

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 12, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Michael Beltran, City Engineer

Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Dan Dabney, Police Chief Designee
Juan Olmos, Public Works Designee

Absent: Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of September 10, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Dan Dabney Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #19-013 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on E. 27th St (Justine Giacalone)

(Citizen states constant speeding, a need for traffic calming measures for the safety of the pedestrian traffic traveling to the schools in the vicinity.

Citizen stated only 1 sign on Midge Avenue entering school zones, none on Green Street. Citizen mentioned on Buena Vista Drive there are poles with flashing lights. Chairperson Michael Beltran stated warrants need to be met for calming measures to be put in place. Committee Member Dan Dabney stated entering school zone is needed on both ends. Committee Member Juan Olmos stated he will check for school zone sign on Green Street near school zone off Green Street before Midge Avenue. Upon review of area, a school sign on E 27th Street was in place just not visible.

MOTION: Revisit item at a future meeting pending Public Works evaluation of location and visibility of school sign on E 27th Street between Green Street and Midge Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

2. Request #19-014 – Request for Removal of Red Curb on W. 18th St. & O St. (Julie Nelson)

(Citizen requests the removal of a red curb from the north east corner of W. 18th St. & O St., as it is not listed in the City of Merced Municipal Code.)

Chairperson Michael Beltran stated this specific red curb is not in the Merced Municipal Code, but if the red curb was removed it would then validate a new parking space. Chairperson Michael Beltran stated all other

red curbs on intersection should match. Committee Member Dan Dabney stated there needs to be 20 ft from curb ramp intersection per California Vehicle Code. Chairperson Michael Beltran stated they would need to revisit red zones for Merced Municipal Code verification. Committee Member Juan Olmos stated California Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices requires 20 ft from curb ramp as well.

MOTION: Revisit item at a future meeting pending evaluation of space in front of Tioga Florists. Investigate requirements for adding additional parking space and corner markings to be added or removed from Merced Municipal Code.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

3. Request #19-015 – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on San Jose Ave. (Randy Lane)
(Citizen states constant speeding, a need for traffic calming measures, due to excessive speeding on San Jose Ave. to Lehigh, to avoid lights at Yosemite Ave.)

Committee Member Michael Hren stated speed humps are not effective and cause issues for emergency vehicles. Residential speaker stated people fly by fast and that studies do not state speed humps are ineffective. Committee Member Michael Hren stated speed bumps direct traffic to other streets. Chairperson Michael Beltran stated road crowns too much for speed table. Committee Member Juan Olmos stated did a study was completed 3 years ago, crews fixed reflectors and striping was added on Lehigh Drive. Residential speaker stated that it was never revisited since their previous application, but was supposed to be. Committee Member Juan Olmos asked to check if there are warrants for San Jose Avenue at Lehigh Drive and at University Drive. Committee Member Dan Dabney stated there have been no major crashes.

MOTION: Revisit item at a future meeting pending review of warrants on San Jose Avenue at University Drive, Lehigh Drive, and Rensselaer Drive and take steps towards measures via California Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Dan Dabney, Michael Hren

Absent: Billy Alcorn

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

By:

Nina Randazzo
Recording Secretary



Approved:



Michael Beltran
Chairperson