

City of Las Vegas

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES April 26, 2012 1:00 PM

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

Prior to calling the meeting to order, CHAIR TURNER confirmed with DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN S. RIDILLA that a quorum was established, given that SERGEANT MICHAEL PENCE, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, was the designee for COMMISSIONER MARSHALL and could vote, as well as JORGE CERVANTES, Public Works, was a voting member.

CHAIR TURNER called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS PHILLIPS, McMORRIS, PENCE and CERVANTES

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS CRAIK and HOBAN

ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN S. RIDILLA, DEPUTY CITY CLERK LEAN COLEMAN, O.C. WHITE, Traffic Engineer, and BELETE DIRIBA, Engineering Technician

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive

3. [PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED](#)

Minutes:

Being that this is the first meeting for the Commission this year, CHAIR TURNER wished everyone a Happy New Year.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2011](#)

Motion made by JOHN J. PHILLIPS to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

City of Las Vegas

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, LILLIAN McMORRIS; MICHAEL PENCE; JORGE CERVANTES;
Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-BETTE CRAIK, ROBERT HOBAN

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding speed limit change on Buffalo Drive between Whispering Sands Drive and Racel Street from 25 mph to 35 mph](#)

Motion made by JOHN J. PHILLIPS to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, LILLIAN McMORRIS; MICHAEL PENCE; JORGE CERVANTES;
Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-BETTE CRAIK, ROBERT HOBAN

Minutes:

O.C. WHITE, Traffic Engineer, explained that there is a school/school zone within the subject area, and the speed limit is 15 mph when the lights are flashing. However, the recommendation is warranted as a study showed that 80 percent of drivers travel an average of 44 miles per hour (mph), and the current speed limit is 40 mph.

6. [Discussion for possible action regarding speed limit change on Grand Teton Drive between Buffalo Drive and Jones Boulevard from 25 mph to 35 mph](#)

Motion made by JOHN J. PHILLIPS to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, LILLIAN McMORRIS; MICHAEL PENCE; JORGE CERVANTES;
Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-BETTE CRAIK, ROBERT HOBAN

Minutes:

O.C. WHITE, Traffic Engineer, showed maps and indicated staff has been working with Clark County's Traffic Engineer, who supports the noted recommendation for the speed change. Referring to the maps shown, MR. WHITE pointed out specific roadway section whereby the speed limit is 35 mph; therefore, changing the speed limit to 35 mph will allow for better compliance. If approved, continued efforts will be made to have all signs updated with the new speed limit.

COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS asked if residential was in the subject area, to which MR. CERVANTES replied that there is a section of residential that front between Maverick Street and Jones Boulevard. The street is a 100-foot right-of-way arterial and is not a residential street; so, the recommendation is to change the speed limit to 35 mph and not the typical speed limit for arterials, which is 45 mph. In addition, there are four lanes, so homeowners have sufficient area for parking and backing out into the street.

COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS asked if photographs/videos, in addition to maps, could be provided at these meetings so the Commission can view the traffic situations during the discussions. MR. WHITE noted staff is cautious of doing so, as efforts are made to not be bias. The aerials are flown overhead and are straight forward with a clear layout. Given COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS' request, the Commission directed staff to follow-up, to which MR. CERVANTES explained that Google also provides street views, so staff can provide this for the Commission at meetings. CHAIR TURNER believed the suggestion was a good one.

COMMISSIONER McMORRIS confirmed that COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS desired to see these photos/videos for all items that involve speed limit changes. MR. CERVANTES explained to COMMISSIONER McMORRIS that staff will continue to provide the traffic studies; the photos/videos would be an additional piece of information.

7. [Discussion for possible action to elect annual officers](#)

Motion made by JOHN J. PHILLIPS to Strike

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

City of Las Vegas

DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, JOHN J. PHILLIPS, LILLIAN McMORRIS; MICHAEL PENCE; JORGE CERVANTES;
Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-BETTE CRAIK, ROBERT HOBAN

Minutes:

The Commission's desire was to strike this item, to allow for an opportunity to have additional members present when electing the annual officers.

8. [CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED](#)

Minutes:

VICKY SKILBRED, Chief Deputy City Clerk, welcomed the Commissioners and informed them of the efforts being made to provide audio and video recordings of the board meetings. In response to COMMISSIONER McMORRIS query, she explained that some testing will be done within a week, as transparency has been one of the priorities for the City Council.

SERGEANT MICHAEL PENCE, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, confirmed for COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS that he was present on behalf of COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

9. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lean Coleman, Deputy City Clerk

O.C. White, Traffic Engineer

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