

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – July 13, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM on July 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Daniel Patz
Commissioner Javier Mejia
Commissioner Jason Seaman
Commissioner James Wilhelm

Absent: Vice Chair Gina Biri (Excused)
Commissioner Dave Emerson (Excused)

Chair Patz reported that Vice Chair Biri and Commissioner Emerson and informed him of their absence prior to tonight's meeting.

Present: Staff: Vanessa Munoz, Traffic Engineer
Captain Rick Moore, Police Department
Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Seaman.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2016.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Unanimously Carried 4/0/0 (Biri and Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 8, 2016, as written.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Consideration of a Signal Modification at Los Alamitos Boulevard at Rossmoor Way and Bradbury Road

A request has been received by the Traffic Commission to look at changing the left-turn signal phases at Los Alamitos Boulevard at

Rossmoor Way and Bradbury Road going into the Highlands Neighborhood.

Traffic Engineer Vanessa Munoz summarized the Staff report and indicated that this issue had been visited in 2010/2012 and she concurred with the findings then. Currently, she said she feels nothing has changed since then and she sees no need to downgrade the operation right now; it would be fairly unsafe to do so.

Following discussion, Chair Patz felt that the Traffic Commission should follow Staff's recommendation.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Unanimously Carried 4/0/0 (Biri and Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission accepted Staff's recommendation and will receive and file this report.

7. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Mejia

- Reported that several of the illuminated street name signs on both Los Alamitos Blvd. and Katella Ave. are not functioning well and are not as bright as they should be.

Chair Patz

- Requested an update at the next meeting regarding F-8 (the removal of the Laurel High School street signs).
- Please add to the list - The "No Parking of Vehicle Longer than 22' or Any Recreational Item – 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM, LAMC 10.24.090" – located on the corner of Bloomfield Street onto San Bonito Avenue as it is almost non-legible.

Commissioner Seaman

- Regarding the alley behind the old Rite Aid store and parallel to Los Alamitos Blvd. where the "No Left Turn" from Farquhar Avenue is. He felt that at one point in time, there was consideration of making that a one-way alley and asked if anybody knew why this did not occur.

Commissioner Wilhelm provided a brief history of this issue as he was very involved with it. The recommendation from Staff was to create one-way for the south half of that alley and a motion was made which was seconded but he thought that they were possibly creating a hazard because people were in the habit of making that left turn and dashing across the two westbound lanes and now suddenly you have somebody coming south on a one-way street. He said he had proposed and it was accepted by the Commission to do a "No Left Turn" sign (in fact they put

up two signs on an existing light standard, one with the icon and one that simply states "No Left Turn"). Since then, one more sign has been added due to the fact that there's been some confusion and controversy about not making a left turn so now the "No Left Turn" signs now have their own sign post which is precisely across from the alley.

Following a long discussion among the Commission, Commissioner Seaman requested agendaizing this item for a future meeting and made the motion to review the traffic flow at the alley of Farquhar Ave. running parallel to Los Alamitos Blvd. between Farquhar Ave. and Howard Ave.

Commissioner Mejia seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:32 PM.