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REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION

**City Council Chambers
450 East Latham Avenue, Hemet CA 92543**

**March 8th, 2016
9:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

ABSENT: None

Invocation and Flag Salute: Commissioner Cecchi

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes for the Traffic and Parking Commission of January 12, 2016

Motion to approve Minutes for the Traffic and Parking Commission of January 12, 2016 was **MOVED** by Commissioner Funkhouser and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fowler.

The **MOTION** was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*Anyone who wishes to address the Commission regarding items **not on the agenda** may do so at this time. Please line up at the lectern when the Chairman asks if there are any communications from the public. When you are recognized, please give your name and address. Please complete*

a Speaker Card and hand it to the Clerk so that we have an accurate recording of your name and address for the minutes.

Chairman Cecchi opened the Public Comment period

David Austin, Nextdoor Laguna Flats expressed concern for the lack of speed limit signs on Laguna Avenue, Malibu Street, and La Jolla Avenue. Mr. Austin has compiled a video CD of the actions that take place in the neighborhood. Mr. Austin will provide the CD's to DeAnna Robertson, Administrative Assistant to distribute amongst Steven Latino, City Engineer, Sergeant Reinbolt of the Hemet Police Department, and the members of the Parking and Traffic Commission. Mr. Austin is requesting 25MPH signs in addition to CHILDREN AT PLAY signs to be posted on Laguna Avenue, Malibu Street, and La Jolla Avenue. Per Chairman Cecchi's question, Mr. Austin confirmed the speeding issues take place both daytime and nighttime.

Action Items

Meeting Procedure for Action Items:

1. Receive Staff Presentation
2. Commissioners report any Site Visit and ask questions of staff
3. Receive comments from the public.
4. Close the Action Item
5. Traffic and Parking Commission Discussion and Motion

4. **TRAFFIC SIGNAGE AND GOLF CART CROSSING ON MAYBERRY AVENUE EAST OF PANORAMA DRIVE.** – Patrick Burnight, Director of the golf course at Panorama Village requested signage regarding golf cart crossings as well as painted crossings on the roadway. The locations of the crossings being proposed are generally located between Lyon Avenue and Palm Avenue on Mayberry Avenue.

Information:

Requestor: Patrick Burnight, Director of Panorama Village – Golf Course
Location: Mayberry Avenue just east of Panorama Drive
Engineer: Steven Latino, Engineering Director/City Engineer

Recommended Action:

That the Traffic and Parking Commission:

1. Approve the Engineering Director/City Engineer to prepare a Resolution to the City Council, recommending the allowance of Golf Cart Crossings at Panorama Village Golf Course pending installation/relocation of the golf cart ramps by Panorama Village to create as close to a 90-degree crossing as possible.

Steven Latino, City Engineer presented the request made by Patrick Burnight to install 2 golf cart crossings that are currently unmarked. Vehicle Code 21115.1 allows the installation of golf cart crossing if it is adopted by Resolution or Ordinance. Seven Hills Golf Community does have a Resolution for their golf cart crossing; Resolution #2137. City Staff is asking the Traffic and Parking Commission to allow the City Engineer to present the Resolution to the City Council, but Panorama Village must construct the crossings to be as close to 90 degrees as possible and no longer use the current residential driveway they are using.

Commissioner Oltman expressed concern for the cost to the City for the upkeep of the painting and striping.

Steven Latino, City Engineer confirmed that the painting and striping would be the responsibility of the City as part of their annual refresh of the entire city.

Chairman Cecchi asked if there are currently any Golf Cart Crossing signs posted.

Steven Latino, City Engineer stated City Staff is not sure, but will research.

Commissioner Oltman asked if the City of Hemet Police Department had any comments towards the crossings and signs. Commissioner Oltman expressed concern that the golf carts will feel they have the right of way based on the fact they have a cross walk.

Sergeant Reinbolt of City of Hemet Police Department did not have a comment.

Commissioner Covington expressed concern for setting precedence for developing new golf cart crossing throughout the city.

Steven Latino, City Engineer is not recommending a blanket resolution for all golf cart crossings so each situation does have to be brought before the Traffic and Parking Commission. City Staff will coordinate with the City of Hemet Police Department to address safety concerns in regards to the resolution.

Sergeant Reinbolt stated when an accident occurs, the Hemet Police Department looks at aspects of the California Vehicle Code.

Commissioner Funkhouser suggested signs that state "GOLF CART CROSSING – TRAFFIC HAS RIGHT OF WAY".

No comments from the public.

Motion to approve Engineering Director/City Engineer to prepare a Resolution to the City Council was **MOVED** by Commissioner Oltman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Funkhouser.

The **MOTION** was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. **REMOVAL OF 2-HOUR PARKING EAST SIDE OF LAURSEN STREET BETWEEN LATHAM AVENUE AND ST. JOHN PLACE.** – Gene Reiver, Hemet Valley Medical Center has submitted a request for the removal of the 2-hour parking along the west side of Laursen Street between Latham Avenue and St. John's Place.

Information:

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| Requestor: | Gene Reiver, Hemet Valley Medical Center |
| Location: | Laursen St., South of Latham Avenue, North of St. John Place. |
| Engineer: | Steven Latino, Engineering Director/City Engineer |

Recommended Action:

That the Traffic and Parking Commission:

1. *Research the topic further by polling the businesses adjacent to the area to determine if the two hour parking is required and report back at the next Traffic and Parking Commission.*

Steven Latino, City Engineer presented the request made by Gene Reiver from the Hemet Valley Medical Center to remove the two hour parking requirement. September 11, 2012 Renee Gomez had approached the City Council with the same request. (At that time) Mayor Youseff encouraged the request to be sent to the Traffic and Parking Commission. Steven Latino was unable to locate any documentation from that time.

Commissioner Fowler stated she was on the Traffic and Parking Commission when the request was brought to them in 2012. Commissioner Fowler remembers the City removed the two hour parking on one side of the street to see how it went, but she is unaware of the results because her term expired.

Steven Latino, City Engineer acknowledged that the enforcement of the two hour parking is considered low on the priority list for the Hemet Police Department.

Chairman Cecchi asked if the situation was something the Hemet Police Volunteers could look at and assist.

Steven Latino, City Engineer agrees the volunteers could help, but generally the parking is from the hospital employees because the hospital does not have enough parking spaces. There was a five story parking structure built for the hospital but it was torn down because it did not meet the State Seismic Standards.

Commissioner Covington asked if the hospital owns any other property in the area.

Steven Latino, City Engineer responded that his understanding is the hospital does own other property, but he is not sure where. Steven Latino, City Engineer questioned why the parking structure was not rebuilt to standards after it was torn down. The Commissioners do not know the answer.

Commissioner Covington pointed out that if the hospital found a different location for their large trash dumpsters stored in the parking south of Latham, they could free up some additional parking room.

Commissioner Oltman stated the hospital has an agreement with the Mosonic Lodge to use their parking lot for the employees. It was agreed that there are still probably more hospital employees than there are parking spaces.

Steven Latino, City Engineer stated it is a delicate balance between the City's right to restrict parking and what is a benefit to the businesses and the public.

No comments from the public.

Motion to approve Engineering Director/City Engineer to further research the topic and poll businesses adjacent to the area was **MOVED** by Commissioner Funkhouser and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Covington and Commissioner Fowler.

The **MOTION** was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. **ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND STRIPING AT DEVONSHIRE AVENUE AND MYERS STREET** – Marie McDonald addressed the Commission at the previous meeting (January 12, 2016), regarding the subject intersection and the fact that vehicles heading westbound on Devonshire Avenue have a hard time navigating the turn to southbound Myers Street.

Information:

Requestor: Marie McDonald
Location: Devonshire Avenue at Myers Street
Engineer: Steven Latino, Engineering Director/City Engineer

Recommended Action:

That the Traffic and Parking Commission:

1. *Discuss their findings from visiting the site and make recommendations based on their review.*

Steven Latino, City Engineer presented the concerns made by Marie McDonald for vehicles navigating the turn from westbound Devonshire Avenue to southbound Myers Street. The area is rural and unlit with a two lane road with minimal shoulders. After the last Traffic and Parking Commission meeting on January 12, 2016, City staff worked with the City of Hemet Public Works Department and put in warning signs. Since the installation Steven Latino, City Engineer spoke with Marie McDonald and Ms. McDonald is still concerned for the safety of those turning at night. Additional striping is not a standard; therefore Steven Latino, City Engineer is bringing the matter before the commission to make a decision regarding any additional striping or lighting.

Commissioner Covington visited the site at 8:30p.m. one night and agreed that it is a very dark intersection. Commissioner Covington's concern is the cost, as well as setting precedence for all dark intersections in the city. However, being that the intersection is scheduled to be revised by the 79 realignment proposal and the development of the housing, Commissioner Covington does not see a problem with adding additional striping or signage. Commissioner Fowler asked what the current speed limit is for the intersection.

Steven Latino, City Engineer confirmed the speed limit is 45MPH.

Chairman Cecchi opened the discussion for public comments.

Marie McDonald, 5001 W. Florida Ave #176 addressed the Commission with her concerns for making the turns in the intersection due to the lack of lane indications. Ms. McDonald would like reflective vertical posts placed as indicators for the edges of the roads.

Commissioner Covington asked when the last time the road was striped.

Steven Latino, City Engineer replied that he will contact the City of Hemet Streets Department for the information.

Chairman Cecchi asked if there is a type of solar light available to place in the intersection.

Steven Latino, City Engineer replied with concern for the cost of putting in and maintaining solar lights, as well as the precedence it would set.

Commissioner Oltman stated the solution needs to make the area as safe as possible until the final development of the area.

Steven Latino, City Engineer replied that "safe as possible" from a Traffic Engineering standpoint is based on several factors including number of collisions. The intersection

does not have a history of collisions to date. Steven Latino also confirmed there is currently a stop sign north/south, but not east/west.

Commissioner Covington agreed that the City is not in a financial position to put in solar lights.

Motion to approve Engineering Director/City Engineer to authorize the City staff to work with the City of Hemet Public Works Department in updating the striping of the intersection was **MOVED** by Commissioner Funkhouser and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fowler.

The **MOTION** was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. **TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT STETSON AVENUE AND KIRBY AVENUE** – There have been several requests and conversations regarding red light running at the subject signal. During the previous Traffic and Parking Commission, Traffic Sergeant Reinbolt attested that officers have visited this location several times and have seen no violations. There have also been several requests regarding protected left-turns for north/southbound at this location.

Project Information:

Location: Stetson Avenue at Kirby Avenue
Engineer: **Steven Latino, City Engineer**, Engineering Director/City Engineer

Recommended Action:

That the Traffic and Parking Commission:

1. *Recommend that no action be taken at this time based on the following items:*
 - a. *The timing sheet showing that minimum yellows and an all red phase are present at this intersection.*
 - b. *Protected Left Turns are not justified by the study completed by Counts Unlimited on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.*

Steven Latino, City Engineer presented the requests for protected left turns phasing and a solution to the red light running for the traffic signal at Stetson and Kirby. Steven Latino stated that based on collision reports and timing parameters there are no issues in regards to Engineering solutions and that the signal does include a one (1) second all red phase. The all red phase is not a requirement, but a recommendation. City staff and Commissioners agree this has been brought up in past meetings. Steven Latino asked the Commissioners to please see the Staff Report #7 for Section 4D.19 Signal Indications for Protected Only Mode Left-Turn Movements and the results pertaining to the intersection.

Commissioner Funkhouser stated he lives in Seven Hills with several retired police officers. Commissioner Funkhouser and four retired police officers took turns sitting for one hour at a time on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday to observe the traffic conditions. In the time frames they observed seven (7) red light violations, one of which was a potential accident from an individual turning left coming out of Seven Hills. During the same time frames, Commissioner Funkhouser and the retired police officers observed four (4) patrol cars. Commissioner Funkhouser can hear brakes, horns, and car accidents from his patio on a regular basis.

Chairman Cecchi believes Kirby and Seven Hills needs its own separate light for left hand turns.

Steven Latino, City Engineer's response to Chairman Cecchi is that from an Engineering standpoint, the left turn light is not justifiable.

Commissioner Funkhouser requested Steven Latino, City Engineer to put together an estimated cost for a left hand turn light. Commissioner Funkhouser would like to present the estimate to the Seven Hills Homeowner's Association to see if the association would be willing to pay.

Steven Latino, City Engineer agreed to put together a rough estimate as well as look into if the City would be willing to allow the association to pay. Steven Latino also warns against the precedent that would be set by allowing an association to pay for a traffic signal that is not justifiable.

Commissioner Funkhouser stated that the mayor of Hemet lives in Seven Hills and does not use Stetson due to the dangerous drive.

Sergeant Reinbolt of the Hemet Police Department stated he will have the Police Department make Seven Hills traffic as much of a priority as he can. Sergeant Reinbolt is also hoping to purchase five (5) electronic speed signs with the current traffic grant and he will try and put one on Stetson westbound east of Kirby.

No comments from the public.

Motion to not take any action at this time was **MOVED** by Commissioner Fowler and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Oltman.

The **MOTION** was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman C.W. Cecchi, Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler, Commissioners David Oltman, Donald Funkhouser and Stephen Covington

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8. **ENGINEERING DIRECTOR REPORTS:** *Verbal reports from Engineering Director*

A. City's 5-Year CIP Update and Budget Process

Steven Latino, City Engineer informed the Commissioners that the City is in the process of completing their 5-year CIP and will be bringing it before the City Council on March 8, 2016. The CIP is currently requesting estimated \$35 million worth of improvements, some of which are carry over projects from previous years.

B. Radar and Speed Surveys for 2016

City is in the process of updating Radar and Speed Surveys. City has moved forward with going to a seven year window for surveys as opposed to a five year based on conversations with Police Chief Brown that all officers are certified with the additional training to make a survey valid after seven years.

C. Citywide Traffic Signal Timing Updates

Steven Latino, City Engineer asked the Public Works Maintenance staff to pull all the traffic signal timing cards to make sure the City is in compliance with all the minimum requirements. Steven Latino is also working with the Maintenance staff to create a master communications plan based on the synchronization updates.

9. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSIONER REPORTS: *Commissioner Reports on meetings attended, future agenda item requests, or other matters of Engineering interest.*

A. Chairman C.W. Cecchi
Nothing to report

B. Vice-Chair Farrah Fowler
Nothing to report

C. Commissioner Oltman
Nothing to report

D. Commissioner Funkhouser
Nothing to report

E. Commissioner Covington
Commissioner Covington attended the Downtown Advisory Committee where the item discussed was Caltrans is in the process of a long term project which will bring about \$14 million in Capital Improvement projects, such as raised medians and safety issues. Process can be coordinated with the City's Downtown Specific Plan. Another item discussed was the abandonment of the Devonshire Santa Fe Education Campus. The City abandoned it in 1964 and was supposed to get it back in 1972, but never did, so there was discussion about opening it back up.

Steven Latino, City Engineer stated it would be more of a political issue as opposed to being part of the Downtown Specific Plan. **Commissioner Covington** stated the meeting was encouraging the Caltrans is looking to work with the City on future projects.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/CONTINUED ITEMS:

A. SB Left Turn into Del Webb Community at Corte del Mar from Warren Rd.
Steven Latino, City Engineer is still reviewing documentation to see if there is any room to add a lane.

B. Removal of 2-hour Parking Signs on Laursen Street west of the Hospital.
Addressed as Action Item #5, therefore removed as a Future Agenda Item

C. Stop sign request for Chambers St & Slate St.
Steven Latino, City Engineer still needs to review the site. There are a few developments starting in the area.

- D. 2-Hour Parking at the Train Depot – City is still working on agreement with RCTC.
Draft agreement has been written between the City and RCTC.
Steven Latino, City Engineer is researching the ownership of the parking lot.
Council Member Linda Krupa also researching as she believes the City already owns the property.
- E. 4-Way Stop at Palm Ave. & Mayberry Ave. – Counts Unlimited is investigating.
Counts Unlimited is investigating as part of their speed survey to see if it is warranted.
- F. Stop Sign at Latham Ave. & Tahquitz Ave. – Sight Distance Issue continued.
Keeping item as a Continued Agenda Item until spring to review the foliage at the site.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn meeting at 10:23 a.m. to the regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission scheduled for May 10, 2016 to be held at City of Hemet Council Chambers located at 450 E. Latham Avenue, Hemet, CA 92543.

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