

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

June 23, 2016

1:00 PM

ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED; 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. BACKUP MATERIAL FOR THIS AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LUANN D. HOLMES, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR TURNER called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONERS BOWERS, BURKE, ERICKSON, KAHR and TOUSSAINT

NOTE: SERGEANT BRYAN MEYER, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, was present on behalf of COMMISSIONER LIEUTENANT DAVID JACOBY.

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER AGUILAR

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID KLEIN, Deputy Fire Marshal, JOANNA WADSWORTH, Acting City Traffic Engineer, MIKE JANSSEN, Transportation Engineering Manager, PAM SAMUOLIS, Transportation Engineering Secretary, JOHN S. RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk

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, 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:

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2015](#)

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Motion made by DAVID N. BOWERS to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding the installation of speed cushions on 15th Street between Oakey Boulevard and Charleston Boulevard](#)

Motion made by KATHLEEN KAHR to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

Minutes:

MIKE JANSSEN, Transportation Engineering Manager, through a PowerPoint presentation submitted as backup, discussed a request for the installation of speed humps on 15th Street between Charleston Boulevard and Oakey Boulevard and noted that the area is a response route for the fire department. Staff has conducted research to similar issues in the past and has found a new type of device that staff is calling "speed cushions". MR. JANSSEN explained that in an emergency, fire departments must slow down for speed humps and with speed cushions, the cushions conform to the fire engine's wheels. The speed cushions were tested by Las Vegas Fire and Rescue at the City of Las Vegas' Fleet Services - West Yard and received approval. MR. JANSSEN described the design of the speed cushions and the installation process.

MR. JANSSEN stated that the request for speed humps came from the nearby neighborhood to assist with traffic in the area. Staff's studies indicated that the speed was 55 miles per hour in the 85th percentile with about 1,653 vehicles per day travelling on the street. The request met the points of criteria. He added that a survey was also sent to property owners. If approved, three additional cushions were proposed to be installed. Out of 57 notices sent out, 13 were returned with 10 indicating support for the installation of additional cushions. The remaining three were in favor of leaving the current cushion in place and desired no additional cushions. Staff has recommended denial on the installation of more cushions due to a lack of response from residents.

In response to a query from COMMISSIONER BURKE regarding heat, MR. JANSSEN explained that the speed cushion in place is being monitored to see how it holds up with Las Vegas heat, and the vendor has used it with success in other cities.

Homeowners MARK BRANDVICK and TONY FLANAGAN spoke in support of the speed cushions as many vehicles speed in the area.

COMMISSIONER KAHR suggested that notices address residents who speak English as a second language and also recommended that staff install another speed cushion near Franklin Avenue and Oakey Boulevard. She also expressed concerns over Uber and Lyft drivers speeding.

MR. JANSSEN confirmed for COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT that the speed cushion has been installed since March 2016. In response to another question from COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT, MR. JANSSEN explained that the request received was focused between Charleston Boulevard and Oakey Boulevard. Most of the time, staff is not aware of a speeding issue until a request is submitted from a resident; however, staff does not hesitate to conduct a traffic study whenever they are asked. Prior to staff's pilot test, staff measured the speed of vehicles at 55 mile per hour. After the installation of the test speed cushion, staff measured the speed of vehicles at 34 miles per hour.

COMMISSIONER KAHR mentioned the location of several speed humps on Oakey Boulevard and Saint Louis Street.

MR. JANSSEN confirmed for COMMISSIONER ERICKSON that the posted speed limit on the street is 25 miles per hour.

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CHAIR TURNER wondered if the item should be held in abeyance until additional signatures were received from the nearby residents. MR. JANSSEN replied that staff was hoping for more responses, but the Traffic and Parking Commission may take into consideration other information. The decision is at the discretion of the Commission. COMMISSIONER KAHR recommended the Commission's support of the item.

The Commission continued discussion with MR. JANSSEN answering several questions regarding the amount of sent notices returned, the color of the speed cushion, noise issues and the idea of installing additional speed cushions. PAM SAMUOLIS, Transportation Engineering Secretary, confirmed for COMMISSIONER BOWERS that notices were sent to residents in both English and Spanish.

6. [Discussion for possible action regarding the installation of speed humps on Silver Grove Street between Royal Pine Avenue and Turquoise Valley Drive](#)

Motion made by RAYMOND BURKE to follow staff's recommendation for Denial

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

Minutes:

MIKE JANSSEN, Transportation Engineering Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation slide, which was submitted as backup under Item 5, as he discussed the request for speed humps on Silver Grove Street between Royal Pine Avenue and Turquoise Valley Drive, which did not meet the criteria. Results of traffic studies showed 400 vehicles per day traveling the street; the typical criterion is 800. The street received 12 points on staff's speed hump criteria where 40 points are needed. The request was denied and then appealed by the requester. He added that notices were sent to 36 property owners with eight returned; six were in favor and two opposed.

JENNIFER REINTJES, homeowner, asked what else could be done if the area did not meet the criteria for the speed humps. MR. JANSSEN stated that the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour and typically, with an internal residential street, it is usually the residents inside the neighborhood who are speeding. Due to limitations on the placement of speed humps, the City Council set in place the threshold of 800 vehicles per day. Staff does not have the ability to recommend approval. However, the Commission can take the item into consideration.

MR. JANSSEN confirmed for COMMISSIONER BURKE that parking is allowed on the street. He mentioned that in previous cases where a street does not meet the criteria for a speed hump, staff has worked with homeowners and community associations to provide information from the analysis to distribute to residents.

In response to a question from COMMISSIONER TOUSSAINT, MS. REINTJES believed there were more than 800 homes in the neighborhood.

MS. REINTJES confirmed for COMMISSIONER ERICKSON that there are limited accesses into the neighborhood and although she is not aware of any serious injuries, there have been a lot of near accidents and minor fender benders. MR. JANSSEN added that crash data was pulled for the street from several sources indicating no officially recorded accidents in the prior three years.

CHAIR TURNER remarked that speed humps were installed in his neighborhood and have not helped with those who speed.

MR. JANSSEN confirmed for COMMISSIONER BURKE his previous statement in regards to staff's efforts to work with established homeowners and community associations to provide residents with analysis information. See Item 5 for related backup.

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[Discussion for possible action to change the speed limit on Durango Drive between Tropical Parkway and US95 from 45 mph to 40 mph](#)

Motion made by KATHLEEN KAHR to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

Minutes:

MIKE JANSSEN, Transportation Engineering Manager, stated that the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) held a workshop to evaluate USLIMITS2, a tool developed by the Federal Highway Administration, which ensures multiple factors are taken into consideration when speed limits are set. The tool has been used on several corridors within the city of Las Vegas and allows staff to evaluate speed limits. MR. JANSSEN listed the various factors measured in order to evaluate Durango Drive. He discussed, through the use of a PowerPoint presentation slide, which was submitted as backup under Item 5, the roadway geometry of Durango Drive. The road was analyzed by the USLIMITS2 tool and recommended 40 miles per hour speed limit. He pointed out that north of U.S. Route 95 interchange, Durango Drive's speed limit is 40 mph with another stretch of the road south being 45 mph. Staff recommended the extension of the 40 mph speed limit down Durango Drive to the intersection of Tropical Parkway so that the speed limit remains consistent. MR. JANSSEN added that staff would also work with Clark County on the section south of Tropical Parkway and would present the analysis to consider extending the speed limit farther down Durango Drive. He anticipated presenting similar reports in the future as staff would like to review all 45 mph streets.

COMMISSIONER BURKE asked if staff had reviewed anything north of U.S. Route 95. MR. JANSSEN stated not yet but that staff would be conducting additional audits in the future. He recounted a similar analysis on Martin Luther King Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON liked the idea of one consistent speed.

MR. JANSSEN explained that the analysis tool compares crash rates to nationwide rates of similar sized roads. He referred the Commission to the analysis report in the backup material.

COMMISSIONER KAHR did not believe reducing the speed limit would hinder drivers, but that the speed change was positive.

See Item 5 for related backup.

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

Motion made by KATHLEEN KAHR to Approve David Stephen Turner as Chairman

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

Motion made by DAVID STEPHEN TURNER to Approve Kathleen Kahr as Vice Chairman

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Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

SGT. BRYAN MEYER for LT. DAVID JACOBY, DAVID STEPHEN TURNER, MARGO D. ERICKSON, KATHLEEN KAHR, DAVID N. BOWERS, GREG TOUSSAINT, RAYMOND BURKE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL ANTHONY AGUILAR

9. 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 COMMISSION 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:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Mike Janssen, Transportation Engineering Manager

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