



## TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES August 11, 2015 – 9:00 AM

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City Council Chambers  
450 E. Latham Avenue  
Hemet, CA 92543

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Led by Chairman Cecchi

### ROLL CALL

- Chairman Cecchi
- Vice-Chair Fowler
- Commissioner Oltman
- Commissioner Covington
- Commissioner Funkhouser

### EXCUSE ANY ABSENT COMMISSIONERS

- No absences to excuse.

### **Discussion/ Action Item**

1. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2015.
  - a. Commissioner Oltman motioned, Commissioner Funkhouser seconded. Approved.
2. Bus Stop request on Sanderson Avenue.
  - a. Andrew Frost, RTA Project Manager, proposed addition of two bus stops on South Sanderson Avenue and Wentworth Drive, serving RTA (Riverside Transit Agency) Routes 33, 74, & 79. Chairman Cecchi visited the site and likes the proposal. City Engineer, Steven Latino, asked if RTA will have concrete pads or pavement. Andrew Frost stated there will be 6' asphalt up to curb with no impact on roadway. The stops will be ADA compliant. RTA has not spoken with the Police Department yet. Steven Latino asked if the stops will be interim or permanent. Andrew Frost answered they will be interim. Steven Latino asked if stop 33 would be moved to the Southside in the future and Andrew Frost answered RTA would be open to it when the area is developed.
  - b. Motioned by Commissioner Oltman to move proposal to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Funkhouser. Approved.

## Previous Research Items

1. Parking in Downtown Hemet – possible 2 hour parking in parking lot behind Train Depot and Carwash.
  - a. Chairman Cecchi proposed dividing the parking lot by designating 15 two-hour limit spaces to the Train Museum and 15 two-hour limit spaces to the Depot Café with one space each for handicap parking. Commissioner Covington abstained due to conflict of interest. Judith McPherson, member of the public and business owner, addressed the Commission with concern for the ratio of ADA parking for a restaurant. Judith McPherson is also concerned with lighting in the front street side and requests an illumination study. Chairman Cecchi informed Judith McPherson that the Downtown Advisory Committee will be meeting soon and suggested she speak with him after the meeting to discuss her involvement.
  - b. Chairman Cecchi motioned to research the impact of dividing the parking lot, seconded by Commissioner Oltman. Approved.
  
2. Sierra Dawn – San Marcos Drive between Elk Street and Palm Avenue.
  - a. Steven Latino stated the speed limit does not need to be posted due to the California Vehicle Code. If a speed survey is done, the speed limit can only be raised not lowered because it is already at 25mph.
  - b. Commissioner Oltman motioned to leave speed limit as is, Commissioner Funkhouser seconded. Approved.
  
3. Excessive traffic on Friday and Saturday between Florida Avenue and Sanderson Avenue. Victor Monz was to contact Caltrans regarding timing of traffic lights.
  - a. Steven Latino stated Victor Monz no longer works for the City of Hemet, so he will follow up with Caltrans regarding the timing of the lights on Florida Avenue.
  
4. Stop Sign Warrant study on the corner of Garland Avenue and Kirby Street.
  - a. This item was chaired until further notice to allow the City Engineer to order a warrant study.
  
5. Status and Ownership of railroad tracks on Kirby Street.
  - a. Chairman Cecchi contacted RTA (Riverside Transit Agency). RTA told Chairman Cecchi to contact RCTC (Riverside County Transportation Commission). RCTC did not know the owner of the railroad tracks. Steven Latino agreed to continue the research.

## New Items

### 1. Excessive Speeds in residential areas.

- a. Steven Latino gave PowerPoint explanation as to how speed limits are determined.

#### **SPEED LIMITS**

- CVC Sets Certain Speed Limits
  - Section 22349 – Maximum Speed Limits
  - 55mph all two lane undivided roadways
  - 65mph all other roadways
  - Section 22352 – Prima Facie Speed Limits
  - 15mph
  - 25mph in a Residential or Business District
  - 25mph when passing a school, posted with proper signs and children are present
  - 25mph when passing a senior center or other center primarily used by seniors and posted with proper signs
  - All other speed limits are set by an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) and are based on 85% speeds.
  - The Engineer may reduce speed limit by an additional 5mph based on judgment (i.e. road characteristics, etc)

- i. Oakland and Girard - Steve Espearon did not attend the meeting for comment.
- ii. Park Avenue; concerned about raising of speed limit – Anita Wertz, 4251 Park Avenue, Hemet, questioned why there are two (2) 45mph signs posted when the speed limit is 40mph. Steven Latino said he would research the area.
- iii. Fruitvale School & 3030 Fruitvale – Sally Mason did not attend the meeting for comment. Steven Latino stated he would like to research and meet with the Traffic Commission separately to discuss school postings and signs.

- b. Traffic Commission would like these issues addressed at the next meeting.

### 2. Speed Bump or Bollard Request

- a. Steven Latino gave PowerPoint explanation regarding the Pros and Cons of the use of speed bumps and speed humps.

### **SPEED BUMPS/HUMPS**

- Pros
  - Does reduce speed
- Cons
  - Reduced Emergency Vehicle Response Times
  - Cost (Installation/Maintenance)
  - Road Noise
  - Potential For Injury

b. Steven Latino would also like to hold a special meeting with the Traffic Commission to discuss these issues.

- i. 1121 W. Acacia – George and Brenda Willis, 41368 Stetson Avenue, Hemet read aloud the portion of the police report stating the accidents resulting in cars crashing through their back wall is the result of speeding. There have been three accidents in one year, two of the accidents within two months of each other. Steven Latino does not recommend speed bumps, but agreed to contact Hemet Police Department for copies of the accident reports and to research the situation further. Brenda Willis asked about receiving compensation from the City of Hemet to repair the wall. Steven Latino said the City of Hemet would be unable to compensate, but recommended attempting compensation from the responsible parties.
- ii. Kirby and Garland – Jack and Melissa Smith did not attend the meeting from comment. Steven Latino does not recommend placing bollards to prevent cars from crashing into their wall due to potential liability. Steven Latino recommends additional warning signs and will research the situation further with the Traffic Commission.
- iii. 417 Louiseville Street – Juanita Jackson. Typographical error in agenda, the correct spelling is Louisville Street. Juanita Jackson did not attend meeting for comment. Steven Latino will research with the Traffic Commission the situation of cars crashing into her fence.

### 3. Stop sign request

a. Steven Latino gave PowerPoint explanation regarding when to use stop signs.

### **STOP SIGNS**

- When to use Stop Signs
  - Volume criteria
  - Limited Sight Distance
- When to NOT use Stop Signs
  - Speed control (per CAMUTCD Sec. 2B.04)

- i. 7 Chambers & State – Khader Hassan did not attend the meeting for comment.
- ii. Whittier Ave from Lyon to Palm – Charles Gunn, 1400 W. Whittier, stated he has been to the City Council meetings four times regarding the excessive speeds on Whittier Avenue. Charles Gunn would like a stop

sign to prevent speeding on the long stretch of road. Commissioner Oltman suggested having the Police Department patrol the area more and put up a speed radar trailer. Charles Gunn stated there has been a speed radar trailer posted five times and it did not make a difference. Councilman Raver acknowledged seeing Charles Gunn at the Council meetings and asked Steven Latino to make the speeding situation on Whittier a priority. Councilman Raver asked Steven Latino to work with the Police Department and Traffic Commission to find alternative solutions as soon as possible.

iii. Berkley at Soboba – Vincent Talamantez did not attend the meeting for comment. Steven Latino visited the site and does not agree with the use of stop signs to prevent speeding, but will research a stop sign for sight distance reasons.

b. Chairman Cecchi motioned to pass researching the situation to Engineering, Commissioner Covington seconded. Approved.

4. 4 Way Stop Study.

a. Steven Latino, gave PowerPoint explanation regarding 4-way Stops.

**4 – WAY STOP**

- 4 Warrants
  - Interim for a Justified Traffic Signal
  - 5 Reported Correctable Crashes 12 Month Period
  - Minimum Volumes (per CAMUTCD section 2B.07)
  - Other Criteria
    - Left Turn Conflicts
    - Vehicle/Pedestrian Conflicts
    - Sight Distance
    - Two Similar Residential Collectors

i. Palm and Mayberry – Joan Wakefield, 1661 W. Westmont Ave, Hemet, requested a delay study be conducted. Steven Latino agreed to order the study.

5. Cross Walk Request

a. Steven Latino gave PowerPoint instruction regarding crosswalks.

**CROSSWALKS**

- Marked at Intersections with Substantial Ped/Veh Conflicts
- Where Significant Pedestrian Concentrations Occur
- Where Proper Crossing Location is Hard to Recognize
- Where Traffic Movements are Controlled
- Examples
  - Approved School Crossings
  - Signalized and Stop Controlled Intersections

- i. Whittier Elementary School – Joy Tanith Cervin did not attend the meeting for comment. Steven Latino agreed to drive the area to research the request.
- ii. Chairman Cecchi asked for additional item not listed on agenda. Chairman Cecchi would like a Slow Pedestrian Crossing sign posted for the Farmer’s Markets on Saturdays.
- iii. Commissioner Oltman questioned if the replacement of sidewalk at Hemet Elementary was permitted. Steven Latino said he would verify.

6. Striping Request

- a. Wild Ceyenna Trail – Richard did not attend meeting for comment. Typographical error in agenda, the correct spelling is Wild Sienna Trail.
- b. Steven Latino gave PowerPoint explanation regarding signing and striping.

**Signing/Striping Request**

- Reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Design Standards Include
  - CAMUTCD
  - CALTRANS Standard Plans

- c. Steven Latino stated it is difficult to recommend striping in residential areas due to cost and maintenance, but he will research Wild Sienna Trail for options.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am August 11, 2015
- b. Next regularly scheduled meeting is will be September 8, 2015. Commissioners will be given agenda one week prior.