

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2007**

ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict action taken for agenda items presented to the Traffic Safety Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: Police Chief Gallagher called the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting to order at the hour of 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Greg Pimentel, Public Works Operations Manager (Public Works Department); Chris Gallagher, Police Chief (Police Department); Tim Marrison, Assistant Fire Chief (Fire Department); John LeVan, Planning Manager (Planning Department); Norm Donovan, Planning Commission Representative.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk/HR Technician Sousa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by LeVan, seconded by Donovan to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Marrison, seconded by LeVan to approve the May 17, 2007 Traffic Safety Minutes with changes as follows: Motion for item 5a – Consideration of a request to rezone twelve parking spaces on 6th Street beginning at the corner of K Street and continuing South to the twelfth parking space, and signs in this area to indicate 10 minute parking from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Los Banos Unified School District, Paul Alderete). (Continued from April 3, 2007) should read “to approve a rezone of twelve parking spaces on the east side of 6th Street beginning at the corner of K Street and continuing south to the twelfth parking space, and to post signs in the area to indicate 24 minute parking.” The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO A FIVE (5) MINUTE PRESENTATION. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL TWO-HOUR PARKING SIGNS AT ALL PARKING SPACES ON 6TH STREET FROM M STREET TO H STREET. Planning Commissioner Donovan reported that he had received comments from citizens stating that it was difficult for them to find parking spaces on 6th Street. There was committee member discussion and it was stated that this concern should be alleviated by the new parking structure being built for school staff parking. It was agreed to table this item and watch the area for possible future consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO CHANGE TWENTY (20) MINUTE GREEN ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF K STREET TO TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE FROM 6TH STREET TO MID-BLOCK OF K STREET.

There was committee member discussion and it was stated that customers of the insurance agency may have longer wait times than customers at the flower shop; therefore, twenty minutes may not be enough time for transactions at various businesses on 6th Street.

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Pimentel to post 24 Minute to 2 Hour parking signs on the North side of K Street from 6th Street to 7th Street. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all committee members present.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARD ROAD AND SAN LUIS STREET (BOB NIEMOND).

It was requested that this item be continued to the October 2007 Traffic Safety Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS.

Committee Member Donovan inquired about a possible lighted crosswalk for pedestrians on 7th Street at the Rail Trail crossing area. Donovan also inquired as to why there is no left-hand turn lane heading east from 2nd Street onto H Street. Donovan then questioned when the median in front of Taco Bell on Pacheco Boulevard would be extended. Chairman Gallagher stated that a signal was planned for Pacheco Boulevard at the intersection of 11th Street and the median would be extended at that time. Committee Member Pimentel reported that in front of McArthur Apartments the curbing had been painted red and some sections were painted blue. Pimentel stated that this painting was done by the apartments and he planned to check into the situation. Pimentel stated that warning signs were placed at 7th Street showing a pedestrian crossing area; however, the committee should look at other options such as painting the asphalt, or possibly adding lights or bumps. Committee Member Marrison stated that when traveling eastbound on Overland Ave., there is currently no stop sign on Rockport; however, traveling westbound, there is a stop sign at this intersection. Marrison requested that this intersection be looked into.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 2:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

/ s / Christopher Gallagher
Christopher Gallagher, Chairman

ATTEST:

/ s / Jana R. Sousa
Jana R. Sousa, Secretary