CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL
Chair Patz
Vice Chair Biri
Commissioner Emerson
Commissioner Mejia
Commissioner Seaman
Commissioner Wilhelm
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATION**
   At this time any individual in the audience may address the Traffic Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2016.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**
   A. Continued Consideration of a Request for "24 Min. Parking" Restrictions (two spaces) on both Sides of Green Avenue to the South of Los Alamitos Boulevard
      Continued consideration of time limited parking adjacent to Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler’s request for "24 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Avenue to the south of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for review and consideration.

      **Recommendation:** Based on the field observation and observed parking demand, Staff recommends denial of the request.

   B. Consideration of Installation of “NO TRUCKS OVER 4 TONS” Signage on Farquhar Avenue near Los Alamitos Boulevard
      A request has been received by a resident to install signage to discourage large trucks driving on Farquhar Avenue near Los Alamitos Boulevard.

      **Recommendation:** Staff is recommending the approval of installing “NO TRUCK OVER 4 TONS” on Farquhar Avenue.

7. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATED STATUS LOG**

8. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**
   At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is interest to the community, except as to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

   I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum, and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 6th day of October, 2016.**

   ~Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary~

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:58 PM on September 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Vice Chair Gina Biri (Excused)

Present: Staff:
- Development Services Director Steven Mendoza
- Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
- Captain Rick Moore, Police Department
- Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mejia.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Lisa Klemin introduced herself and thanked Staff and the Commission for considering her application (Item 6B) and spoke about the difficulties she has parking at her home as a physically disabled person.

There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016.

Commissioner Wilhelm asked to insert on Page 4, under his comments, "Regarding the alley behind....traveling south bound in the alley, he discovered that those signs had been rotated and that they now discourage left turns from people exiting from the alley, that if the City..."

Motion/Second: Seaman/Emerson

Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 10, 2016, with correction.
6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **A Request to Bring Proposed “20 Min. Parking” Restrictions (two spaces) on Both Sides of Green Street to the East of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for Consideration at a Future Meeting**

This report requests the review and consideration for “20 Min. Parking” restrictions on Green Street (Nisie’s Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler’s).

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein and indicated he's prepared to answer questions from the Commission.

Following a long discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that more information from the businesses is needed before making a determination.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Emerson

Motion Carried 4/0/1 (Seaman voted no and Biri was absent): The Traffic Commission directed Staff to conduct a field review to informally assess the parking demand looking at 24-Min. Parking instead of 20-Min. Parking and review the options of restricted parking during the day and open access over night and report to the Traffic Commission at the next meeting.

B. **Consideration of a Handicap Parking Marking and Sign at 4112 Green Avenue**

A request has been received by a resident to install a handicap parking marking (blue curb) and a sign on Green Avenue to assist the mobility-impaired resident.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and indicated he's prepared to answer questions from the Traffic Commission.

Lisa Klemin, the Applicant, spoke during the Oral Communication section of the meeting but answered questions from the Commission.

The question came up that what would happen if the Applicant moved; would the blue curb remain?

Following a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman
Unanimously Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the installation of a handicap parking marking (a blue curb) in front of 4112 Green Avenue with the size and perimeters given by Staff recommendation with a 1-year sunset unless renewed by the Applicant.

C. Consideration of “Permit Parking” Restriction on the South Side of Catalina Avenue between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street.

A request has been received by Davis Management Company requesting the Traffic Commission to consider the installation of “Residential Permit Parking” on South side of Catalina Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street.

On May 14, 2001 the City Council approved (Resolution No. 1817) and established on-street permit parking for residents only on designated streets; however, this section of Catalina Street was not included as part of these designated streets.

To reduce the number of vehicles that parked on the street all day, in 2016 the City installed 3-hour limit parking signs on Catalina Avenue between Reagan Street and Los Alamitos Blvd.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and indicated he’s prepared to answer questions from the Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Wilhelm said he felt this was a reasonable request and was surprised that there wasn’t already an allowance made for permit parking along the south side of Catalina Street.

Mr. Mendoza said he concurs with Commissioner Wilhelm and explained that it makes no logical sense that the Residential Permit Parking didn’t curve around the corner and encompass this area.

Derek Davis, Owner & Applicant, explained that he had gone to the March Parking Workshop and he was assured that his area wasn’t affected but suddenly he found out that there was now 3-hour parking. He said the bottom line is that he feels that this simply was a clerical error and it should never have been designated as 3-hour parking.

Motion/Second: Emerson/Wilhelm

Unanimously Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the request for installation of permit parking on Catalina Street and directed Staff to forward their recommendation to the City Council.

7. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:21 PM.
City of Los Alamitos
Traffic Commission

Agenda Report
Staff Report
October 12, 2016
Item No: 6A

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission
From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Subject: "24 Min. Parking" Restrictions (Two Spaces) on Both Sides of Green Avenue to the South of Los Alamitos Boulevard

Summary: Continued consideration of time limited parking adjacent to Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler's request "24 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Avenue to the south of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for review and consideration.

Recommendation: Based on the field observation and observed parking demand, Staff recommends denial of the request.

Background:

Nisie's Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler's requested the installation of "24 Min. Parking" for 25 feet at each side of Green Avenue at the corner of Los Alamitos Blvd. According to Ms. Howard, outsiders, especially employees from the Rossmoor Car Wash and tenants from apartments are parking their cars for a long period making it difficult for their customers to find parking. It will make it easier for customers to load and unload their vehicles if the "24 Min. Parking" were to be installed.

Green Avenue looking South
Green Avenue looking West
Discussion

This request was brought to the Traffic Commission on September 12, 2016 for discussion. The Traffic Commission directed Staff to conduct a field review to informally assess the parking demand and report to the Traffic Commission at the next meeting. Staff has determined the following:

- As shown on the photo above, the flower shop occasionally has sales in the parking lot behind the building and uses all the parking spaces;
- The Enchanted Flower Shop uses the Green Avenue curbside to park their van;
- The Imperial Jeweler’s has off-site parking available in the back of the building for their clients.

The applicants have been invited to attend the Traffic Commission meeting.
City of Los Alamitos
Traffic Commission

Agenda Report  October 12, 2016
Staff Report   Item No: 6B

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission
From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Subject: Installation of “NO TRUCKS OVER 4 TONS” Signage on Farquhar Avenue near Los Alamitos Boulevard

Summary: A request has been received by a resident to install signage to discourage large trucks driving on Farquhar Avenue near Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Recommendation: Staff is recommending the approval of installing “NO TRUCK OVER 4 TONS” on Farquhar Avenue.

Background:

The City’s General Plan Circulation Elements has designated the following routes as the truck routes within the City boundary (Attachment 1). They are:

- Katella Avenue
- Los Alamitos Boulevard
- Cerritos Avenue
- Bloomfield Street between Katella Avenue and Ball Road
- Ball Road between Bloomfield Street and westerly City limits

The General Plan also lists and limits truck weights on certain roadway segments as listed below:

- Catalina Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard easterly -- South on Cherry Street and end at Florista Street
- Reagan Street from Catalina Street to Katella Avenue
- Pine Street from Catalina Street to Florista Street - (Weight Limit 4 Tons)
Due to the sensitivity of rampant signage in Los Alamitos, Staff is asking for Commission concurrence on this request.

Attachment:
1. General Plan Truck Route Map
2. Request
Steven

From a Resident

I feel adamant about the necessity of the signage with a truck, round red circle, and the slash sign from the alleyway leading to the back of Bank of America to Lexington. The sign also reads "over 3 tons prohibited. There are some of these same signs throughout Los Al. There is absolutely no need for 18 wheelers to travel along Farquhar Ave from Lexington toward the boulevard. If deliveries are necessary, trucks can access the alley behind B of A. Please, please consider. My guess is they are using the Waze app in order to avoid Traffic on Katella.
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