



Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

PRESENT: ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT and COMMISSIONERS KAHR (via telephone conference), ERICKSON, BURKE, MARSH and CORTEZ

EXCUSED: CHAIR TURNER and COMMISSIONER AGUILAR

NOTE: SERGEANT ZACHARY MARSH was the Sheriff's Designee and ROSA CORTEZ, Assistant City Engineer, was the Public Works Director's Designee.

ALSO PRESENT: GENA KENDALL, City Traffic Engineer, STEVEN TAULBEE, Assistant Fire Protection Engineer, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: 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: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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 April 25, 2019

Motion made by Raymond Burke to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Raymond Burke, Margo D. Erickson, Kathleen Kahr, Greg Toussaint, Zachary Marsh, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Michael Anthony Aguilar;

5. Presentation by the Traffic Engineering Division regarding the neighborhood survey results for the installation of speed cushions on Franklin Avenue between Maryland Parkway and 15th Street - Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

GENA KENDALL, City Traffic Engineer, used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to report on the data collected in trying to address traffic volume and speeding issues on Franklin Avenue. The speed limit was reduced to 25 mph; however, the residents subsequently requested installation of speed cushions on Franklin Avenue because the speeding issues persisted. The Commission approved the request, contingent upon staff conducting a survey of the residents and reporting the results. Staff mailed 43 surveys to property owners/residents and received 11 responses in support of the speed cushions. No opposition was received. Therefore, staff recommended approval.

For COMMISSIONER MARSH, MS. KENDALL indicated that the survey found that about 1,220 vehicles per day are traveling through the street and many of them are speeding, which is of great concern to the residents.

ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT recalled the street only has sidewalk on one side and that the residents have had minor crashes happen on their properties. MS. KENDALL indicated that it is a safe stretch of street according to data, but she could not offer any data for near-misses and unreported accidents. Nevertheless, she remarked that staff fully understands the residents' desire for the speed cushions.

After verifying with MS. KENDALL that the parking lanes are only seven feet wide, COMMISSIONER BURKE could not believe there is a concern about side-swipes. MS. KENDALL explained that parking lanes are quite narrow in residential neighborhoods, forcing drivers to slow down instead of speeding through a wide street. ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT commented that the striping was put in to narrow the street in an effort to help reduce speeds. MR. KENDALL stated that this typical residential road was designed to provide safe, two-way traffic passage.

COMMISSIONER BURKE made a motion for approval; however, COMMISSIONER KAHR interjected and motioned for approval.

NOTE: The video does not reflect accurately, in that the vote summary was not displayed.

Motion made by Kathleen Kahr to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Raymond Burke, Margo D. Erickson, Kathleen Kahr, Greg Toussaint, Zachary Marsh, Rosa Cortez; Excused-David Turner, Michael Anthony Aguilar;

6. Discussion for possible action to install two speed humps on Shetland Road between Pinto Lane and Alta Drive - Ward 1 (Knudsen)

Minutes:

GENA KENDALL, City Traffic Engineer, used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to report on this matter. She indicated that consideration had been given to the closure of Shetland Road multiple times by both the Commission and the City Council and was denied by both. The applicant appealed the decision and neighborhood meetings were held. As a compromise, it was decided on a half closure of Shetland Road, which would require vehicular traffic to make a right-hand turn, northbound on Alta Drive, and staff is proposing installation of two speed humps along the subject stretch of Shetland Road.

The data revealed that traffic volumes almost met the threshold of 800 per day, with about 784 vehicles per day at an average speed of 29 mph where the speed limit is posted at 25 mph. Given that it is close enough to meeting the criteria for speed humps and after consultation with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, staff recommended approval.

COMMISSIONER BURKE discussed with MS. KENDALL that the forced right-hand turn was not for discussion but was approved by the City Council as a compromise to full closure of Shetland Road. Staff will install a pork-chop median to force northbound traffic to turn right and function as a one-way street. This temporary measure will most likely be evaluated within a year, and then a decision can be made to make it permanent or to remove it. COMMISSIONER ERICKSON said it will definitely slow down traffic.

ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT commented that one of the concerns was that drivers were using Shetland Road to bypass Rancho Drive. MS. KENDALL indicated that there was no evidence of a cut-through issue; however, because of the classification of the street, staff considered it a reasonable request. The Acting Vice Chair said it is a nice neighborhood and felt speeding vehicular traffic should be addressed.

SERGEANT ZACHARY MARSH asked if another survey was conducted after the gates were voted down, because he thought it was Project Neon that was causing some of the traffic congestion. MS. KENDALL replied that there was no additional data collected, which is the reason a temporary pork-chop median was recommended. Another study will probably be conducted within a year. The nearby Wasden Elementary School is under construction and closed, so the students will be attending another school. Staff will have to wait until construction at the school and Project Neon are completed in order to collect better data.

Regarding walking routes for the new school from the Clark County School District, MS. KENDALL indicated to COMMISSIONER BURKE that they will be installing asphalt paths in the neighborhood where walking routes are missing. The plan is that the kids will be dropped off at Wasden Elementary and bused to the temporary school.

MS. KENDALL indicated to COMMISSIONER KAHR that the four neighborhood residents who would be immediately impacted were surveyed but had not responded. Should an opposition response be received, the proposal will probably have to be brought back to the Commission for consideration. The residents opposed to the road closure were responding to the survey for the gates, not for the speed humps.

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON asked how much time would be allowed to respond. MS. KENDALL was not certain, adding that she would probably have to look into it further because staff certainly does not want anyone to come back. She indicated that the survey was sent to the property owners, and SUSAN BILODEAU, Administrative Support Assistant, confirmed it. COMMISSIONER BURKE asked if there was a sign-in sheet from the meeting to refer to, and MS. KENDALL explained that the meeting was before this Commission, and it was regarding the gate, not the speed humps.

ACTING VICE CHAIR TOUSSAINT confirmed with MS. KENDALL that the survey was mailed to the four addresses; however, there was no response. SERGEANT MARSH recalled that the people who attended the meeting regarding the gate all agreed that there is a speeding issue, regardless of how they felt about the speed humps or gate. They were very concerned for the safety of the children; therefore, the Sergeant felt the speed humps would really help the situation.

Motion made by Raymond Burke to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Raymond Burke, Margo D. Erickson, Greg Toussaint, Sheriff Designee, Rosa Cortez; Against-Kathleen Kahr; Excused-David Turner, Michael Anthony Aguilar;

7. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. 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, come forward and 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.

8. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Gena Kendall, City Traffic Engineer

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