

AGENDA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 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. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Preparation

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

B. Committee Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Cancel the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled for July 8, 2014.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 2 p.m. on July 8, 2014, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Meetings may be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Recap

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
2:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monin called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brauer, Chodash, Horne, Mathews, Monin, Ohrn, Rook

Absent: Verrall, Watkins, Whitehead

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

This item was removed from the agenda.

B. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Preparation

Assistant City Manager Reilly reviewed the agenda report and invited Committee members and the general public to provide input.

Committee members provided the following input:

- Vice Chair Ohrn – The City should consider installing solar-powered yellow signs with blinking yellow lights warning of pedestrian crossings at El Toro Road/Saint Nicholas Catholic Church-Lutheran Church of the Cross and Moulton Parkway/Laguna Woods Village gates 12 and 16.

- Vice Chair Ohrn – The City should fund directed enforcement focused on pedestrian crossings and reducing speeding along El Toro Road from Paseo de Valencia to Moulton Parkway.
- Member Chodash – The City should install flat panel radar speed limit signs, like those seen in Laguna Woods Village.
- Member Rook – The City should use police car “dummies” around the City, to which drivers respond by slowing down.
- Member Rook – The City should install the radar speed limit signs permanently in school zones.
- Chair Monin – The City should install the pedestrian warning signs suggested by Vice Chair Ohrn at El Toro Road/Calle Sonora for pedestrians crossing Calle Sonora east to west.
- Member Matthews – The City should extend the left turn pocket on southbound Moulton Parkway for turns onto Calle Aragon. Vice Chair Ohrn voiced his support for this idea.
- Vice Chair Ohrn – The City should widen the sidewalk on Santa Maria Avenue to extend the multimodal trail on the eastbound side from Via Vista to Avenida Sosiega. Assistant City Manager Reilly noted that doing so would require the approval of the City of Laguna Hills for the portion of the street within its jurisdiction.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Chodash asked why left turns from the main Valencia Center driveway onto northbound Paseo de Valencia are no longer allowed and why U-turns on southbound Paseo de Valencia at Magdalena are not allowed. Assistant City Manager Reilly explained that Paseo de Valencia is within and under the jurisdiction of the City of Laguna Hills.

Member Chodash said that the right turn lane on westbound El Toro Road for right turns onto northbound Moulton Parkway is too short. Assistant City Manager Reilly explained that the City and the County could not get permission from the Moulton Auto Spa owners to extend the lane.

Vice Chair Ohrn asked for an update on the request for proposals process for ambulance services. Assistant City Manager Reilly explained that the process is being handled by the Orange County Health Care Agency instead of the Orange County Fire Authority.

Member Matthews complimented City staff on the completion of the Moulton Smart Street Phase 2 project. Assistant City Manager Reilly explained that, while most of the work has been completed, there is still additional work to be done. He also noted that Southern California Edison will be starting a project on El Toro Road in the coming weeks.

Member Matthews expressed concern over the lack of a sidewalk along Town Centre Drive from El Toro Road. Assistant City Manager Reilly noted that Town Centre was approved by the County prior to the City's incorporation and that difficulties in designing a sidewalk at that location that would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act resulted in the construction of a sidewalk at Town Centre's secondary entrance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURN

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**City of Laguna Woods
Agenda Report**

DATE: June 10, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting
TO: Honorable Chair and Committee Members
FROM: Christopher Macon, City Manager
AGENDA ITEM: Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Preparation

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, including matters on which the City Council has provided preliminary direction. This is an opportunity to propose new programs, modifications to existing programs, and other suggestions, thoughts, or ideas for consideration in the City's upcoming 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

Preliminary Direction

The City Council provided the following direction on public safety-related topics at the meetings on April 30, 2014 and May 28, 2014. This direction is not final; staff will use the direction to prepare a draft budget for future consideration.

Priority Focus Areas

The City Council unanimously concurred with the following priority focus areas identified for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget:

A city that is...

- Healthy and safe
- High in quality of life
- Environmentally conscious
- Economically prosperous
- Fiscally responsible
- Professionally and efficiently served

Local Hazard Mitigation Projects

The City Council unanimously directed staff to include funding for Local Hazard Mitigation Projects C, F, and J in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget with further direction to return to the City Council with any NFIP Community Assistance Visit findings whose implementation would require supplemental budget appropriations. Projects C, F, and J are specifically identified in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for completion in Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Project C (related to energy shortages)
Adopt an ordinance requiring emergency backup generators for new and redeveloped fuel stations and cellular telephone towers.
Project F (related to floods and storms)
Adopt an ordinance prohibiting invasive plant species from existing within the City.
Project J (related to floods and storms)
Participate in and implement findings of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Assistance Visits, triennially.

City Hall Bollard Replacement Project

The City Council unanimously directed staff to include funding for the City Hall Bollard Replacement Project in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. This project is intended to enhance safety at City Hall by removing four existing decorative bollards and installing six reinforced bollards.

Roadway Projects

The City Council unanimously directed staff to eliminate three unfunded pavement rehabilitation projects related to segments of El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway from the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 capital improvement program/budget. The City Council would revisit the need for pavement rehabilitation projects at a later date after staff updates the City's Pavement Management Plan and analyzes the impacts of potential projects. Staff is preparing the budget with a commitment to no new in-lane road construction with the exception of maintenance and emergency work.

In the past, there was interest in considering reducing the number of driving lanes and speed limit on Santa Maria Avenue in order to allow use by golf cars (NEVs). The City Council took no action related to this potential project and, as a result, staff will not include it in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

Traffic Signal Synchronization Projects

The City has been awarded Measure M2 funding for two new, multi-year, multi-city traffic signal synchronization projects. The projects, as described below, are anticipated to be implemented between September 2014 and August 2015 with an additional maintenance/monitoring period from September 2015 to August 2017.

- ***El Toro Road Project:*** Synchronization from Bells Viero Lane in the west to Bridger Road/Interstate 5 northbound ramp in the east. Laguna Woods will receive new detection and monitoring systems at Aliso Creek Road, Calle Sonora, and Avenida Sevilla.
- ***Moulton Parkway Project:*** Synchronization from Lake Forest Drive in the north to Camino Del Avion in the south. Laguna Woods will receive new detection and monitoring systems at various locations; Laguna Hills and Laguna Niguel will receive other related traffic signal improvements.

City Website Improvements

The City Council unanimously voted to direct staff to include funding for a redesign of the City's website in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. The purpose of the update would be to provide greater electronic resources to residents,

businesses, and contractors, as well as to address issues of transparency, usability, and accessibility. Public safety content would be included on the website.

General Plan Updates

The City Council unanimously directed staff to include funding for a comprehensive update of the General Plan Conservation Element and general plan resident and business survey in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. This would be the first part of what is envisioned as a two fiscal year process to complete a comprehensive update of the entire General Plan, which would involve public safety issues.

Shredding Events

The City Council unanimously directed staff to include funding for four quarterly shredding events in the draft Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget. In addition to providing opportunities for recycling, shredding is a best practice to prevent identify theft.

Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

On May 28, 2014, the City Council took no action with respect to the agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for automated red light photo enforcement systems, with the understanding that, in the absence of affirmative action to extend, the agreement will end on June 30, 2014.

Fiscal Impact

The City Council will consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget in June. Upcoming public budget meetings are scheduled for the City Council meetings on June 18, 2014 and June 25, 2014.

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.