



CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2006
8:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order a 8:04 AM by Chairperson Walters.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Dan Walters; Vice Chair Gary Modica; Commissioner Michael Asher; Commissioner Don Berry; City Council Liaison, Roger Meadows, Planning Commission Liaison, Eric McBride

Members absent: Commissioner Roger Wellman (*tendered resignation*)

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director; Management Assistant, Julee Heckermann; Traffic Sergeant, Joseph Navarez; Office Specialist, Megan Caines; and Traffic Corporal, Randy Young

1. **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chairman Walters
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2006**
Commissioner Berry moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Modica, and carried 4-0.
3. **Report of Council Action on January 2006 Meeting** - Heckermann reported that all items were approved as recommended to Council.
 - a. **Denial of Stop Sign Removal at State St/Johnston**
 - b. **Approval of Request to Install 4-Way Stop Sign at Palm/Thornton**
Heckermann reported the sign will be installed Friday, February 10, 2006.
 - c. **Approval of Myers street remaining Myers**
4. **Tract 32121 - Street Name Approval**
Heckermann reported the street name Horseshoe Estates is too long to be used. The developer was present at the meeting and requested the use of Horseshoe Lane. Lynette Seymour of the City Building Department reported Horseshoe Lane has been approved by the United States Post Office and MSGA-911.
Commissioner Berry moved to accept Horseshoe Lane as the alternative. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher and carried 4-0.
5. **Request to Install Speed Bumps on Thornton between Buena Vista/State (Pepper Tree Homeowners Association, Debi Leake, President)**

Heckermann reported Pepper Tree Homeowners Association request the installation of speed bumps on Thornton Avenue to prevent speeding. Debi Leake, Association president stated the traffic on Thornton constantly speeds through the area. There are many children and elderly residents in the area.

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of speed bumps and the City's reluctance to install speed bumps or humps due to the traffic safety issues and levels of noise created by their installation.

Commissioner Berry moved to accept staff recommendation to continue discussion at a future meeting, with appropriate data. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher, and carried 4-0.

6. Garland Way Traffic Issues (Victoria Wakewood, Resident)

Heckermann reported this item has been on the agenda for several months over the last year. Heckermann also stated the Commission approved denying the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Rosemary and Garland. Council Member Meadows discussed the request from the City Council to install a centerline stripe the length of Garland. Heckermann noted the request was returned to the Commission and the only portion the Commission approved was the denial of the stop sign.

Discussion ensued with local residents, including Victoria Wakewood, noting the speeds on Garland are too high and people living in the area have to cross the street to check their mailboxes.

Commissioner Berry moved to direct staff to put together a plan for Garland and return to the Commission at a future meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher and carried 4-0.

7. Sanderson/Florida Traffic Signals - Left Turn Phasing

Gow reported he spoke with the City's Traffic Consultant regarding the timing/phasing at Sanderson/Florida. Traffic modeling showed the intersection could be switched to north and south bound traffic and turn lanes to be operated independent of one another without changing timing in the intersection. Staff's recommendation is to approve the new configuration.

Commissioner Berry moved to accept staff recommendation to approve the change of the signal timing to north and south bound traffic and turn lanes operating separate of one another. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher and carried 4-0.

8. Action Item List

Informational. Heckermann reported Left turn arrow to be painted on ground at Am/Pm in the coming weeks. Approval of speed limit on Cypress complete with installation of signs in coming weeks. Heckermann also reported the stop sign at Thornton/Palm would be installed by February 10, 2006.

9. 2006 Traffic Commissioners Workshop - City Traffic Engineers

Heckermann reported the Traffic Commissioners Workshop would be held at Cal Poly Pomona and invited members of the Commission to attend.

Commissioners Asher, Walters, Berry would like to attend and Commissioner McBride would like a copy of the binder. Heckermann told the Commissioners wishing to attend, staff would make arrangements for them to attend.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

drainage improvements, such as dips would help with flooding that occurs during the rainy season, as well as act as a traffic calming agent. Commissioner Walters directed Heckermann to speak to Orgain-Wakewood after the meeting.

11. Future Agenda Items.

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting was adjourned at 9:42am.*

Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 450 E. Latham Avenue in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julee Heckermann
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Public Works Engineering