

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM on August 12, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair Javier Mejia
Vice-Chair Gina Biri
Commissioner Dave Emerson
Commissioner Daniel Patz
Commissioner Jason Seaman
Commissioner James Wilhelm

Absent:

Commissioner Thomas Lindsey

Present: Staff:

Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director
Associate Planner Tom Oliver
Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer
Bret Plumlee, City Manager
Todd Mattern, Chief of Police
Bruce McAlpine, Police Captain
Rick Moore, Police Captain
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent
Jason Al-Imam, Administrative Services Director
Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Mejia.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Ralph Vartabedian, Rossmoor Homeowners Association Board Member and Traffic Committee Chair indicated that he came tonight to talk briefly about an on-going traffic study they've asked the County to conduct in Rossmoor and asked them to study in particular the intersection of Wallingsford and Katella which, during school rush hours, becomes quite backed up. They've asked the County to ascertain if there are any modifications that can be made to improve the traffic flow at that intersection. Mr. Vartabedian reported that the City of Los Alamitos controls the signals at the Wallingsford and Katella intersection and they've asked Staff if they could coordinate with the County to examine this issue.

One thought he would like to raise tonight is the current lane striping. He reported that there are two lanes exiting Rossmoor on Wallingsford; the right lane is the "straight through" or "right turn only" and the left lane is "left turn only". The Rossmoor Homeowners Association would like the County and the City to examine whether that's optimal. There's currently four cycles on that light but the Association is not necessarily asking the City to increase the amount of time but, perhaps, it could be changed to facilitate movement. One problem they currently have is the green light that allows movement out of Rossmoor also occurs at the same time that the crosswalk "Walk" signal activates so now, the right lane is blocked by pedestrians. Mr. Vartabedian indicated the Association is wondering if some arrangement, without an increase in signal time, could be made so that there is a signal that allows the pedestrians to cross while other traffic movements are occurring.

There being no further speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. PARKING SOLUTIONS

The Traffic Commission is being tasked with hosting a venue for stakeholders to provide input into various parking solutions in the Old Town East commercial area and the Medical Center Area.

Chair Mejia introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Development Services Director Steven Mendoza who then introduced Staff and the Commissioners. He then summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein and went over the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Mendoza indicated that the Commissioners and Staff along with all interested parties have gathered at five tables to discuss the issue of parking solutions in the City. Comments and notes will be gathered and will be brought back with recommendations to the regular Traffic Commission meeting of September 9, 2015.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:00 PM.

ATTEST:



David L. Hunt, City Engineer