

MINUTES

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MAY 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens was called to order by Chairmember Mason on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:06 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairmember Mason

ROLL CALL	CHAIRMEMBER	VALERIE MASON
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ

The recording secretary Ramie Lepe announced a quorum. Also in attendance Linda Suniga, Administrative and Myra Maravilla, Councilmember.

Also present was Sergeant Maese arrived late.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON OR OFF THE AGENDA

This is the time reserved for members of the audience wishing to speak on items **on** or **off** the Agenda and within the legislative body's jurisdiction. This period will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, maximum time allocated is fifteen (15) minutes.

Chairperson Mason so ordered to revisit Oral Communication after Presentation.

PRESENTATION – COUNCILMEMBER MYRA MARAVILLA

Councilmember Maravilla addressed the Commission. There are a couple of projects that are in motion by City Council. The Council is currently in the process of adding a speed bump by Furgeson on 223rd for the purpose of accommodating the new walkway. Council is also has hired a public safety consulted to address the public safety arena which include fire, police, and associated contracts.

It was recommended by staff to move agenda item E Commissioners Reports in front of the agenda so that the Commission can accommodate Councilmember Maravilla and any concerns the Commissioners may have.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro second by Vice Chairperson Mendoza to move agenda item E Commissioners Reports in front of the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

It has been noted by the City Council that the Commission has had high concern for speed bumps. Staff has informed the Council that precedence has been set to install speed bumps only in the vicinity of the schools. The Commission was acknowledged for all their hard work in addressing safety concerns.

Commissioner Meraz commented on Norwalk/Tilbury, Norwalk/214, Norwalk/215, and other intersections along Norwalk. There have been a couple of pedestrian accidents due to the fact that the moving traffic does not stop or acknowledges pedestrians right-of-way. It was recommended that better lighting or traffic signal be considered in the hopes of improving pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Rico was in agreement with Commissioner Meraz, she sees a need for this to be addressed before any other pedestrian accidents happen.

Commissioner Amaro was in agreement with bother Commissioners Meras and Rico in regards to addressing the troublesome intersection of Norwalk and Tilbury Street. It was also noted that this has been a concern for several years and finds hope in a near future resolution.

Commissioner Amaro noted that there has always been a concern for him in the helmet law. This distribution of helmets during the bike rodeo seems to be a contradiction when the helmet law is not enforced. It is the hope that the City will take a position in enforcing the helmet law. The neighboring cities of Cerritos, Norwalk, LaMirada, and LaPalma enforce the helmet law. Secondly, parking control has been problematic throughout the City, and recommendations have forward to the City Council in seeking a resolution to this matter. And last there is a concern on traffic violations and the Commission recommends that the City concern adding a dedicated traffic enforcing deputy.

Councilmember Maravilla addressed the Commissioners on their concerns. The intersection of Norwalk/Tilbury along with the other Norwalk areas will be forwarded to the City Engineer. The helmet enforcement shall be forwarded to the Recreation Commission so that park staff can assist with helmet enforcement. As for the parking control enforcement this will be something that will be considered during the budget assessment. Also consideration for traffic enforcement by law enforcement will be addressed during the budget review.

Vice Chairperson Mendoza reiterated the concern of the intersection of Norwalk/Tilbury and had in the past recommended that the crosswalk be moved to the other side due to the fact that is it too close to Carson. The moving traffic may not have enough room/time to stop for the crosswalk. It has been noted that this particular intersection generates alarming statistics. The Commission is always told that these traffic/pedestrian intersection/crosswalks are low priority, and all these concerns we as a Commission have is of low priority and never get addressed. Also in the past it was recommended that VOP (Volunteers on Patrol) be used to for enforcing the helmet law and other areas of concern. There is a need of human contact that is vital in getting the message across and can prove to be productive in yielding results.

The Public Safety Commission profoundly thanked Councilmember Maravilla for her attendance and dedication for the community and for all her support for the Commission.

Councilmember Maravilla informed the Commission that VOP recommendation would be researched. Also, recently there has been a spike in gang activity. Council will be networking with the City of Artesia in the hopes of gaining critical practice in curtailing gang activity within our jurisdiction.

Chairperson Mason noted a concern regarding vehicles exiting the 99cent Store parking onto Norwalk who insist on making a left turn creating a traffic safety hazard. It was recommended that some type or means of directing exiting traffic in making the proper right turn. The same situation occurs on the CVS parking lot side. There are too many near misses due to the resistance of following the rules of the road. Here too you will find jaywalkers with little disregard of placing themselves in harm's way.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON OR OFF THE AGENDA

Members (listed below) of the Home Owners Association spoke at the commission meeting. The Members and Commission made additional requests for the City to evaluate.

Amalia Ferrer
Sung Hee Lee
Chris Kim
John Langelly

1. Exiting the complex is difficult due to high profile vehicles parking right up to the edge of the driveway. They are requesting installation of red curbing to increase visibility. They offered to pay for it.
2. Possibly some sort of electronic speed sign that may act as a deterrent. Various suggestions were made; fixed electronic sign that displays the speed and flashes when in excess of the limit, portable speed sign that displays speed and can be moved around to different locations, and a speed detecting strip used for traffic studies that would provide the city with statistical information that may be helpful for enforcement purposes.
3. Speed sign at the entrance of Hawaiian Avenue at Carson Street. The commission wanted this recommendation passed for consideration.
4. The fencing around the commercial property @ Hawaiian and Carson blocks visibility when exiting onto to Carson. They recommended asking the property owner to lower the fencing or use open fencing making it easier to see oncoming traffic.

It was moved by Chairperson Mason second by Commissioner Amaro to move and address item C1 to accommodate the patrons in the audience. All in favor. Motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

1. A REQUEST BY THE HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION LOCATED AT 21915 HAWAIIAN AVENUE, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA TO INSTALL SPEED BUMPS, SPEED LIMIT SIGN AND RED CURB ALONG HAWAIIAN AVENUE.

Staff addressed C1. A request has been received from Ms. Jean Lin, Treasurer of Homeowner's Association located at 219215 Hawaiian Avenue, and has noted concerns regarding vehicles traveling at excessive speeds along Hawaiian Avenue. Ms Lin has submitted the following request to the Public Safety Commission:

1. Install speed bumps to slow vehicles traveling along Hawaiian Avenue and reduce the likelihood of accidents.
2. Install a speed limit sign.

Additionally, Ms Lin has requested that red curb be installed in front of their mailbox at the request of their mail carrier.

In discussion to the said above, city staff has reviewed the above request to install speed bumps, a speed limit sign and red curb by Ms. Lin and has prepared the following responses:

Speed Bump Policy-the city has a policy of discouraging speed bumps or speed humps on the city streets except, on the streets located within a school zone and a crossing guard would be available to assist children cross at marked crossing locations. In such instance, a traffic study would be preformed to support its installation and thereupon subject to approval by the City Council.

Speed Limit Sign Installation-Hawaiian Avenue is a residential street and the prima facie speed limit on residential streets is 25 mph. Installation of a speed limit sign would have no effect on drivers who are exceeding the speed limit. To reduce the occurrence of speeding, greater enforcement presence by local patrols from the Sheriff's Department would be needed.

Red Curb Installation-the existing mail box is located on private property and installed within back of the sidewalk. Although a vehicle is generally parked in front of the mailbox, a person may still access the mail box from the sidewalk to receive their mail. Installation of red curb is generally reserved for safety considerations (i.e., reduce sightlines, emergency access, etc.) and would not be justified in this instance. Additionally, the resulting loss of on-street parking would remove already much needed parking along this street.

The resolution to this particular issue is to increased enforcement. At this time it is being discussed and currently looking into enforcement levels, including traffic.

The Commission recommended that the installation of a speed limit sign be re-considered by the City Engineer.

Staff stated for clarification purposes forwarding the following to the City Engineer:

1. Find a resolution to the fencing of Hawaiian/Carson blocking visibility.
2. Consideration of a speed sensor with displaying the speed.
3. Red curb for exiting the driveway for safety reasons.

It was moved by Chairperson Mason second by Vice Chairperson Mendoza to receive and file agenda item C1, and forward the stated recommendation pertaining the Homeowner's Association. All in favor. Motion passed.

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 025-2016, TO AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF EXISITNG RED CURB ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 226TH STREET BETWEEN IBEX AVENUE AND JUAN AVENUE, AND TO REPLACE IT WITH NEW RED CURB, 15 FEET APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION AND 10 FEET LEAVING THE INTERSECTION OF IBEX AVENUE, HORST AVENUE, AND JOLIET AVENUE.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairmember Mason asked if anyone would like to pull an item.

Commissioner Amaro pulled B4.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro second by Commission Meraz to receive and file the remaining consent calendar in its entirety. All in favor. Motion passed.

1. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY OF 2016

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

2. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MARCH OF 2016

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

3. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY REPORTS FROM JANUARY THRU MARCH OF 2016.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

4. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY OF 2016.

Commissioner Amaro noted that the preparation of the minutes was favorable and if the same format would be used for future minutes.

Staff informed the Commission that various individuals were preparing the minutes. Unfortunately there has not been a steady dedicated Public Safety recording secretary. In answer to the question the minute format will be prepared in a more condense version.

It was moved by Commissioner Amaro second by Commission Rico to receive and file the Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes for February of 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff informed the Commission that this upcoming Saturday is the block clean up. Additionally, two to three Public Works crew members will be taken off the trash bin monitoring and will be reassigned to canvassing the city for bulky items discarded and illegal dumping pickup.

Councilmember Maravilla stated that she attended the contract cities event and met with Francella our representative from the City's contracted disposal company Republic, and will be scheduling a meeting with her in a few days. In thier brief introduction they did touch on the bulky items issue and will revisit this in the upcoming meeting.

Staff informed the Commission of the following events scheduled.

1. Neighborhood Watch meeting schedule for June 1st, 2016 at the City Hall complex. The YAL program will be doing a presentation.
2. Memorial Day Commemoration special event at the memorial and a continental breakfast will be served.

3. ABC School District run/walk/wellness fair.
4. Recreation Commission forward a copy of the list for the excursions.

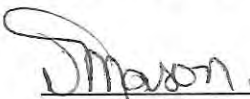
F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairperson Mason adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on June 15, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:


for: Ramie Lepe
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


Valerie Mason
Chairmember

Attest:


for: Ramie Lepe
Recording Secretary