

**STREETS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Friday, July 13, 2007 3:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: CITY HALL, CONFERENCE CENTER
1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

DISCUSSION

1. Traffic Calming, Rolling Hills Road

John Falkenstien

Consider a recommendation to the City Council to dedicate the City's gas tax funded traffic calming budget for the fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08 to River Road.

- **Lenore Spielman**, Paso Robles - spoke from the public and addressed the current status of Rolling Hills traffic as she and others in the neighborhood see it. She expressed that she is discouraged that there is no solution or demonstrated result for the current traffic condition on Rolling Hills Road. Received into record, a letter from Lenore Spielman in opposition of the recommendation.
- **Bob Spielman**, Paso Robles – spoke from the public representing 45 citizens who petitioned the Committee and the City Council in October 2006 regarding the serious traffic problems on Rolling Hills Road. His major concern is that the speed deteriorates the quality of life that they moved to Paso Robles for and enjoyed up to a year and a half ago.
- **Carl Moore**, Paso Robles – spoke from the public expressing his discouragement and frustration.
- **Kathy Myers**, Paso Robles - feels it not safe for young people or any one to drive on the road any longer.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve Option B: To recommend to City Council to dedicate the City's gas tax funded traffic calming budget for the fiscal year 2006-07 to Rolling Hills Road with modification that "bots" dots be placed as an interim measure.

2. Red Curb and Timed Parking, Scolari's

John Falkenstien

For the Streets and Utilities Committee to consider a request for red curbs and timed parking for the Scolari's market.

- **Bryan Lang**, Paso Robles - spoke from the public regarding his unhappiness about the installation of stop signs and angled parking. His concern is that somebody is going to get hurt. He

doesn't feel the installation is a good thing. And felt that everybody is accommodating Scholari's and not considering the residents that live there. He is opposed to the installation of both.

- **Cindy Lang**, Paso Robles - spoke from the public and is concerned for the elderly seniors, skateboarders, children, the neighbors and her property value. She wants her side of the street to belong to her opposed to having it as city parking. She mentioned that she couldn't get in and out of her driveway with the cars parked across the street and she is upset and disgusted that the city did the installation without her knowledge or input. Received into record, a letter from Cindy Lang in opposition of the change.
- **Kimo Pankey**, Shandon - spoke in regards to timed parking. Would like to see the voluntary compliance for timed parking because he thinks it's very smart. It might be worth a shot to see how it works. He supports a 90-minute "trailed" timed parking on a voluntary compliance basis.
- **Carl Moore**, Paso Robles – spoke in opposition of the 90-minute timed parking on a voluntary compliance and doesn't think it would be a good idea.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve Option A-1: Recommend the installation of 40 feet of red curb on the west side of Spring Street, north of 22nd Street; and 2) to recommend to City Council to deny 90-minute timed parking on 21st, 22nd and Spring Street frontages of Scolari's market.

3. Stop Control, 12th Street at Railroad Street

John Falkenstien

For the City Council to consider stop control on 12th Street at Railroad Street.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approved Option A: Defer consideration of stop signs on 12th Street at Railroad Street to a more comprehensive study of downtown traffic improvements.

4. Stop Control, Oak Street at 22nd Street

John Falkenstien

For the City Council to consider stop control on Oak Street at 22nd Street.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve Option A: Recommend Council approval of stop signs on Oak Street at 22nd Street.

5. Angle Parking on 8th and Park Streets

John Falkenstien

For the City Council to consider a request to install angle parking along the south side of 8th Street and west side of Park Street.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve Option A:
Approve the request for angle parking on 8th and Park Streets, adjacent to the Madson development. With modification to convert to an all-way stop.

6. Angle Parking on 15th Street

John Falkenstien

For the City Council to consider a request to install angle parking along the south side of 15th Street east of Spring Street.

Kimo Pankey spoke in support of the angle parking on 8th and Park Streets.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve Option A:
Approve the request for angle parking on 15th Street, east of Spring Street adjacent to the Pankey development.

7. The Committee approved Minutes from October 27, 2006 Meeting.

Paso Robles Streets and Utilities Committee Meeting
July 13, 2007

To: John Falkenstien, Doug Monn, and City Council Members
From: Lenore Spielman
RE: Rolling Hills Road Traffic

Thank you for inviting me to the meeting today. We did not receive an agenda for this meeting, or any communication on this issue from you in several months; so, I address you with the current status of Rolling Hills traffic as I, and many others in that neighborhood, see it.

The city has communicated its intentions to permit a high density, multi-family housing project on the corner of Rolling Hills Road and Creston Road. It also held a meeting last night to present the intention to build a traffic circle at that intersection. These are two very significant developments for that neighborhood. However, for nearly a year now, there has been no solution or demonstrated result for the traffic issue on Rolling Hills currently. I emphasize—no result.

The city vision includes being a pedestrian friendly set of communities. Speeding cars are directly related to the detriment of people walking. The noise, the safety issues when crossing, the pollution, and the atmosphere of disrespect as drivers gun their cars through one's neighborhood--kills it. This is what you have set up for Rolling Hills Road. No solution for the current situation. The addition of more cars, and no physical barrier for all those cars to speed at will on RHR.

I'm very discouraged in the behavior of the City thus far in handling this issue. Communication has been minimal, and results, Officer Hackett being the exception, have been nil. We do not have a traffic calming program. The strong perception is that the city does not know how to maintain our valued quality of life while growing.

Traffic management is more than managing flow. It's keeping the quality of life for those that the flow is passing by.

I strongly recommend that the city look to who its customers are, besides the developers and the state mandates. I've seen no metrics on quality of life anywhere.