
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 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 Rowe at 7:02 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Ed Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Ed Rowe, Chair
 Donald Froelich, Vice Chair
 Rick Frazier, Commissioner

Absent: Steven Beeuwsaert, Commissioner
 Michael Caputo, Commissioner

Staff Present: Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer; Cindy Sands,
 Administrative Assistant

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DONALD FROELICH,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICK FRAZIER, TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2013, TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Frazier, Vice Chair Froelich, and Chair Rowe

NOES:

ABSENT: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Caputo

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 ON-STREET PARKING ON STOCKPORT STREET

Staff stated that a resident had contacted the City with concerns regarding parking issues for residents of the Alicia Village and Alicia Plaza Apartments located on Stockport Street. The resident described parking shortages within the department complexes and along public streets adjacent to the apartments and requested assistance from the City in alleviating some of the parking burden. Staff briefly reviewed the background information and history of the City's previous actions including the implementation of a permit parking program for employees of the Laguna Hills Dental Plaza on Laguna Hills Drive. As a result of the current request, staff reviewed parking restrictions along the adjacent public streets and determined that approximately one hundred and fifty feet of curb could be made available on Stockport Street to provide additional parking. Staff is recommending that the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council the amendment of No Stopping Anytime Zones on portions of Stockport Street.

Mr. Mike Sanders, a resident of the Alicia Village Apartments, thanked Mr. Humza Javed for his time and stated his appreciation for the City's assistance with this issue.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE AMENDMENT OF NO STOPPING ANYTIME ZONES ON PORTIONS OF STOCKPORT STREET.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Frazier, Vice Chair Froelich, and Chair Rowe
NOES:
ABSENT: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Caputo

4.2 SIDE STREET STOP SIGN ON RED CORRAL ROAD AT MUSTANG DRIVE

Staff stated that this item was continued from the meeting of November 20, 2013, per request of the Traffic Commission, to allow staff the opportunity to contact residents in the vicinity of Red Corral Road at Mustang Drive. The residents were requested to respond if they had any concerns with the installation of the stop sign. Letters were mailed to fifty-one residents in the vicinity and staff reported that three residents responded in opposition to the installation of a stop sign control.

Staff stated that originally a resident had contacted the City with a request to evaluate the need for an all-way stop control at the intersection of Mustang Drive at Red Corral Road. As a result of this request, the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. performed a multi-way stop sign analysis in accordance with the guidelines of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Results of the analysis determined that this intersection does not meet the State standards for an all-way stop sign control; however, a side street stop sign is recommended based on the curvature of the roadway and speed of traffic on Mustang Drive.

Mr. Jack Noenickx, a resident of Red Corral Road, stated that he is in opposition to the installation of a side street stop sign on Red Corral Road at Mustang Drive and discussed his concerns with the Traffic Commission. Mr. Noenickx also stated that he believes the majority of residents would be opposed.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with staff and Mr. Noenickx regarding the stop sign analysis performed by Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., the results of the contact with residents, and the various issues presented by Mr. Noenickx.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, SECONDED BY CHAIR ROWE, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON RED CORRAL ROAD AT MUSTANG DRIVE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Frazier, Vice Chair Froelich, and Chair Rowe
NOES:
ABSENT: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Caputo

4.3 REGULATION OF PARKING IN CITY-OWNED PARKING LOTS

Staff stated that this item was continued from the meeting of November 20, 2013, per request of the Traffic Commission, to allow staff time to gather information requested by the Commission. Staff reported that the City has been experiencing issues with vehicles being left overnight in City-owned parking lots at City parks. As a result of this issue, the City performed a survey of the number of cars parked overnight at the Community Center from December 2, 2013, through December 7, 2013. Results of the survey revealed an average of 25 vehicles were parked nightly. The Community Center parking lot holds approximately 66 vehicles and all parking is needed for special events. Staff discussed the concerns brought up at the previous meeting regarding vehicles parked late at night due to events held at the Community Center and informed the Commission that the City has the flexibility to regulate the parking ordinance, when necessary, on a case-by-case basis. Staff is recommending the amendment of Chapter 11-12 of the LHMC.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 11-12 OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY-OWNED PARKING LOTS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Frazier, Vice Chair Froelich, and Chair Rowe
NOES:
ABSENT: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Caputo

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Staff not available.

5.4 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. to the meeting of March 19, 2014.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Donald Froelich
Chair