

March 18, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
March 25, 2003

**SPEED HUMP POLICY – REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED POLICY AND CONSIDERATION OF
PLACING SPEED HUMPS ON HILLCREST DRIVE**

Recommendation:

- 1) That the City Council review and consider the proposed speed hump policy developed by staff and reviewed by the Public Works Commission. This policy will be used for review of pending requests for installation of speed humps city wide; and,
- 2) That the City Council consider the installation of speed humps on Hillcrest Drive.

Background:

The City Council last considered the speed hump policy at their meeting of December 10, 2002. Staff was directed to streamline the policy including provisions that 67% of the residents sign a petition approving the speed humps, make residents aware that funding was not guaranteed, provide a resident funding option and that Police and Fire Departments review the streamlined policy prior to review by the Public Works Commission and before it returns to the City Council for further action.

The Public Works Commission agenda for the February meeting included the revised policy developed by staff that was consistent with your direction from the December 10th meeting. The Commission did not take action on the policy at the February meeting and it was continued to their March meeting. The results of the Public Works Commission consideration of the speed hump policy are attached as part of this report. The City Council may now finalize the policy and use it when considering requests by residents for the installation of speed humps. As you know, there are currently three pending requests; the first is Hillcrest Drive between 21st Street and 18th Street. This request was first considered and approved by the City Council at the meeting May 14, 2002. Staff was directed to install the speed humps as part of the street renovation project now underway in that neighborhood and to report back in the event that we were unable to secure sign-off by the property owners that would have the speed humps installed in front of their properties. Staff reported at the March 11, 2003 meeting the progress in obtaining the sign-offs. As a result of the discussion concerning the Hillcrest Drive speed humps, the residents in the area have been invited to attend tonight's meeting. The other two requests are for 9th Street and Loma Drive. Both of these requests have been pending while the speed hump policy was being finalized. The Public Works Commission reviewed the 9th Street request at its March 19, 2003 meeting and its recommendation will be presented verbally at the meeting. If the policy is approved then a public hearing

will scheduled for City Council consideration of this request in accordance with the proposed policy.

The proposed policy drafted by staff and reviewed by the Public Works Commission contains a provision for the residents to pay for the speed humps. This provision, if it is used, may very well end up being a very difficult situation from a neighborhood standpoint as well as a policy issue for the City Council. It really will come down to a decision on how long an area must wait if the City has a list of unfunded and approved locations. It might be a good idea to set an amount available each year or handle them on a case-by-case basis in terms of providing funding for them.

Respectfully submitted,

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