AGENDA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 8, 2010 9:30 A.M.

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

AGENDA DESCRIPTION: The Agenda descriptions are intended to give notice, to members of the public, of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, may do so under the appropriate section of the agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing (12 copies) and only pertinent points presented orally. Requests to speak to items on the agenda shall be heard at the appropriate point on the agenda; requests to speak about subjects not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - A. No Right Turn on Red Light Alternatives (Attachment)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss alternatives at various intersections.

B. Rights of the Individual vs. Rights of the Community (Attachment)

RECOMMEND ACTION: Review past discussion and finalize recommendations to the City Council in the following areas:

- Secondhand smoke
- Fire prevention
- Elder Abuse and Abandonment
- Hoarding

IV. PENDING PROJECTS UPDATE

A. Moulton Parkway and El Toro Road Construction

V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Animal Services – no meeting

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 9, 2011.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Meeting Recap

October 13, 2010 9:30 A.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Templeton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Henderson, Horne, Leuck, Margolis, Stone, Templeton

Absent: Dalis, Letcher, Min, Rosenblatt

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

Duane Cave, Public Affairs Manager for The Gas Company, discussed pipeline safety. He stated that there are no high pressure gas lines in the City and that natural gas pipelines feed only very limited areas. He also encouraged the public to use Dig Alert and learn how to turn off gas. Gas lines should only be turned back on by The Gas Company.

B. Moulton/El Toro Intersection Accident Statistics

City Manager Keane distributed and reviewed a summary of Moulton/ El Toro intersection accident statistics.

C. Laguna Woods Crime Statistics

City Manager Keane distributed and reviewed a citywide summary of Laguna Woods' crime statistics.

IV. PENDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Staff provided updates on the following pending projects:

- A. Moulton Parkway and El Toro Rod Construction
- B. Bingo Regulations
- C. Rights of Individuals vs. Rights of Community Project

V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Animal Services

Chair Templeton stated that the subcommittee is working on articles for the City newsletter. They are also considering program ideas, as well as microchipping requirements for dogs.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mary Stone suggested that the City consider hosting a public safety fair.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Wall, resident, discussed concerns with golf carts, racing bikes, and motorized scooters using the sidewalk between Laguna Woods Village Gate 1 and Saint Nicholas Catholic Church. She would like to see a bollard placed on the path. She also voiced concern with the speed limit in front of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church and suggested that signs be installed telling drivers what speed they are going.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on November 10, 2010, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. All regular meetings are subject to cancellation due to a lack of agenda items.

ATTACHMENT III A

City of Laguna Woods

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 1, 2010

TO:

Leslie Keane, City Manager

FROM:

Douglas Reilly, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT:

No Right Turn on Red Intersections

The following intersections currently have no right turn on red signs:

Southbound Calle Corta at El Toro Road

Westbound El Toro Road at Calle Sonora

Westbound El Toro Road at Town Centre Drive

Westbound El Toro Road at Avenida Sevilla

Eastbound Calle Cortez at Moulton Parkway

Eastbound Via Iglesia at Moulton Parkway

Westbound Via Campo Verde at Moulton Parkway

Westbound Gate 12 at Moulton Parkway

City of Laguna Woods Agenda Report

FOR:

December 8, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting

TO:

Chair and Committee Members

FROM:

Leslie A. Keane, City Manager

Agenda Item:

Rights of the Individual vs. Rights of the Community

Recommendation:

Review past discussion and finalize recommendations to the City Council in the following areas:

- Secondhand smoke
- Fire prevention
- Elder Abuse and Abandonment
- Hoarding

Background

At the February 18, 2010 City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Hack raised the issue of resident public safety and conditions in the City where the rights and actions of individuals may potentially endanger the safety of others. More specifically, Councilmember Hack noted concerns about second smoke, inadequate internal property maintenance and hoarding, and residents with special care needs. After a lengthy discussion, the Council referred this matter to the Public Safety Committee.

Discussion

During the last ten months, the Public Safety Committee has met with representatives from the Office on Aging, Orange County Adult Protective Services, Orange County Health Care Agency, Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Sheriff's Department, City of Brea Code

Enforcement Department and Laguna Woods Village to discuss resident public safety.

To date, the Committee has recommended:

- enhancements to the City's anti-smoking regulations that would prohibit smoking on outdoor patios and balconies in multifamily buildings (owned and rental); and
- education and referrals, rather than direct action, with respect to fire prevention and elder abuse/abandonment.

The discussion on hoarding has been extensive and there has been some confusion as to the responsibilities of public safety first responders, such as firefighters and paramedic, and the resident homeowners associations. Staff continues to try and clarify the position of the Orange County Fire Authority on this issue.

In addition, the Committee requested that the Laguna Woods Village homeowners associations provide a written request for city assistance together with an explanation of the interrelationship of City and HOA regulations and the expectations of each. It is our understanding that two of the Mutuals – Third and United – are currently developing policies on hoarding.

Conclusion

Once the Committee has finalized its recommendations, staff will provide a final report to the City Council, together with draft policies and regulations that address specific issues.