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LA MESA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

9:00 a.m.

City Council Chambers

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AGENDA

JANUARY 3, 2018

9:00 A.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – VICE CHAIR KRULIKOWSKI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Traffic Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 6, 2017 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (APPROVAL)
2. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 TRAFFIC COMMISSION WORK PLAN

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

STAFF COMMENTS

FUTURE ITEMS

1. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PERMIT POLICY DISCUSSION (Continued)
2. REQUEST TO REMOVE THE NO LEFT TURN AND NO RIGHT TURN SIGNAGE ON SACRAMENTO DRIVE
3. EVALUATE SUB-STANDARD STREETS (NARROW, NO CURB) AND IMPLEMENT FUTURE POLICY/STANDARD
4. RED CURB POLICY
5. REQUEST TO RAISE THE BASE SPEED OF 7 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT REQUIRED FOR SPEED HUMPS OR SPEED TABLES TO 10 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission
 Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
 City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on December 1, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Calandra; Vice Chair Krulikowski; Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Richard Leja; Associate Engineers Michael Kinnard and Jeffrey Manchester; Engineering Senior Management Analyst Erin Bullers; Police Sergeant Scott Hildebrand; Deputy Fire Chief Greg McAlpine; Engineering Acting Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra; Administrative Assistant Daniela Rodriguez; Management Analyst Sheryl Sherman.

INVOCATION – Vice Chair Krulikowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. RECENT CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM/TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

Director Leja reviewed the Council actions taken at the November 14, 2017 City Council meeting regarding the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive, spoke out against the action taken by the City Council.

2. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Kinnard reported on the four items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved or completed since the November 1, 2017 Traffic Commission meeting. (See agenda attachment - Traffic Work Order Log 2017)

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT, 2ND QTR 2017

Sergeant Hildebrand reviewed the 2nd QTR 2017 report provided in the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION)

1. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM SUBCOMITTEE

Director Leja provided background on the formation of the Parking Permit Program Subcommittee. He reported that the formation of the subcommittee was the outcome of a Council initiated item regarding neighborhood parking districts in which the Council requested that staff review parking district options. Mr. Leja indicated that the City Council was not looking for a finished policy to be brought forward.

A written overview of the discussion from the subcommittee meeting on November 27, 2017 was included as an attachment to the agenda packet. No specific action was recommended to be taken at this time.

The following is a summary of the public discussion heard by the Commission on this item.

1. John Graef – 5473 Wellesley St East

Mr. Graef gave an overview of how the Wellesley Street parking permit program originated. He indicated that the permit program worked well at first, but the program is currently being abused by a neighboring business that purchased homes in the Wellesley Street parking district area and is using the parking permits for employees.

2. Myron Lange – Wellesley St West

Mr. Lang reiterated the parking issues on Wellesley Street previously discussed. He also indicated that homes within the parking district were being used as businesses.

3. Maria Graef – 5473 Wellesley St East

Ms. Graef submitted photo exhibits to the Commission which included photos of the front of her residence to illustrate that many of the homes in the neighborhood do not have driveways. She requested that the subcommittee visit the Wellesley Street parking district before making any recommendations to the City Council. She indicated that business patrons should park in the business' parking lot and not in the area designated for permit parking.

4. Sherry Washington – 5481 Wellesley St

Ms. Washington discussed the stressful parking situation on Wellesley Street.

5. Edward Murdock – 5492 Wellesley St

Mr. Murdock indicated that he is happy with the parking permits program, but is concerned about businesses giving the parking permits to their employees. He lives next door to the business operating in the area. He requested that the permit process be enforced.

6. Georgia Stathovis – 5457 Wellesley St

Ms. Stathovis indicated that there are older residents living in the neighborhood and it can be difficult for their caregivers to find close parking.

7. Suzette Robison – 4160 Yale Ave

Ms. Robison discussed the traffic and parking situation from Helix High School on Yale and University Avenue. She reported that school employees, students, and parents often park in front of her house blocking her driveway. She has felt threatened on many occasions when asking drivers to move out of her driveway.

8. Jeannine Robison – 4160 Yale Ave

Ms. Robison complained that parents, staff, and students from Helix HS are parking in front of her residence. She requested that Yale Ave be added to the parking permit program.

9. Dana Dang – 5489 Wellesley St

Ms. Dang indicated that the lack of parking in front of her residence makes it difficult for the bus to pick up her daughter with a disability, safely. She also reported that residents from the west side park on the east side, and employees from the nearby businesses use the parking spaces that are close to and in front of her house.

Vice Chair Krulikowski clarified that the city is working toward a comprehensive parking permit program; and not a policy for one particular street. Commissioner Ortega stated the importance of reviewing each situation individually. The Commission requested recommendations from staff for review and revision by the Commission and City Council.

Mr. Kinnard provided information regarding the City's existing parking permit program. He discussed the continued use of regular enforcement patrols on Wellesley Street by the La Mesa Police Department.

Commissioner Ortega suggested that staff engage in additional community outreach to work with neighborhoods that have issues due to changing conditions (i.e. Wellesley now has more businesses impacting parking than when the parking permit program started). He also asked for additional Police Department support to protect the residents in parking conflicts to avoid escalated situations.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2017 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the November 2017 meeting, as corrected. Commissioner Paden seconded the motion which carried 4-0, with 1 abstention.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Krulikowski

ABSENT: None

2. APPEAL OF PARKWAY DRIVE AT CONTINENTAL CATERING DRIVEWAY, VISION SAFETY PARKING ZONE APPROVAL

Director Leja clarified that this item is a request for reconsideration of the application for the vision safety zone on Parkway Drive at Continental Catering and is not an appeal.

This item was brought back for discussion because the property owners at this location were not invited to attend the November 1, 2017 Traffic Commission meeting when the application was originally discussed.

Gary Clasen, 8238 Parkway Drive, owner of Continental Catering and the subject property addressed the Commission to request that approval of the application be postponed. He stated that a vision safety zone was not necessary at this location and that he would be happy to cooperate by moving the catering trucks elsewhere. He indicated that there is additional parking within the parking lot area and the on-street parking was only done on a temporary basis for six months during construction of the new Habit Burger and Chick-fil-A restaurants and once a year when the parking lot is repaved. Mr. Clasen requested to postpone installation of the vision safety parking zone to gather more current data.

Commissioner Ortega asked whether postponing the decision to install a vision safety zone would open the City up to additional liability if an accident occurred.

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Krulikowski to postpone approval of the installation of a vision safety zone at the Continental Catering driveway on Parkway Drive for six months. Commissioner Paden seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

3. REQUEST TO ALLOW SCHOOL BUSES TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE TIME RESTRICTION FOR RIGHT-HAND TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM HIGH STREET TO SACRAMENTO DRIVE

Director Leja reviewed the City Council action taken in 2012 to implement traffic calming restrictions in the Sacramento Drive neighborhood to reduce traffic during peak school activity times.

This item is a request from the school district to lift the time restriction for no-turn movements for school buses. Brian Jackson, Transportation Supervisor for Grossmont High School District presented GPS ride data showing the impact the restrictions had on commute times. The district has had to change bus routes and school start times to accommodate the extra time spent in traffic due to the restrictions. He indicated that the impact on traffic would only be one additional bus in the morning and afternoon and the time savings would be 10 to 11 minutes.

Commissioners expressed their concern regarding how to exempt a single vehicle. Staff indicated that new signage would be required to specify the exemption for school buses.

Mr. Kinnard informed the Commission there is a pending future request to remove the right- and left-hand turn restriction signs on Sacramento Drive.

Commissioner Krulikowski suggested that the decision on this item be tabled and that the item return later, along with the future request described by Mr. Kinnard to remove the restrictions on Sacramento Drive.

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Krulikowski to bring the item back for discussion at a future meeting at the same time as the pending request to remove the restrictions on Sacramento Drive. Commissioner Justice seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Commissioner Ortega expressed his concern that the street landscaping in the medians is declining and asked if there were any plans for reversal. Director Leja reported that there were no plans to change the current policy for water conservation but watering schedules have been increased and water-wise landscaping is being installed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Leja stated that the Commission would need to update and approve their annual work plan at the January 2018 meeting. The City Council has requested that all

boards and commissions present their work plan to Council in February. Mr. Leja will send the Commissioners the approved work plan from July.

FUTURE ITEMS

Director Leja explained the current process for reviewing items that come before the Commission and identified the following items to be placed on a future agenda.

- 1. EVALUATE SUB-STANDARD STREETS (NARROW, NO CURB) AND IMPLEMENT FUTURE POLICY/STANDARD**
- 2. REQUEST TO REMOVE THE NO LEFT TURN AND NO RIGHT TURN SIGNAGE ON SACRAMENTO DRIVE AT HIGH STREET**
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ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS JANUARY 3, 2018

JULY MEETING DATE IS JULY 4, 2018

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**Work Plan
FY2018**

Goals should be consistent with the City’s goals:

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Ensure Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

Staffing Department: Public Works

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Update Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	6/17	Recommended changes approved on 6/7/17	Completed
2. Approve annual update to Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	9/17	Approved by City Council on 7/25/17	Completed
3. Approve Phase 2 traffic calming on Howell Drive	1/18		

La Mesa Municipal Code:

12.08.120 - Traffic commission—Powers and duties.

The traffic commission shall exercise the powers and duties as provided in this title and in the traffic ordinances of the city. In addition, the commission may approve other traffic issues as directed by the city council of the city of La Mesa and as set forth within the organization, rules, and procedures of the traffic commission.

Whenever the traffic commission is required or authorized to place or maintain official traffic control devices, said commission may cause such devices to be placed or maintained.

It shall be the further duty of the traffic commission to serve as an advisory board to the city council on matters relating to traffic issues that require city council approval as provided in the traffic ordinances of the city.