



CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2006

8:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order a 8:05 AM by Chairperson Modica.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Don Berry; Chairperson Gareth Modica; Commissioner David Oltman; Council Member Roger Meadows; Planning Commission Liaison, Eric McBride.

Members absent: Commissioner Anne Marc- Aurele; Commissioner Michael Asher.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Julee Heckerman, Management Assistant; Patricia Castillo, Traffic Engineer; Megan Caines, Office Specialist; Richard Broos, Streets Superintendent; Lynette Seymour, Building Technician II; Joseph Navarez, Traffic Sergeant; Dan Reinbolt, Traffic Corporal.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairperson Modica

1. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2006
Commissioner Oltman moved to accept the minutes as presented.
Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

2. Report of Council Action on May 10, 2006 meeting:
(Informational)

Julee Heckermann, Management Assistant, reported on the status of the items submitted to the City Council by the Traffic Commission. The only item brought forward was the installation of "No U-Turn" signs along Sanderson Avenue medians. The City Council accepted the Commission's recommendation and approved the installation of the signs at the turn pockets in the Sanderson Avenue medians.

Mike Gow, Public Works Director/City Engineer, introduced to the Traffic Commission Patricia Castillo, Traffic Engineer. Gow reported that Castillo has worked with the City of Riverside and CalTrans, District 8 office, and will be in regular attendance at the Traffic Commission meetings.

Traffic Sergeant Joseph Navarez informed the Commission that the Police Department has a new Traffic Corporal, Dan Reinbolt.

Chairperson Modica welcomed both new additions to the Traffic Commission staff.

Heckermann requested that discussion be moved to item 6.

6. Request for Installation of Directional Signs to Seven Hills Members Club
(Seven Hills Members Club)

Heckermann reported that the current request is for three (3) signs to be placed along Seven Hills Drive. Heckermann requested direction from the Traffic Commission.

Lynn Coon, Seven Hills Members Club

Ms. Coon addressed the Commission with regards to the sign request. Coon stated that the Seven Hills Club House is used as a voting location. During the last election, numerous people complained about the difficulty they had finding the Club House. Coon suggested the placement of three signs along Seven Hills drive and described the locations.

Chairperson Modica asked the Commission for comments. Council Member Roger Meadows reported that while he was unsure about the necessity for three signs, Meadows agreed that the placement of at least one sign would eliminate much of the confusion.

Planning Commission Liaison Eric McBride asked for a description of the proposed signs. Heckermann responded that the signs would be the standard, blue and white, informational signs, approximately half the size of the existing signage along Seven Hills Drive.

Commissioner Berry moved to approve the placement of three (3) informational signs to the Seven Hills Members Club, along Seven Hills Drive. Commissioner Oltman seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

Commission returned to the Agenda as presented.

3. Request Approval of Street Name for Parcel Map 30602
(Lynette Seymour, City Building Department)

Heckermann reported that the request came from the Building Department, and that all names have been approved by the United States Post Office and MSGA-911. Staff recommends the Commission approve the request.

Commissioner Oltman moved to accept Staff recommendation and approve the street name as presented. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

4. Request Approval of Street Names for Tract Maps 33824 & 33825
(Teresa Fee, Building Technician)

Heckermann reported that the request came from the Building Department, and that all names have been approved by the United States Post Office and MSGA-911.

Commissioner Oltman informed the Commission that two of the proposed names (Blossom Meadow and North Village Loop) were too long.

Commissioner Berry asked Sgt. Nevarez if the Police Department had any problems with any of the names. Sgt. Nevarez replied that all of the names were acceptable to the Police Department.

Commissioner Oltman moved to remove Blossom Meadow and North Village Loop from the list of approved names and to replace them with Stargazer and Sunshow, from the list of alternates provided. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

5. Request Approval of Street Names for Tract Map 31513
(Teresa Fee, Building Technician)

Heckermann reported that the request came from the Building Department, and that all names have been approved by the United States Post Office and MSGA-911. Staff recommends the Commission approve the request.

Commissioner Oltman moved to accept staff recommendation and approve the street names as presented. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

7. Request for 4-Way Stop at Buena Vista and Johnston
(Kathleen Wroblewski, 507 Montecito #A)

Heckermann reported that this item was brought to the Commission at the May meeting, at which point staff was directed to ascertain if the intersection of Buena Vista and Johnston met the warrants for a four-way stop. The entering counts recorded at the intersection, as well as the incidence of traffic collisions, support the installation of a four way stop at the intersection of Buena Vista and Johnston.

Commissioner Oltman moved to install a four way stop at the intersection of Buena Vista and Johnston, as it meets the state certified requirements. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

8. Installation of Additional Sign and/or Relocation of the Existing Right Turn Only Sign at Acacia Exit
(Andre Vernon, Resident)

Heckermann reported that this item has been brought before the Commission several times this year. At issue is the visibility of the "Right Turn Only" sign located at the Acacia Avenue exit of the AM/PM on Sanderson Avenue.

Council Member Meadows stated that the City would have more control over its signage by placing signs only on City property. Currently, the sign in question is located on a private pole, and the City has to obtain permission before any adjustments can be made.

Commissioner Oltman motioned to relocate the "Right Turn Only" sign to a City owned pole, and to place an additional "Right Turn Only" sign on the left side of the Acacia Avenue driveway at AM/PM. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

9. Request to Remove Designated Truck Parking on Wentworth Drive, West of Sanderson, North Side
(Art Flaming, Owner of A Storage Place)

Heckermann informed the Commission that the developer has made improvements to the north side of Wentworth Drive, which is currently designated for large truck parking. The developer is requesting that truck parking be removed from in front of his property, in order to make room for his customers to park. Staff recommends the removal of large truck parking on the north side of Wentworth Drive only.

Commissioner Oltman moved to accept Staff's recommendation and remove truck parking on the north side of Sanderson Avenue. Commissioner Berry seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

10. Action Item List

Informational. Heckermann reported on the status of items previously brought before the Commission.

Council Member Meadows inquired about the status of a traffic signal at California Avenue and Florida Avenue/SR-74. Traffic Engineer, Patricia Castillo informed the Commission that the Consultant design is being revised prior to submittal to CalTrans.

Council Member Meadows also inquired about the possibility of a bike path along Sanderson

Avenue. Currently, pedestrian and bicycle traffic is prohibited along the west side of Sanderson Avenue, between Acacia Avenue and Wentworth Drive. Gow informed the Commission that the installation of a bicycle lane is being delayed by right-of-way acquisition.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *None.*

12. **Future Agenda Items.** *None.*

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Meeting was adjourned at 8:59am.*

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Public Works, Engineering Dept.