

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
3:30 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 3:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Ender led the salute to the flag.

**ITEM 1**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BENZ ROAD**

At the August 26, 2008 meeting, the City Council directed staff to install a traffic diverter on Benz Road at Alaminos Street. Following placement of the diverter, residents living on surrounding streets contacted the City expressing concerns with regard to the diverter.

Robert Newman, Director of Public Works, provided the history of this issue including traffic counts, surveys and a summary of staff's efforts to assist with traffic calming measures.

**Council consensus to limit public speakers to one minute each.**

Addressing the Council on this item was Ken Kolt; Jim Petrella; Bob Werner; Maria Cuadra; Pattie Foster; Jeff Piolet (submitted material); Roger Gitlin; Jeannette Krystkowiak; Linda Decker; Patsy Stravino; Sharon Natoli; Lisa Sakabo; Bob English; Ronald Hall; James Martin; Nadine Teter; Alan Ferdman (submitted material); Kathy Meyer; Mona Martin; Tony Natoli; John Stevenson; Cal Erickson; Barbara Prindle; Susan Wachter; Paul Travers; Annette Lucas representing the Calgrove Corridor Coalition; Bob Meza; Linda Adrian; James Garwick; Scott Young; Stephanie Mestas (submitted material); Willard Wins; Sioux Coghlan; Sol Levy; Robert Monhem; Kerry Ross (submitted material); Jim Oge; Lou Beatty; Joyce Stein; Kathryn Swope; Thomas Francis; Marivic Francis; Courtney Quashen's mom; TimBen Boydston representing the Santa Clarita Neighborhood Coalition; Steve Ridnour; Valerie Thomas representing Placerita Canyon Owner's Assn.; Nancy VanSciver; and Morris Deason.

Twenty-six written comments were received on this item.

**Motion by Ferry, second by McLean, to remove the diverter, replace the turn restrictions and direct staff to prepare a City-wide policy with regard to the use of speed humps/bumps/cushions, diverters and gates.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ferry, McLean**

**Noes: Ender, Weste, Kellar**

**Absent: None**

**Motion did not carry.**

**Motion by Ender, second by Weste to remove the diverter as soon as possible.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Weste, Ferry, McLean, Ender, Kellar**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Ferry, second by McLean, to replace the turn restrictions.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Kellar**

**Noes: Ender, Weste**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Weste, second by Ender, to implement the 4-step plan as recommended by staff in the August 26, 2008 agenda report as follows:**

**Step 1:**

- a) Install temporary speed cushions at the 20 indicated locations on the figure attached to the report.**
- b) Leave existing peak-hour turn restrictions in place at the following intersections:**
  - Benz Road and Bouquet Canyon Road**
  - Sue Drive and Bouquet Canyon Road**
  - Benz Road and Copper Hill Drive**
  - Buckhorn Lane and Copper Hill Drive**
- c) Collect speed and volume data along all streets with speed cushions.**

**Step 2:**

- a) Three months after installation of speed cushions remove existing peak-hour turn restrictions.**
- b) Collect speed and volume data along all streets with speed cushions.**

**Step 3:**

- a) **Six months after installation of speed cushions, collect input from the neighborhood regarding speed cushions and peak-hour turn restrictions.**

**Step 4:**

- a) **Develop a final plan, which may include removal of speed cushions, installation of permanent asphalt speed humps/speed cushions, and/or reestablishment of peak-hour turn restrictions. The final plan will be based on the willingness of the residents to pay for the permanent speed humps/speed cushions.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ender, Weste, Kellar**

**Noes: McLean, Ferry**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Valerie Thomas regarding minutes of the Newhall Redevelopment Committee.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**

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