



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No. _____**

FROM: Interim City Administrator

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopts and enacts by resolution the revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy.

BACKGROUND:

Over time, issues have been raised by the Commerce community regarding perceived vehicular speeding in residential neighborhoods. Traffic calming measures, such as speed humps, have been suggested as a means of curbing speeding in these residential areas. Staff has investigated the issues with respect to traffic calming and has developed a comprehensive speed hump policy (Policy).

On February 5, 2008, the City Council approved a Speed Humps/Speed Cushions Guidelines policy (see Exhibit A). Staff has determined that the current guidelines policy is inadequate and embarked on creating a more comprehensive speed hump policy. The new proposed Policy is attached as Exhibit 1.

On April 12, 2017, during its regularly scheduled meeting, the Traffic Commission approved and recommended to City Council the revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy.

ANALYSIS:

Traffic calming devices, such as speed humps and rumble strips, are those implementations that are aimed in reducing excessive speeding and to instigate change in driver behavior.

Staff undertook the task in developing a thorough revised Policy that addresses the procedures in installing speed humps or rumble strips primarily in residential

neighborhoods. This same Policy can be implemented for any application of speed humps or rumble strips in commercially or industrially zoned areas in the city. As a practical matter, the City reserves the right to install or remove any traffic calming device, if engineering or procedural analysis demonstrates that such action is warranted.

The attached Policy (see Exhibit 1) outlines the procedures required in requesting speed humps to be installed on a particular street.

Eligibility requirements are factored in, with the requisite petition from the neighborhood and adjoining neighborhood participants in making a formal public request. Then subsequent staff evaluations are made to ensure that the installation of traffic calming devices meet code requirements, engineering standards, and safety.

Traffic Commission discussions and approvals are then executed to meet public policy adherence. Ultimately, City Council approval would be required for the final and complete installation of any traffic calming device(s).

The complete details of installing these traffic calming devices are presented in the attached Policy, including all requisite application and petition forms.

The intent of this Policy is to improve the quality of life within the Commerce community, and to ensure the safety of all its residents and business owners.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Reject staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact in the implementation of the revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy. However, any future installation of traffic calming devices may require Measure AA funding approval or the use of appropriate funds from available funding sources.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2012 Strategic Goal to “improve and maintain infrastructure and beautify our community.”

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ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A – Commerce Speed Humps/Speed Cushions Guidelines (2008)

Exhibit 1 – Revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy (2017)