

**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

REGULAR MEETING – March 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 2018 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Mejia
Vice Chair Hill
Coxhill, Patz, Rodman, Singer and West

Present: Staff: Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director
Chris Karrer, Police Captain
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner West.

4. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Department Secretary Müller swore in new Commission Member Coxhill.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Dave Emerson thanked the Traffic Commission for volunteering their time to serve as Commissioners furthermore adding that it was a pleasure for him to serve for the Traffic Commission.

Debbie and Rob Feldman, property owners of 11162 Bennington Street expressed concern over the vote executed to eliminate the permit parking in the New Dutch Haven Neighborhood.

The Traffic Commission discussed the contributing factors including the lack of responses to the surveys mailed out, which led to the decision to eliminate the permit parking in that neighborhood.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018

Commissioner Patz noted the following change to page 3, paragraph 6, "*This change is addressing the traffic congestion on Farquhar Avenue because of the number of exits that cause a delay.*"

Commissioner Rodman noted that she had an excused absence from the Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Traffic Commission meeting.

Motion/Second – Patz/Singer

Carried 5/0 (Coxhill and Rodman abstained): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes with the stated corrections of the Regular meeting of February 14, 2018.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Update on cost for the installation of striping and pavement markings on Farquhar Avenue

A request from a resident initiated a traffic analysis of Farquhar Avenue, east of Los Alamitos Boulevard. The concern is regarding the conflict between the traffic making a left turn, leaving the shopping center and the westbound and eastbound traffic on Farquhar Avenue.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff briefly discussed potential possibilities for recording activity on Farquhar Avenue once the striping is completed.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Chair Mejia provided a synopsis to Traffic Commissioner Coxhill of the functions of this log.

Commissioner Patz noted that item F14 should be changed to indicate completed.

The Traffic Commission and Staff briefly discussed item D4 on the log. The Traffic Commission directed Traffic Engineer Iranitalab to further analyze the request and bring back as an agenda item to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

8. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Development Services Director Mendoza informed the Traffic Commission of the lights being lit now on the Boulevard along with advising that the timing of how long they stay on is currently being evaluated.

Development Services Director Mendoza extended an invitation to the Traffic Commission for the State of the City taking place on March 21, 2018.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner West expressed concern over the extensive project that the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) will be doing in approximately two years.

Development Services Director Mendoza provided a brief presentation to the Traffic Commission of the areas which encompass this project by OCSD.

Commissioner Rodman asked for an update on the future project by the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) of the expansion of the 605 ramp. Development Services Director Mendoza advised that they will be at the coming City Council meeting providing a brief presentation of the future project.

Commissioner Hill expressed concern over the lack of warning in advance indicating that the lane is merging - traveling westbound on Katella Avenue, west of the 605(N) on-ramp, where it reduces from three to two lanes.

Commissioner Singer requested more information pertaining to the way the Redflex, red-light camera service functions. Captain Karrer stated that he will be providing a brief presentation at the next scheduled Traffic Commission meeting.

Commissioner Coxhill expressed concern over the intersection of Ball Road and Bloomfield Street.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab indicated that City staff is having a meeting with the City of Cypress to discuss possible remedies for the street light timing at that intersection.

Chair Mejia expressed concern over the striping on Los Alamitos Boulevard, south of Katella Avenue traveling northbound; the striping shows old markings and is posing a safety hazard for commuters.

Chair Mejia indicated that community members from the apartment row neighborhood have expressed concern over vehicles speeding down the neighborhood. Chair Mejia suggested that perhaps more police presence would help.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/West

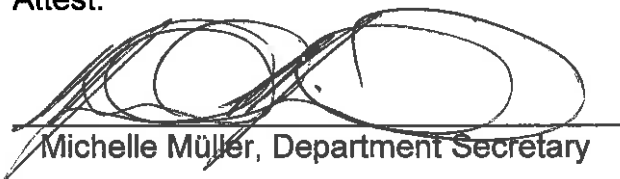
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until April 11, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Department Secretary