

ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

**Study Session
7:00 P.M.**

**February 15, 2005
Council Chambers**

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., and City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Council Members Davis, Kalinowski, Conley and Mayor Freitas

Excused: Council Member Simonsen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Kalinowski led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDY SESSION

1. TRAFFIC CALMING

City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt presented the staff report dated February 7, 2005 recommending the City Council receive and file the report.

Captain McConnell, Antioch Police Department, reviewed Attachment D of the staff report, from the City of San Jose's Neighborhood Automated Speed Compliance Program (NASCO). He reported total costs for the van and equipment would be \$120k. He stated he would need to contact local courts and the coordinator of the program for any additional information.

In response to Councilmember Conley, Captain McConnell clarified photo enforcement for speed violations is prohibited in all jurisdictions.

Chief Moczulski, Antioch Police Department, complimented staff on the report to Council and concurred with City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt regarding his analysis of the CALTRANS guidelines to establish speeds set on collector streets within residential roadways.

In response to Mayor Freitas, Chief Moczulski clarified individuals not in the 85th percentile could have their citations thrown out.

Bob Martin, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, stated several people had attended the Planning Commission meetings voicing their concerns regarding traffic and following the last Planning Conference, Commission members requested the item be agendaized for discussion. He reported the Planning Commission's response in the discussion was to form a subcommittee to develop a policy recommendation for the City Council.

Mayor Freitas commended staff on the information contained within the staff report. He voiced his support for the Planning Commission developing a City policy dealing with design and

streetscapes for Council consideration. He requested additional information with regards to the NASCOP program. He felt prime facie 25 MPH on collector streets was creating problems and suggested posting them at 30 MPH.

Councilmember Conley voiced his support for the development of a policy and restricting housing that faces collector streets in the General Plan. He suggested as the City repaved collector streets, they consider raised intersections as a traffic-calming device.

City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt cautioned that collector streets were busier roads and traffic calming devices could redirect traffic into other areas. He added any speed calming device was effective for 100-200 feet in each direction.

Councilmember Kalinowski voiced his support to formalize the procedure the City used for deployment of radar trailers and what was done with the information. He stated he did not want to specify specifically the solutions so each issue can be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. With regards to the NASCOP program, he stated he would be interested if the van could be used in any manner the City deemed appropriate. He stated he would support adjusting the speed limits for the collector streets where it was appropriate. He suggested staff evaluate the radar trailers and consider using them as a tool to inform the public of traffic issues. He questioned whether the traffic unit was fully staffed and funded appropriately.

Mayor Freitas voiced his support for a written policy to formalize the process particularly as it related to design of streets and landscaping on streets. He stated if there was a traffic survey using the CALTRANS standard of 85th percentile that speed should be posted. When major repaving occurs, staff should consider traffic calming devices if deemed necessary. The Council requested more information on the NASCOP program with cost/benefit ratios and a utility of the city's radar equipment.

In response to Director of Community Development Brandt, Mayor Freitas requested the informal policy requiring 75% signatures be considered by the Planning Commission with a recommendation to the City Council.

Councilmember Conley discussed the importance of informing the developers of the City's standards.

Ed Franzen reported Traffic Engineering and Sergeant Hopwood with the Antioch Police Department have been addressing the concerns from residents to minimize the complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

With no further business, Mayor Freitas adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M. to the next regular Council meeting on February 22, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:

L. JOLENE MARTIN, CMC, City Clerk