
**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

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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.

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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.

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STEVEN BEEUWSAERT, CHAIR