

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 8, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Michael Beltran, City Engineer
Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Public Works Designee
Derek Parker, Fire Chief
Absent: Leon Pintabona, Police Chief Designee

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of November 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend, approve, and file.

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

None

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #22-001–Requesting a Crosswalk on Canal St. Behind the Post Office Parking Lot (Jasmine Kaur)

(Citizen states carriers must cross the road every day to get to the other parking lot where half of the postal vehicles are parked. They need a crosswalk for their safety.)

Chairperson Beltran states this area is going part of the Quiet Zone area, we do not allow a mid-block cross walk, there will be safety improvements done and ADA requirements which will help facilitate pedestrian traffic and installing a Quiet Zone in that intersection.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

2. Request #22-002– Recreational vehicles being parked on the city streets (Wes Unruh)

(Citizen states recreational vehicles are being parked on the city's streets moving them every 72 hrs. to circumvent the code and are causing blite and inviting crime.)

Chairperson Beltran states this item would have to go to City Council if the Traffic Committee decides to recommend it. This would require the municipal code to be updated. Committee members discuss the need of more information before deciding to send this item to the City Council.

MOTION: To table the request until the next Traffic Committee meeting. Police department to provide crime report and feedback on RV's and parking enforcement, and a review of other communities' ordinance language.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Parker Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

3. Request #22-003 – Requesting speed bumps and a streetlight on Carol Ave. (Marvin Romero)

(Citizen states drivers are driving recklessly at high speeds, side swiping neighborhood vehicles, and causing accidents.)

Committee members discuss the request. There is a four way stop there. This is a behavioral issue, in general speed bumps do not slow people down, and it limits emergency response. The City has a project that is going to reconfigure the intersection at Merced Ave. and Motel Dr. We can reconfigure the project to include signage for this intersection.

MOTION: To deny the request and add signage for this area in the Motel Dr. project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

4. Request #22-004 – Requesting speed limit signs to be posted along Bancroft Dr. (Dana Ghassemi)

(Citizen states there appears to be a lack of common knowledge of the 25 mile per hour speed limit in the residential areas among individuals who drive along Bancroft Dr. in front of Elmer Murchie Park (where a school bus stops twice a day 5 days a week.)

Committee members discuss, recommend additional Police enforcement, Engineering needs to review the plans to see what signage was supposed to be put in.

MOTION: To have Engineering to review the plans of the subdivision, if the review determines a speed sign should there, approve the modifications.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

5. Request #22-005 – Requesting stop signs along St. Tropez Ave. at the intersections of Strawberry Ct., Wildcat Dr., and Orion Ct. (Derek Carlon)

(Citizen states residents are using St. Tropez Ave. as a speedway/racetrack.)

Committee members discuss there are stop signs, and the amount of traffic accidents at this intersection does not meet the warrants to add an additional stop sign.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Parker Moved, Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

6. Request #22-006 – Requesting crosswalks at El Redondo Dr. and Lehigh Dr. roundabout (Derek Carlon)

(Citizen states there are no crosswalks at the El Redondo Dr. and Lehigh Dr. roundabout intersection as there are at other roundabouts in the area.)

Committee members discuss crosswalks are ok at these areas according MUTCD standards. Public works will be able to put in the crosswalks.

MOTION: To approve the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

7. Request #22-007 – Requesting speed bumps along M St. from 13th St. to Childs Ave. (William Turner)

(Citizen states cars are driving excessively fast along M St. and his vehicles have been hit twice. He would like speed bumps to be put in before someone gets hurt.)

Committee Members discuss speed bumps, they present challenges for emergency services causing them to slow down. Committee recommends placing a speed trailer and increasing traffic enforcement in the area.

MOTION: To deny the request and refer the location to the Police department for additional traffic enforcement from 7:00 pm to 2:00 am and the use of the speed trailer as the department deems appropriate.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

8. Request #22-008 – Requesting Stop Signs, Speed Humps/Bumps Along Sarasota Ave. & El Redondo Dr. (Edgar Santiago)

(Citizen states cars are driving excessively fast along Sarasota Ave. and El Redondo Dr., making it difficult to cross the street, back out of driveways, park on the streets, and allow children to play in their own driveway.)

Committee members discuss, recommends Police enforcement, there aren't enough warrants according to MTUCD standards to add a stop sign.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

9. Request #22-009 – Requesting Red Curb Along the South Side of the Driveway and Lighting at Station 54 (Fire Chief Derek Parker)

(Fire Chief Parker states there has been an increase in near misses with vehicles and pedestrians not stopping to allow for fire apparatus to back in. Vehicles drive around and are not able to see the person assisting with backing.)

Committee members discuss, agree red curbing can be added to accommodate the Fire departments request.

MOTION: To approve the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Derek Parker

G. ADJOURNMENT

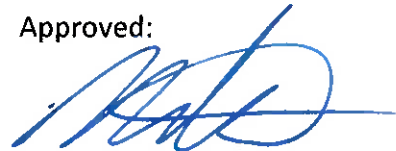
The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

By:



Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson