
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair 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 Beeuwsaert, Commissioner Mike Caputo, and Commissioner Larry Woodruff

Absent: Vice Chair Mark Jones and Commissioner Greg Staar

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commerce Center Drive Parking

Mr. Geza Simon, a business owner and tenant on Commerce Center Drive, addressed the Traffic Commission regarding the need for parking restrictions and requested the City limit parking on Commerce Center Drive from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Mr. Farid Bahrami, a business owner and tenant on Commerce Center Drive, addressed the Traffic Commission and requested the same parking restrictions as Mr. Simon, and asked the Sheriff's Department for enforcement.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2016, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/CHAIR BEEUWSAERT, S/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0 (VICE CHAIR JONES AND COMMISSIONER CAPUTO ABSENT)

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

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4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING ON RAMONA STREET

Director of Public Services/City Engineer Kenneth H. Rosenfield, indicated Staff was contacted by the Lomas Lagunas Homeowner's Association regarding parking 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 field visits to review the parking conditions on Ramona Street. As a result of the field 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.

Staff received an email from Cathy Kaiser, resident of Villa Solana Apartments, regarding her concern about the potential parking restrictions on Ramona Street, and requested parking on Laguna Hills Drive, or consideration of parking on Moulton Parkway. Ms. Kaiser stated it is difficult to find available parking on-site at the Villa Solana Apartment Complex.

Staff received an email from Jim Mcgrath, resident of 26355 Yolanda Street, requesting a no parking restriction in front of his house, preferably have the curb painted red instead of a no parking sign installed in his yard.

Andrew Herndon, representative of the Lomas Lagunas Homeowner's Association, spoke in favor of painting the curb red at 26355 Yolanda Street in lieu of installing a no parking sign in the front yard. Mr. Herndon indicated the Lomas Lagunas Homeowner's Association would be willing to maintain the painted red curb.

Staff noted that a sign installation has significantly less maintenance requirements than painted curb which is annually repainted.

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. M/COMMISSIONER CAPUTO, S/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0 (VICE CHAIR JONES AND COMMISSIONER CAPUTO ABSENT)

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5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant Prince gave a verbal report updating the Traffic Commission on traffic issues in the City. Sergeant Prince indicated the Sheriff's Department is in the process of procuring a new 2017 BMW Police Motorcycle with a wet clutch, which will save thousands of dollars in maintenance costs over the 2008 dry clutch model it is replacing.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Woodruff requested a future location for the radar trailer placement on the west side of Pike Drive by Mackenzie Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Vice Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Prepared By:

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

Approved By:

STEVEN BEEUWSAERT, CHAIR