



CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 10:00 PM

Steven Beeuwsaert - Chair

Mark Jones - Vice Chair

Greg Staar - Commissioner

Michael Caputo - Commissioner

Larry Woodruff - Commissioner

Location: City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Any person wishing to address the Traffic Commission on any matter, whether or not it appears on this Agenda, is asked to complete a "Request to Speak" form available on the table at the back of the Chamber. The completed form is to be submitted to the Recording Secretary prior to an individual being heard by the Traffic Commission. Completion of the form is voluntary. All persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether this form is completed.

Members of the public wishing to address the Traffic Commission can do so during the Public Comments portion of the Agenda with a time limitation of three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes for Public Comments. If you are commenting on an Agenda item, your comments will be heard at the time that item is scheduled on the Agenda. If you are addressing the Commission on an item not listed on the Agenda, the Traffic Commission is prohibited by law from discussing or taking any action on that item.

CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the City of Laguna Hills. Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 is available on the table at the back of the City Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time to address the City Council on any matter not listed on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes

Recommendation: That the Traffic Commission Approve the Minutes of July 20, 2016.

3. PRESENTATIONS**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

4.1 Review of On-Street Parking on Ramona Street

Recommendation: That The Traffic Commission Recommend to the City Council the Establishment of a No Parking Anytime Zone on the Easterly Side of Ramona Street From Alicia Parkway to Yolanda Street and Restrict Parking at the Corner of Yolanda Street and Ramona Street to Improve Traffic Flow and Sight Distance

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Sheriff's Department Verbal Report

5.2 Radar Speed Trailer

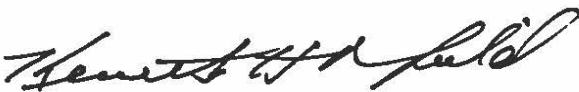
Recommendation: That the Traffic Commission receive and file the Report.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission will be at 10:00 PM in the City Council Chamber, located at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills California.

CERTIFICATION

I, KENNETH H. ROSENFELD, Director of Public Services/City Engineer of the City of Laguna Hills, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at Laguna Hills City Hall, Laguna Hills Community Center, and the Courtyard at La Paz Center by September 27, 2016 at 03:58 PM.



Director of Public Services/City Engineer

September 27, 2016

Date

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City of Laguna Hills

Traffic Commission

Staff Report

DATE: September 21, 2016
TO: Traffic Commissioners
FROM: Kenneth H. Rosenfield P.E.
Director of Public Services/City Engineer
ISSUE: Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Traffic Commission Approve the Minutes of July 20, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TC Minutes 7-20-16

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Vice Chair Mark Jones 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 Vice Chair Jones.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

Absent: Chair Steven Beeuwsaert

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2016, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER CAPUTO, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (CHAIR BEEUWSAERT ABSENT)**

3. PRESENTATIONS

Tram Hartzog, President of Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., gave a presentation and live demonstration regarding the City Central Traffic Signal Control System (CENTRACS) for the City of Laguna Hills and answered questions from the Traffic Commission.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 MODIFICATION OF ON-STREET PARKING CONTROLS ON VISTA GRANDE DRIVE TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Attachment: TC Minutes 7-20-16 (1071 : Minutes)

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Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by Mr. Nama, a business owner, regarding parking conditions on Vista Grande Drive adjacent to driveways. Mr. Nama stated parking along Vista Grande Drive created sight distance issues for vehicles exiting the driveways.

Ms. Shah indicated previously, in 1998, based on complaints from adjacent business owners regarding undesired truck parking and storage of vehicles on Vista Grande Drive, the City Council passed a Resolution Number 98-03-10-1 establishing a No Parking Anytime Zone on the entire block of Vista Grande Drive and other streets in the area. In 2014, based on the request from an adjacent business owner for on street parking due to a shortage of parking on private property, the City Council passed Resolution Number 2014-10-28 establishing parking during business hours only with No Parking from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. At that time, Staff did not anticipate any conflicts between this newly allowed parking and the existing business access points.

Based upon the review of the current site conditions, and the business owner's complaint, Staff recommends that the parking allowed on the street be modified to restrict parking directly adjacent to four driveways for 60 feet and install "No Parking Here to Corner" signs 20 feet from the beginning of the curb return onto Peralta Drive to improve sight distance.

Corey Kausch, business owner at 23231 Vista Grande Drive, spoke against restricting parking on Vista Grande Drive. Mr. Kausch stated his need for as much parking as possible. Mr Kausch requested the parking hours be extended to 9:00 PM on Vista Grande Drive to accommodate the surrounding businesses.

Don Nama, business owner at 23301 Vista Grande Drive, spoke in favor of the proposed parking restrictions. Mr. Nama stated his business has been located on Vista Grande Drive for 31 years and the proposed modifications address a number of his concerns regarding parking on Vista Grande Drive.

Bob Behravan, business owner at 23251 Vista Grande Drive, spoke against restricting parking on Vista Grande Drive. Mr. Behravan stated he was the business owner who requested to have parking restrictions lessened in 2014, and the additional parking the last two years has alleviated parking problems in the adjacent alley. Mr. Behravan stated the proposed new restrictions on parking will negatively impact his business and the surrounding businesses.

Attachment: TC Minutes 7-20-16 (1071 : Minutes)

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**THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL A MODIFICATION OF THE PARKING ALLOWED DURING BUSINESS HOURS ON VISTA GRANDE DRIVE TO RESTRICT PARKING FOR 60 FEET ADJACENT TO FOUR DRIVEWAYS AND RESTRICT PARKING AT THE CORNERS OF VISTA GRANDE DRIVE AND PERALTA DRIVE TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE, AND EXTEND PARKING HOURS FROM 6:00AM TO 9:00PM ON PORTIONS OF VISTA GRANDE DRIVE. M/COMMISSIONER STAAR, S/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (CHAIR BEEUWSAERT ABSENT)**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Sergeant Prince gave a verbal report updating the Traffic Commission on traffic issues in the City. Sergeant Prince indicated prior to the next Traffic Commission meeting, school will be back in session. The first week of school, the Sheriff's Department focuses on maximizing education and enforcement efforts for the parents. The focus is on educating parents on traffic patterns and the proper pick up and drop off locations. Parents are given the opportunity to learn the proper procedures, before being cited for violations later in the school year.

Sergeant Prince also indicated August 2, 2016, will be the Laguna Hills Police Services National Night Out at the Laguna Hills Community Center. Laguna Hills Police Services will participate along with 17,000 other law enforcement agencies, to bring law enforcement and local communities closer together.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Caputo indicated the City's website listed him as the current Chair of the Traffic Commission. Commissioner Caputo requested Staff to update the website.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Vice Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2016**

Prepared by:

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

Approved By:

STEVEN BEEUSWAERT, CHAIR

Attachment: TC Minutes 7-20-16 (1071 : Minutes)



City of Laguna Hills

Traffic Commission

Staff Report

DATE: September 21, 2016
TO: Traffic Commissioners
FROM: Kenneth H. Rosenfield P.E.
Director of Public Services/City Engineer
ISSUE: Review of On-Street Parking on Ramona Street

RECOMMENDATION: That The Traffic Commission Recommend to the City Council the Establishment of a No Parking Anytime Zone on the Easterly Side of Ramona Street From Alicia Parkway to Yolanda Street and Restrict Parking at the Corner of Yolanda Street and Ramona Street to Improve Traffic Flow and Sight Distance

SUMMARY:

The Chair of the Lomas Lagunas Homeowners Association contacted staff with specific concerns regarding parking of vehicles on both sides of Ramona Street and at the curb return at Yolanda Street / Ramona Street, in front of the residence at 26355 Yolanda Street, creating conflicts with traffic flow and sight distance. In response to these concerns, staff performed four separate field visits to review the parking conditions on Ramona Street to document the field conditions and assess potential solutions. As a result of those reviews, and correspondence from the Homeowner's Association, staff is recommending that parking be eliminated on the easterly side of Ramona Street and on the northerly side of Yolanda Street beginning 20 feet before the curb return onto Ramona Street.

BACKGROUND:

Review of On-Street Parking on Ramona Street

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Ramona Street is a two-lane residential collector street accessed from Alicia Parkway, westerly of the intersection of Alicia Parkway at Moulton Parkway. Please see the attached vicinity map. Ramona Street provides access to the Lomas Laguna planned unit development southerly of Alicia Parkway. In the past, staff and the Traffic Commission have reviewed limited parking issues at various locations within the Lomas Laguna development. Currently, a number of no parking zones exist throughout the community, including the no parking anytime zone established on the northerly side of Louisa Street in 2002 due to similar parking concerns detailed below.

Recently, City staff received an email from the Chair of the Lomas Laguna Homeowner's Association on 8/4/16, with specific concerns regarding parking on both sides of Ramona Street and at the curb return from Yolanda Street to Ramona Street in front of the residence at 26355 Yolanda Street. He stated parking on both sides of Ramona Street congests the travel lanes into a narrow passage for through traffic. In addition, parking on the curb return from Yolanda Street to Ramona Street is creating conflicts for vehicles exiting the Lomas Laguna development as the drivers make wider turns to avoid parked vehicles and cannot see all oncoming traffic due to limited visibility (sight distance) at the corner.

Staff has reviewed the concerns and performed four separate field visits at 6:30 pm on 9/8/16, 8:45 am on 9/12/16, 9:30 pm on 9/12/16 and 12:30 pm on 9/15/16 to evaluate the parking conditions on Ramona Street. The street has no fronting residential homes on either side of the street, no sidewalk on the westerly side of the street, and is 34 feet wide from curb to curb. This dimension, if parking occurs on both sides of the street, leaves as little as 18 feet for two travel lanes, less than the 22' necessary for comfortable travel for two lanes of traffic.

During the field visits, staff noted parking on both sides of the street was evident and appeared to be "convenience" parking for area residents. The maximum count of vehicles found to be parking on Ramona Street was eight vehicles at 8:45 am on 9/12/16. All of this parking can be accommodated on the curb length located on the westerly side of Ramona Street. To the extent that this parking activity increases over time from vehicles from other development areas, the parking of vehicles may then encroach into the fronting residential streets of the Lomas Laguna development. Should this occur, this matter may require further review.

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It is, therefore, recommended that parking be eliminated on the easterly side of Ramona Street to improve traffic flow by enhancing travel lane widths and also eliminate parking on the northerly side of Yolanda Street beginning 20 feet before the curb return onto Ramona Street to improve sight distance for vehicles exiting the Lomas Laguna development. This will affect the parking available in front of the residence at 26355 Yolanda Street but it is staff's intention to retain one parking space there.

FISCAL IMPACT:

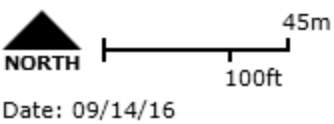
The installation of two "No Parking Anytime Entire Block" signs on the easterly side of Ramona Street and one "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the northerly side of Yolanda Street have an anticipated cost of \$255. Funds are available for this work in the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Public Works Maintenance Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ramona Street Vicinity Map



Attachment: Ramona Street Vicinity Map (1072 : Review of On-Street Parking on Ramona Street)





City of Laguna Hills

Traffic Commission

Staff Report

DATE: September 21, 2016
TO: Traffic Commissioners
FROM: Kenneth H. Rosenfield P.E.
Director of Public Services/City Engineer
ISSUE: Radar Speed Trailer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Traffic Commission receive and file the Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Radar Trailer September

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

SEPTEMBER 2016

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE (RAINY DAYS EXCLUDED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 HOLIDAY	6 Rapid Falls W/O Sundowner 25 MPH	7 Bridlewood S/O Laurel Crest 25 MPH	8 Alameda W/O El Prado 25 MPH	9	10
11	12	13	13	14	16	17
18	19	20 Glen Canyon W/O Nellie Gail 25 MPH	21 Nellie Gail E/O Empty Saddle 25 MPH	22 Lost Colt 27251 E/O Beargrass 25 MPH	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

OCTOBER 2016

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE (RAINY DAYS EXCLUDED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Glen Canyon S/O Nellie Gail 25 MPH	5 Rapid Falls W/O Sundowner 25 MPH	6 Nellie Gail E/O Empty Saddle 25 MPH	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Alameda W/O El Prado 25 MPH	19 Bridlewood S/O Laurel Crest 25 MPH	20 Santa Vittoria N/O Ridge Route 30 MPH	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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NOVEMBER 2016

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE (RAINY DAYS EXCLUDED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bridlewood S/O Laurel Crest 25 MPH	9 Woodbluff S/O Middleridge 25 MPH	10 Nellie Gail E/O Empty Saddle 25 MPH	11 HOLIDAY	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Glen Canyon W/O Nellie Gail 25 MPH	23 Lost Colt 27251 E/O Beargrass 25 MPH	24 THANKSGIVING	25 HOLIDAY	26
27	28	29	30			