



CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2005
8:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order a 8:02 AM by Chairperson Walters.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Dan Walters; Chair pro tem Don Berry; Commissioner Gareth Modica; Commissioner Roger Wellman; *Council Member Roger Meadows*

Members absent: Commissioner Michael Asher.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director; Management Assistant, Julee Heckermann; Traffic Sargent, Joey Nevarez; Traffic Corporal, Randy Young; Office Specialist, Megan Caines

1. **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chairman Walters

2. **Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2005.**
Commissioner Modica moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berry, and carried 4-0.

Commissioner Walters requests that the Commission move to Agenda Item 6.

6. **Installation of a 4-Way Stop at Thornton/Palm**
(Janice Villareal, 835 Cameo Ave, Sharon Piper, Whispering Palms)

Heckermann reported that the first two times that the request of a 4-way stop on Palm and Thornton came before the Commission, the warrants did not support the installaton. Staff recommends, after reviewing the most recent counts, to approve the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Palm and Thornton.

Commissioner Berry moved to accept Staff recommendation regarding the 4-way stop sign. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modica, and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Walters returned to the Agenda as presented.

3. **Report of Council Action on December 14, 2005 Meeting**

a. **Left Turn Access to AM/PM from Acacia, East of Sanderson**

b. **4-Way Stop Sign at Lyon/Oakland**

c. **Approval of Resolution and Posting of Speed Limit of 35 mph on Cypress**

Street

Heckermann reported that Council approved all recommendations. Additionally, Traffic Sargent Nevarez stated that on the day the Commission approved item b., there was yet another traffic collision; further justifying the necessity.

Gow gave an update on the Transportation Improvement Plan and the Circulation Plan. The most significant change, Gow reported, is the intention to extend Cawston from Stetson through to Esplanade. Additionally, discussion is ongoing to widen Menlo, from Cawston to State Street as an alternative to Florida Ave.

4. Elect Chairperson and Chair Pro Tem

Commissioner Wellman nominated Commissioner Walters as Chairperson and Commissioner Modica as Chair Pro Tem for the next term. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed 4-0.

5. Approval of Street Names for Tract 31970 Ryland Homes (Teresa Fee, City Building Dept.)

Heckermann reported that the proposed names for the streets in Tract 31970 have been approved by the United States Post Office and the MSGA-911. Staff recommends the acceptance of these street names as presented.

The Commission asked Sgt. Nevarez for comment on the feasibility of the names for radio communication. Sgt. Nevarez responded, and Cpl. Young concurred, that the presented would be no more difficult to communicate over the radio than any of the other street names in the area.

Commissioner Wellman moved to accept the staff recommendation and approve the street names as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modica, and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Walters requests that the Commission move to Agenda Item 9.

9. Dedicated Left Turn Arrows at Kirby/Seven Hills and Stetson (Robert Rowe, President, Seven Hills Property Owners Association)

Heckermann reported that staff has not had the counts compiled yet, pending discussion with the Commission.

The request came from Robert Rowe, President of the Property Owners Association (POA). In his absence, John Foster (1348 Peppertree Drive) will represent the POA. Foster explained that the existence of two new schools on Chambers Street, and Page Plaza has caused an increase in thru traffic on Kirby. When the traffic signal was installed, the North/South traffic had protected left turn lanes. The POA is requesting that the City replace the protected left turn onto Stetson.

Mike Gow asked the Commission if he could offer a point of clarification. Gow explained that lanes are not at issue rather the use of protected left turns (with arrows). The signal did have left turn phases when it was installed, however traffic warrants did not outweigh the City's interest in increasing traffic flow along Stetson Ave.

The Commission requests that Staff review the warrants and return the item to a future

meeting of the Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Walters returned to the Agenda as presented.

**7. Stop Sign Removal - State St./Johnston
(Rod Tolliver, 475 W. Stetson Ave.)**

Heckermann reported that the average daily traffic along State Street and Johnston was 13,494. Consequently, a stop sign is warranted and Staff recommends against the removal of the stop sign.

Commissioner Wellman moved to accept Staff recommendation and recommend against the removal of the North/South stop sign. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Modica, and passed 4-0. Chairperson Walters requested that Heckermann send a letter to Tolliver to inform him of the decision.

8. Myers/Los Robles - Name Change

Heckermann gave a brief history of the naming issue on Myers. During 2000, the Commission approved the decision changing of Myers as it entered a development to Los Robles. The name change was requested by the developer, who has since gone out of business. When taken to the City Council, Heckermann continued, Council required that the portion of the street outside of the development continue to be called Myers. At the time of the request, Myers/Los Robles was a dirt road, and it is still undeveloped. There are no buildings which would require a change of address, nor any street signs that would have to be replaced. Staff is requesting the name of the entire street remain Myers.

Sgt. Nevarez concurred with Staff's request explaining the necessity for continuity of city street names.

Commissioner Berry moved that the entire street remain Myers. Commissioner Modica seconded the motion, and passed 4-0.

10. Action Item List

Informational. Heckermann discussed the following:

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A C T I O N I T E M S FOR January 11, 2006 MEETING**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	<u>DATE</u> TO T.C.	<u>DATE</u> TO C.C.	<u>DATE</u> WORK IS COMPLETE D	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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APPROVED ITEMS						
1	California/74 Traffic Signal.	In design. In redesign.	03/10/04 12/08/04			6/3/04: Sent copies of plans to CalTrans 7/05 - Permit application sent to Caltrans for final approval.

2	Request for Speed Control and Stop Sign on Garland Way	Back to Commission for Further Review	04/13/05	4/26/05	Awaiting T.C. review 05/11/05	Item is on May agenda for review Council upheld original T.C. recommendation 5/24/05 To be reviewed by Commission 9-14-05 To be reviewed by Commission 10-12-05 Denied by Commission Upheld by Council 10-25-05
3	Request for 4-Way Stop Sign at Palm/Thornton	Commission modified to 6 ft of red curb on NE corner	04/13/05	04/26/05	Complete 05/05	Has been assigned to Streets Department for Installation To be reviewed by Commission 10-12-05 Denied by Commission Upheld by City Council 10-25-05
4	Installation of Raised Pavement Markers	Approved	05/11/05	05/26/05	Pending	Council approved installation for Devonshire to Menlo and Fruitvale to Commonwealth
5	Installation of 40 ft. Red Curb East of West Driveway on Johnston @ Ramona Manor	Approved	06/08/05	06/28/05	06/05	All items complete
6	Jacob Wiens Suggested Route to School	Approved by Council 8-23-05	09/14/05		Update Pending	All items complete
7	Installation of 4-Way Stop at Lyon/Oakland	Approved by Council 12/20/05	12/14/05	12/14/05	12/22/05	4-Way has been installed
8	Left Turn Access to AM/PM from Acacia, East of Sanderson	Approved by Council 12/20/05	12/14/05	12/14/05	Pending	
9	Approval of Resolution and posting of speed limit of 35 mph on Cypress Street	Approved by Council 12/20/05	12/14/05	12/14/05	Pending	

FUTURE ITEMS

→1	Left-turn Phasing at Florida intersections.		12/10/03	1/27/04 06/22/04 04/13/05	City working w/Caltrans on remainder of signals 09/14/05	Solicit design RFP's. To PW Comm. 6/9/04; Council 6/22/04 approved; include proposal for Stanford protected lft turn phasing. Update Kirby/Florida Installation Contractor awaiting Caltrans permit Permit still tied up at Caltrans 01-11-06
→2	Commercial Truck Parking	Pending	1/12/05	Nothing new to report at this time.		Staff continues to look for new locations City of Riverside Commercial Vehicle Parking 10-12-05
→3	Garland Way Traffic Control	To be reviewed 2/2006				

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Informational. Dino Peshkepia (Resident) reported to the Commission that because of vehicles parking on his street, the street has not been swept in a very long time. He asked the Commission if something might be done to prevent people from parking on the street on days when the street sweepers will be by.

12. Future Agenda Items.

Review Garland Way.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Wednesday, February 8, 2006, in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Public Works, Engineering Dept.