

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, California

March 12, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on March 12, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, Chair Emerson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS Biri, Emerson, Mejia, Patz, Schleuter,
Wilhelm

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER Vardeman

PRESENT: STAFF Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Sharon Nowell, Department Secretary
Bruce McAlpine, Captain

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mejia.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. MINUTES

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MOTION/SECOND/ABSTAIN: Patz/Mejia/Biri, Schleuter

Commissioner Wilhelm noted that Bullet Item 5 on Page 3 should read "Add protected right-turn from Bloomfield Street onto *Cerritos Avenue* for cars going to McAuliffe School". Motion unanimously carried to approve minutes with change as noted.

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MOTION/SECOND: Mejia/Schleuter

Motion unanimously carried to approve minutes.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

City Engineer, Dave Hunt, gave a summary of the staff report and the information contained therein. The information presented was to familiarize the Commission with the powers and duties of the Traffic Commission as outlined in the City Municipal Code.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic priorities in the City. The priorities were as follows (not in order of priority):

- Cut-thru traffic
- Increased density and traffic volume
- Future development
- School traffic
- Possible JFTB closure
- Maintaining safety
- Good traffic flow
- Katella Ave. and Cerritos Ave./605 Interchanges
- Katella Ave. and Los Alamitos Blvd. traffic

There was no action taken or recommendation associated with this agenda item.

B. USE OF AD HOC COMMITTEES BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

Mr. Hunt gave a summary of the staff report and the information contained therein. Brief discussion ensued regarding the use of Ad Hoc committees. Commissioners were informed that an ad hoc committee can be used as a body composed of less than a quorum, serving for a single purpose, and dissolved once that specific task is completed in less than a year's time period.

There was no action taken or recommendation associated with this agenda item.

C. DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FY 2014-15 THROUGH FY 2020-21 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

Mr. Hunt gave a summary of the staff report and the information contained therein. A seven-year Capital Improvement plan is a required of Measure M for funding for street improvement projects. Mr. Hunt gave an overview of proposed CIP projects and funding breakdown. City Council will review and approve the projects during the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Hunt stated that the Los Alamitos Boulevard Downtown project and the school traffic study are the two main proposed projects that the Traffic Commission would be involved with. Discussion ensued regarding the Los Alamitos Boulevard Downtown project. Mr. Hunt stated that for the Downtown project to go any further City Council needs to make a decision on whether to bring it back or not.

Mr. Hunt answered further questions regarding several items on the CIP list. Mr. Hunt stated that he will also be adding an item to fund citywide traffic counts. This study would provide 24-hour traffic counts on collector streets; counts have not been done since 2004.

Commission discussed ways to fund more hours or help for the City Engineer, and funds to pay for a grant writer. Mr. Hunt stated that according to the City Manager, in the upcoming year he will have grant writers seeking grants for the City.

MOTION: FIRST/SECOND: PATZ/SCHLEUTER

Motion was made to approve draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2014-15 through FY 2020-21 for the City of Los Alamitos, with the addition of a request for funds to complete a traffic count study collector streets in the City. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Speed Survey – Issues with speed on Katella Avenue have been raised with the City of Cypress. Staff is working with Cypress to get it straightened out. This has delayed taking the Speed Survey to City Council for their approval.
- Mr. Hunt gave an update on the Katella Avenue/605 Study being done by Caltrans.
- Hospital construction project on Katella Avenue will start soon. Information regarding this project will be presented at the March 17, City Council meeting.

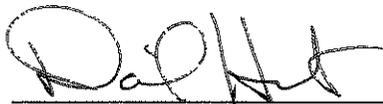
8. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

- Chair Emerson inquired about the Farquhar alley; Mr. Hunt stated that it is still on his list.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION/SECOND: EMERSON/BIRI

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hunt", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Hunt, City Engineer