

# **AGENDA**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
**2 P.M.**

**Laguna Woods City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**24264 El Toro Road**  
**Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

### **III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **A. Red Light Photo Enforcement Program**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Recommend that the City Council extend the red light photo enforcement program through June 30, 2016.

#### **B. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Preparation**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Provide input to staff regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

### **IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## VI. ADJOURN

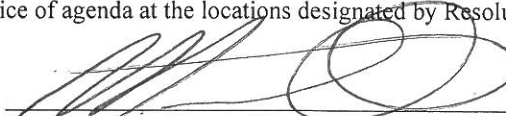
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Marc Donohue, Deputy City Clerk

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Recap**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**  
**2 P.M.**

**Laguna Woods City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**24264 El Toro Road**  
**Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Ohrn called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Brauer, Chodash, Gross, Mathews, Ohrn, Rook, Verrall, Watkins,  
Whitehead

**Absent:** Horne, Monin

**III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**A. Archery Regulations**

City Manager Macon reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions from Committee members and the public.

Residents and members of the Laguna Woods Village Archery Club, Gordon Richiusa, Betsy Engall, Rod Stroope, and one unidentified speaker, spoke in favor of the proposed regulations.

The Committee voted 9-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt regulations that would permit the establishment of archery ranges subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and compliance with terms and conditions thereof, as proposed.

The Committee voted 5-3 with members Verrall, Watkins, and Whitehead dissenting and Vice Chair Ohrn abstaining to request that staff modify the proposed regulations to require certifications or qualifications, as appropriate, for the on-site designated representative and archery range design professionals. The three dissenting votes felt that adding requirements would be unnecessary and redundant. The abstention cited no opinion on the subject.

#### B. General Plan Safety Element Update

City Manager Macon and consultants Jeff Henderson and Aaron Pfannenstiel (consultants) reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions from Committee members.

The Committee voted 9-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt the updated General Plan Safety Element, as proposed.

#### C. Climate Adaptation Plan

City Manager Macon and Scott Davidson and Chris Read (consultants) provided information on the development of the Climate Adaptation Plan and solicited input on related issues.

Committee members provided the following input:

- Home-scale efforts should be considered (e.g., rain barrels).
- The local impacts of droughts should be considered.
- Generators, solar power, and waterwise improvements, including landscape improvements, should be encouraged.
- The Climate Adaptation Plan should draw on related existing and previous efforts and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Greywater, desalination, and efforts to expand both the capture and reuse of water should be considered.
- The use of fuel cells should be encouraged both for energy supply and water-related purposes (fuels cells may contain water).
- State and federal legislative changes may be necessary to allow for the implementation of certain adaptation efforts.

D. City Council Advisory Committees

City Manager Macon reviewed the agenda report and the City Council Advisory Committees administrative policy. No action was taken.

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Gross announced his resignation from the Committee.

Members Brauer, Chodash, and Watkins expressed their enthusiasm for the Committee's future business.

Member Rook discussed the importance of knowing where you are when calling 911 for emergency services. He suggested posting signs in public rooms that indicate the building's address.

Member Verrall announced that she will be out of town attending to family business for the next three months.

Member Mathews spoke in support of Member Rook's comments and also encouraged the practice of having an individual meet responders on the street to guide them to the location where emergency services are needed.

Vice Chair Ohrn and Member Chodash concurred with members Rook and Mathews' statements.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

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**City of Laguna Woods  
Agenda Report**

**DATE:** May 13, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting  
**TO:** Honorable Chair and Committee Members  
**FROM:** Christopher Macon, City Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

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**Recommendation**

Recommend that the City Council extend the red light photo enforcement program through June 30, 2016.

**Background**

In 2005, the City Council approved an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for red light photo enforcement at the intersections of El Toro Road/Moulton Parkway and Laguna Woods Village Gate 12/Moulton Parkway. Amendments to the agreement, including term extensions, were approved in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The agreement will end on June 30, 2014 unless extended by the City.

**Discussion**

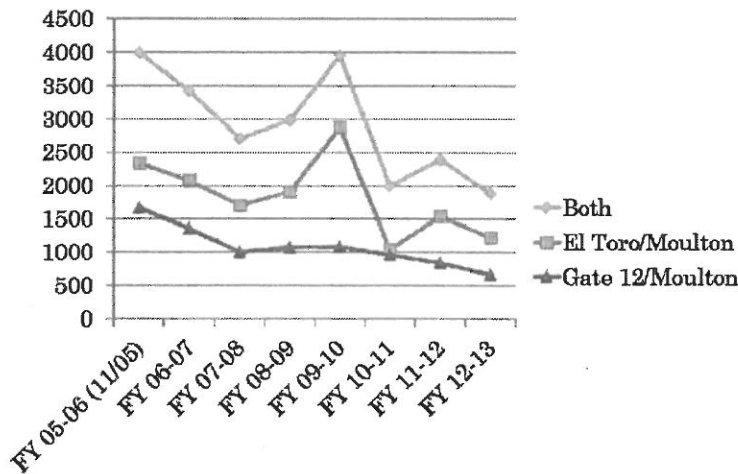
**Citations Issued**

The red light photo enforcement program has averaged 2,919 citations each fiscal year since the first citation was issued in November 2005, ranging from a low of 1,886 in Fiscal Year 2012-13 to a high of 3,997 in Fiscal Year 2005-06. Of those, approximately 63% are issued for the El Toro Road/Moulton Parkway intersection and 37% are issued for the Village Gate 12/Moulton Parkway intersection.

In the first year of the program, nearly 4,000 citations were issued, after which the total number of citations at both intersections gradually declined before reaching 2,711 in Fiscal Year 2007-08. Citations then rose to match the first year's total of just under 4,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-10. In the most recent fiscal years, the total number of citations has decreased due, in part, to camera downtime caused by the

Moulton Smart Street construction. A total of 2,386 and 1,886 citations were issued in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, respectively.

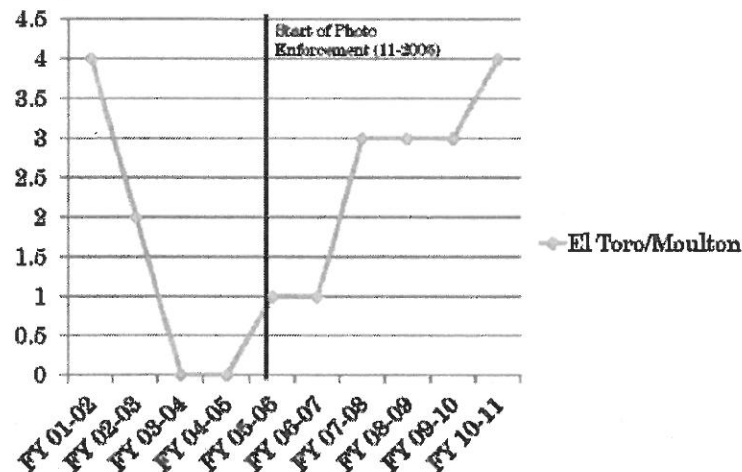
**Graph 1: Citations Issued**

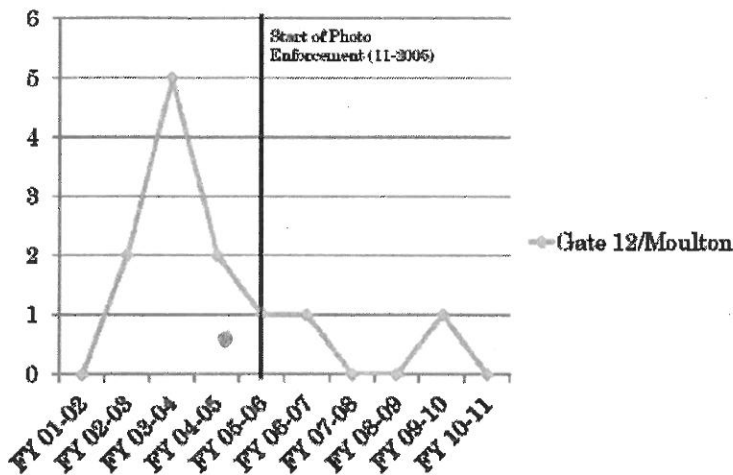


Collisions

Staff studied incidents over a 10-year period of time (Fiscal Year 2001-02 through 2010-11) and found that the number of collisions related to signal violations at the two photo enforced intersections fluctuated slightly, but did not change in any significant manner. The El Toro Road/Moulton Parkway intersection averaged 2.1 signal violation-related collisions per year, with a high of four collisions per year. The Laguna Woods Village Gate 12/Moulton Parkway intersection averaged 1.2 signal violation-related collisions per year, with a high of five collisions per year.

**Graph 2: El Toro/Moulton Collisions**



**Graph 3: Gate 12/Moulton Collisions**

### Alternative Enforcement Methods

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is unable to provide a comparable level of enforcement to the red light photo enforcement program due to the size and structure of the intersections. A motorcycle deputy could provide limited amounts of enforcement; however, photo enforcement remains the most effective method of enforcing red light violations at both intersections.

Staff is recommending that the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council extend the red light photo enforcement program through June 30, 2016. If the City Council takes no action, the program will end on June 30, 2014.

### Fiscal Impact

Redflex currently charges the City a monthly fee of \$3,000 per approach (five total approaches for \$180,000 per year), which includes the capture and processing of red light violations – including right turn violations – within range of the cameras. Monthly fees would remain unchanged during the proposed extended term.

The red light photo enforcement program is a time intensive operation that requires an Orange County Sheriff's deputy to issue citations and appear in court, generally on a weekly basis. An attorney is also required to appear on behalf of the City. Repeated legal challenges have increased the cost of legal services in recent years and are expected to continue. City staff time is required to manage the agreement with Redflex and respond to public records/discovery requests. On occasion, staff are also required to testify in court as to program procedures.



Expenditures related to the red light photo enforcement program have historically been partially offset by California Vehicle Code Fines and State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding (SLESF/SLESA).

**Conclusion**

The red light photo enforcement program provides a level of traffic enforcement at the El Toro Road/Moulton Parkway and Laguna Woods Village Gate 12/Moulton Parkway intersections that would otherwise not be possible. Staff is seeking input from the Public Safety Committee regarding the future of the program.

**City of Laguna Woods  
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**DATE:** May 13, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting  
**TO:** Honorable Chair and Committee Members  
**FROM:** Christopher Macon, City Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Preparation

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**Recommended Action**

Provide input to staff regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

**Background**

Preparation of the City's Fiscal Year 2014-15 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) budget is now underway. The budget outlines a financial plan and scope of work for the City to undertake during the specified period of time.

**Discussion**

This year – to further the City's commitment to transparency and public outreach – staff has expanded the budget process to include additional opportunities for input from the City's standing advisory committees and general public.

At today's meeting, staff is requesting input on matters regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget as they relate to public safety. This is an opportunity to propose new programs, modifications to existing programs, and other suggestions, thoughts, or ideas for consideration in the City's budget.

Public safety-related topics include:

- Road design
- Streetlight and traffic control device location, maintenance, and operation
- Fire, paramedic, and ambulance services
- Animal control services
- Emergency management services

**Fiscal Impact**

The City Council will consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget in June. Additional public budget meetings will be held in May and June.

**Conclusion**

Public Safety Committee input on this item will help ensure that the City's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget is responsive to community needs.