

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on June 6, 2018.

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; Engineering Project Manager Jeffrey Manchester; Police Traffic Sergeant Hildebrand; Fire Chief Manns; Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra; Administrative Assistant Daniela Rodriguez

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER ORTEGA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Director Leja suggested the Commission hear item 6 before items 3 & 4.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Manchester reported on the two items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved or completed since the May 2, 2018 Traffic Commission meeting. (See agenda attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2018)

2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Mr. Manchester gave an update on the status of the traffic calming as of May 31, 2018. (See agenda attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 05-31-18)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive

Mrs. Hermsmeier stated that La Mesa's 50 percent approval requirement for speed humps and speed tables is too low. She would like the residential approval percentage increased to 75 percent for speed humps and speed tables to be installed on any future traffic calming agenda item.

S Skinner, 8064 Alison Ave

Mr. Skinner spoke about traffic noise throughout the City and County and the negative effects on public health. He also spoke about the effects of the traffic calming efforts on Sacramento Drive. He believes the efforts have only increased profits for the City but have done little to calm traffic.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2018 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Chair Calandra moved to approve the minutes with additional language stating, considerable discussion on item 6 occurred. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

4. REQUEST FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE AT 7482 MOHAWK STREET.

Mr. Manchester stated that staff is currently gathering information on the request. Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested noticing the apartment property owner and neighbors who may be affected.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to defer the item pending more information. Chair Calandra seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

5. REQUEST FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE ACROSS FROM 4444 BEVERLY DRIVE.

Mr. Manchester stated that staff is currently gathering information on the request. Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested noticing the property owners who may be affected.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to defer the item pending more information. Chair Calandra seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

6. RED CURB POLICY DISCUSSION (ATTACHMENT) – *Heard before Items 4&5*

Director Leja presented the Street Parking Safety Signage & Marking Policy and the Guidelines for Designation of Disabled Persons Parking Spaces within the Public Right-of-Way for Residential Uses. He provided information on how requests are evaluated by staff using the existing policies. He also provided the background information as it relates to the Vision Safety Zone. Director Leja stated the Street Parking Safety & Signage Marking Policy applies to the public right of way and is not meant to apply to private property. Police Traffic Sergeant Hildebrand stated that the red and blue curbs on private property are enforceable. Director Leja clarified that fees are not collected for Parking Safety Zone requests except for the reconsideration. Discussion followed about streets built to a previous standard and previous to the American Disabilities Act.

Chair Calandra suggested language be added to the Application for Disabled Persons On-Street Parking in Residential Areas, stating the applicant understands that if approved for a blue curb, any handicapped eligible vehicle can park in the spot.

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested the Commission should attend a traffic engineering training class for public officials, conducted by ITE and SANTEC. He and Chair Calandra will gather more information.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE ITEMS – (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

PROVIDE TRAFFIC CALMING DESIGN FOR HOWELL DRIVE

THE VISION SAFETY PARKING ZONE POLICY

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PERMIT POLICY

RED CURB POLICY

REQUEST FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES AT 4444 BEVERLY DRIVE AND
7842 MOHAWK STREET

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS July 11, 2018

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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