

**CITY OF MURRIETA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES**

**1 TOWN SQUARE
MURRIETA, CA**



**FEBRUARY 20, 2019
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Barton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Brian Barton	Traffic Commissioner
	Arne Chandler	Traffic Commissioner
	Keelan McCullough	Traffic Commissioner
	Peter Thorwarth	Traffic Commissioner
	Cindy Warren	Traffic Commissioner
Absent:	None	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REORGANIZATIONAL/CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

R1. Oath of Office – New Traffic Commissions

City Clerk Stephanie Smith administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Traffic Commissioners.

R2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Action: Commissioner Barton was nominated by Commissioner McCullough to serve as Chair, Commissioner Chandler seconded the motion.
The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Barton, Chandler, McCullough, Thorwarth, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

Action: Commissioner McCullough was nominated by Chair Barton to serve as Vice Chair, Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.
The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Barton, Chandler, McCullough, Thorwarth, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

Chair Barton recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak.

CONSENT CALANDER – APPROVAL OF ITEM C1

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner McCullough to Approve Consent Calendar Item C1.
The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Barton, Chandler, McCullough, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	Thorwarth

C1. Minutes

Action: Approved the Meeting Minutes of the Traffic Commission Regular Meeting on September 19, 2018.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D1. Greer Road Sidewalk/Interim Buffer Zone

Brian Stephenson, Consulting Traffic Engineer introduced the item and provided the report. Mr. Stephenson indicated that the City received a request from a resident to install a sidewalk along Greer Road from the gated entrance to the development to connect with the existing sidewalk, which ends at Catt Road. Mr. Stephenson said that the City also received a request from the same resident, to install a striped interim buffer zone within the roadway, to provide a buffer between the northbound travel lane and pedestrians walking within the bike lane, until said sidewalk can be constructed. Mr. Stephenson indicated that the City does not currently have a plan to install sidewalk along Greer Road and that there would be impacts such as a number of existing trees that would need to be removed, as well as existing landscaping, fences and utilities.

Mr. Stephenson further explained that as the properties along the west side of Greer Road are developed, they will be conditioned to install sidewalk along their property frontage, but that it is not feasible for the City to install sidewalk along the east side of Greer Road at this time. This is due to the significant improvements such as grading and/or retaining walls, curb & gutter, roadway widening, and utility relocations would need to be constructed to get the sidewalk in the ultimate location. The cost to install sidewalk on either side of Greer Road would be extensive and would require a Capital Improvement Plan project creation and City Council approval.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner McCullough, seconded by Commissioner Thorwarth to Maintain Greer Road geometry and striping as it currently exists.
The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Barton, Chandler, McCullough, Thorwarth, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

D2. Speed Ordinance Update

Brian Stephenson, Consulting Traffic Engineer introduced the item and provided the report. Mr. Stephenson indicated that the Speed Ordinance was taken before the City Council for consideration on February 5, 2019. Mr. Stephenson explained that the California Vehicle Code requires that local agencies review changes in local speed limits on a periodic basis to determine if the speed limits require updating due to the age of the engineering and traffic survey, or due to changes in roadway conditions. He further explained the process by which the City evaluated the current limits and any changes that were proposed.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: Received and filed the City's Speed Ordinance update.

D3. Traffic Division Overview

Action: Received and filed the report on the overview of the Traffic Division.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS


Chair Barton said that he would like to have an item brought back to the Commission regarding projects currently under consideration by the City.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barton adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Jennifer Ransom, MMC, CPMC, CRA
Assistant City Clerk