of Moulton Parkway and La Paz Road. Mr. Javed indicated that the City reviewed the five-year accident history and it was revealed that there were approximately 15 accidents in a five-year time frame. Approximately 3 accidents a year, which was not excessive for an intersection of that nature. Mr. Javed indicated that there were no fatalities, a few injuries, and a few driving under the influence (DUI's).

Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Frazier Absent)

7.2 ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA) MEASURE M2 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM UPDATE

Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, gave an update on the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Measure M2 Environmental Clean-Up Grant Program. Mr. Javed provided a summary of the projects the City had received funding for.

7.3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant Matthew Prince introduced himself to the Traffic Commission and gave a brief summary of his background and experience in the Sheriff's Department.

7.4 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, introduced the new Administrative Assistant, Lucy Echevarria, to the Traffic Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Froelich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the meeting of May 14, 2014

Prepared by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Approved By:

Donald Froelich
Chair