



CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2005
8:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order a 8:03 AM by Chairperson Walters.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Dan Walters; Chair pro tem Don Berry; Commissioner Michael Asher; Commissioner Gareth Modica; Mayor Roger Meadows.

Members absent: Commissioner Roger Wellman (*arrived at 8:08am*)

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director; Management Assistant, Julee Heckermann; Traffic Officer, Joseph Navarez; Office Specialist, Megan Caines

1. **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chairman Walters
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2005.**
Commissioner Berry moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modica, and carried 4-0.
3. **Report of Council Action on October 12, 2005 Meeting** - Heckermann reported that all items were approved as recommended to Council.
 - a. **Installation of "2 Hour Parking" signs along Carmalita between the corner and first driveway.**
Heckermann reported that the signs have already been installed.
 - b. **Deny Installation of 4-Way Stop at Seven Hills Dr/Beech Tree St.**
 - c. **Installation of "Not a Thru Street" sign on the northwest corner of Brentwood and Live Oak.**
Heckermann reported that the sign has already been installed.
 - d. **Deny installation of a 4-Way stop sign at Oakland/Gilbert.**
 - e. **Deny installation of red curb or "No Parking" signs at 1164 Turquoise Street.**
 - f. **Deny installation of speed bumps on Garland Way.**
4. **Request to Install Red Curb at 3221 Sherry Drive**

(Annie Roberts, 3221 Sherry Drive)

Heckermann reports that the curb was requested by a resident that was unable to receive mail due to vehicles parking in front of her mailbox. Heckerman drove to the location and took pictures, showing an empty street. While speaking to the resident, Heckerman was told that she hadn't had trouble receiving mail for several days. Staff recommends against the installation of red curb.

Commissioner Berry moved to accept Staff recommendation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modica, and carried 4-0.

Commissioner Wellman arrived at 8:08am.

**5. Request to Install 4-Way Stop at Lyon and Oakland
(Frank Rose, 1265 Cabrillo Dr)**

Heckermann reported that staff is not in possession of appropriate data and would like to table this item until the next meeting of the Commission. Sgt. Joseph Nevarez, Hemet PD, reported that in the last calendar year there have been four (4) injury accidents at that intersection. The most recent accident, Sgt. Nevarez reported, was in the afternoon of October 21, 2005, caused by right-of-way violations and drivers misjudging the speed of cross traffic. Commission inquired if all of the injury accidents occurred for similar reasons, and Nevarez responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Berry moved to accept staff recommendation to continue discussion at a future meeting, with appropriate data. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher, and carried 5-0.

**6. Request for Speed Survey Cypress Street
(City Police Department)**

Heckermann reported that the unposted speed for Cypress Street is 25 mph, unfortunately the police department is unable to use radar to verify vehicle speeds. Sgt. Nevarez reported that on several occasions the police department has taken complaints from residents about traffic speeds, especially between the hours of 11am and 3pm. The police department has observed the street and acknowledges that there is not a tremendous amount of traffic, however given the size of the street, a speed survey must be conducted before any kind of speed evaluation tools may be utilized.

Heckermann reported that staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Modica moved to accept staff recommendation for speed survey, with results to be reported at a future meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher, and carried 5-0.

**7. Cost Estimate - Flashing Warning Sign on Seven Hills Dr.
(Commission Request)**

Heckermann reported that the traffic sign in question is not a yellow warning sign, but rather a blue informational sign. Since the sign is not a warning sign, staff recommends against the installation of flashing, warning lights on the sign. Commission discussed costs of changing the sign from an informational sign to a warning sign, as well as the type of lights and costs associated with the lights. Mike Gow reported to the Commission that the concern that motivated the request was non-resident speeding. Since staff has no data to support the theory of non-residents as perpetrators, Gow suggested a light on the speed limit sign. Commissioner Modica discussed the possibility of installing a "Not a Thru Street" sign. Gow responded that strictly speaking there are exits from the street, and the posted informational sign serves a more accurate, similar, purpose. Gow also recommended that the Commission reserve flashing lights for safety areas, rather than information.

Commissioner Wellman moved to accept staff recommendation to not install a flashing warning light at Seven Hills Drive. Motion seconded by Commissioner Modica, and carried 5-0.

8. Action Item List

Informational. Gow reported on the progress on south State Street. The current completion date for the project is the end of 2005, and the traffic signal at State and Chambers will remain flashing red until the project is complete. Sgt. Nevarez reported that at 8:30am and 3:15pm, a police officer will be at the intersection of State Street and Chambers in order to control traffic. Sgt. Nevarez reports that the Hemet Unified School District insists that the police presence at the intersection produces "massive improvements". Commission inquired into obtaining the last of the Right of Way needed to complete the project and was informed that the owner, McSweeny, is unwilling.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Victoria Orgain-Wakewood - 2065 Garland Way.

Orgain-Wakewood reported to the Commission that she would like a speed calming device (lower the speed limit, install a stop sign or dips) installed on Garland Way. The speed limit is 30 mph, however the road curves and parked vehicles create blind curves. Community mailboxes require residents to cross the street, where speeding vehicles and blind turns create unsafe conditions. Orgain-Wakewood also reports that the community has many pet casualties due to vehicular traffic, and she is concerned about the senior citizens who live in the area. Commissioner Walters inquired if there was anything else that needed attention. Orgain-Wakewood indicated that 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.

10. Future Agenda Items.

None at present.

11. ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting was adjourned at 9:28am.*

Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Public Works, Engineering Dept.