
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Mike Caputo 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 Caputo.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mark Jones

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2015, REGULAR MEETING BY M/CHAIR CAPUTO, S/VICE CHAIR BEEUWSAERT.

Approved by a vote of 4-0 Commissioner Jones Absent.

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 PARKING CONTROL SURVEY (PERMIT PARKING) IN THE RIDGEFIELD COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated that at the July 15, 2015,

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Traffic Commission meeting, the Commission requested Staff to re-survey the Ridgefield Community regarding implementation of parking controls along the streets of Sierra Bonita, La Cienega, Los Cerros, and Rio Grande. The residents of the community were concerned with overflow parking from the adjacent Crestline condominiums and the Via Lomas community. Mr. Javed stated the initial survey sent out on June 24, 2015, resulted in a response rate of 68%, but there was no clear consensus on parking controls. At the direction of the Traffic Commission, the second survey sent out on August 18, 2015, had a response rate of 75%. However, the parking control option with the highest percentage of votes only received 43% support, less than the 67% threshold required by the Laguna Hills Municipal Code for establishing a permit parking program. In addition, Mr. Javed indicated, based on the response rate, the majority of the neighborhood does not support a permit parking program.

Resident Stuart Merrell spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Jean Merrell spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Melissa Frueh spoke in favor of permit parking.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT,
M/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.

**Approved by a vote of 3-1 Vice Chair Beeuwsaert Voted No and
Commissioner Jones Absent.**

4.2 BECKENHAM STREET PARKING

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated Staff had recently been contacted by a resident of the Acacia Knolls Gated Community regarding overnight parking along Beckenham Street between Paseo de Valencia and Wilkes Place. The resident stated the parking consists of out-of-neighborhood vehicles that arrive and leave during late night and early morning hours that contribute to noise, disturbance and trash. Mr. Javed also said previously, in 2014, staff had received a similar complaint and presented a report to the Traffic Commission at its November 19, 2014, meeting. No action was warranted at that time. Based on new surveys, an average of 30 vehicles are parked along Beckenham Street nightly. A number of these vehicles could be associated with adjacent residential properties, however, it is likely that a majority are overflow vehicles from other neighborhoods. Mr. Javed said while it is accepted that the out-of-neighborhood parking is generating noise during the night and early morning hours, staff did not observe any traffic violations, and all vehicles were noted as being legally parked. Mr. Javed stated staff has identified several options the Traffic Commission may consider implementing regarding control of

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parking on Beckenham Street. The options include; taking no action, limit parking during a specific time frame, or no parking at any time. Mr. Javed said staff does not recommend the no parking at any time option, due to the need to maintain access for persons driving to and using Beckenham Park.

Resident Mary Pruitt spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Benedek Toth spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Fred (Buck) Buckhalter spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Sterling Lund spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Renee Horibe spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Debbie Rey spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Lou Greenleaf spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Nick Williams spoke in favor of permit parking.
Resident Suzanne Lawrence Houssainy spoke in favor of permit parking.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMIT PARKING FROM 10:00 PM TO 6:00 AM ON BECKENHAM STREET FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE ACACIA KNOLLS AND SUNSET PLACE COMMUNITIES, M/VICE CHAIR BEEUWSAERT, S/COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF.

Approved by a vote of 3-1 Chair Caputo Voted No and Commissioner Jones 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.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session,
Chair Caputo declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Engineer

Approved By:

MICHAEL CAPUTO, CHAIR