

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – February 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on February 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
Emerson, Patz, Singer and West

Absent: Sallie Rodman (excused)

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Patz.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

There being no speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2018

Commissioner Patz noted the following corrections:

- page 2, paragraph 10 should read, *“There being no further nominations, Chair Mejia closed the nominations.”*
- Page 5, paragraph 3 correct the sentence to read, *“Commissioner Hill suggested having Traffic Engineer Iranitalab conduct a traffic survey to assess the necessity for installing another sign.”*

Chair Mejia noted a correction to the roll call vote on page 1, to identify Commissioner Patz as the Chair and Commissioner Mejia as the Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Patz/West

Carried 6/0 (Rodman absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes with the stated corrections of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2018.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Residential Permit Parking Review – New Dutch Haven

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the City's Residential Permit Parking Program one area at a time. This is expected to take a few meetings. The Commission has finalized a review of Old Town West and Old Town East. Tonight's discussion will be for the Residential Permit Parking Program in New Dutch Haven.

Development Services Director Mendoza provided a summary of the Staff Report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following items:

- Not having enough information to make an adequate decision (i.e., number of permits issued, lack of permits enforced, are the City's goals being achieved with implementing the permits)
- The survey responses received
- Consideration of establishing a sunset clause for any future parking permit zones
- Possibility of modifying the streets which have permit parking
- Issuing colored stickers for future parking permit zones
- Whether or not there is a presence of parking impacts as a result of the events held at the Los Alamitos Race Track
- The absence of police calls for parking related issues in the neighborhood

Development Services Director Mendoza informed the Commission that once all permit parking reviews have been conducted, a combined recommendation will be presented to the City Council.

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

Carried 6/0 (Rodman absent): The Traffic Commission voted to end the Residential Permit Parking Program in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood.

B. Modification to the existing established limited parking zones for street sweeping – Country Square neighborhood

A resident in the Country Square neighborhood has submitted a request for the City to explore options for modifying the existing limited parking zones which accommodates street sweeping.

Development Services Director Mendoza provided a summary of the Staff Report.

Captain Karrer stated that this neighborhood is only impacted by parking enforcement for 30 minutes.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed whether or not there is a true necessity for modifications to the existing parking restrictions.

The Traffic Commission unanimously directed Staff to present more data and information on the possibility of altering the existing street sweeping schedule in this neighborhood.

C. Conversion of Alley on Farquhar Avenue to a One-Way Traffic

A request from a resident initiated the analysis of making the Alley across from Jack in the Box Restaurant to function as a one-way street.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following items:

- This change is addressing the traffic congestion on Farquhar Avenue because of the number of exits that cause a delay
- The possibility that any change can potentially provide a reduction in vehicular movements
- Discussion of whether through traffic or local traffic has the most impact
- Possibility of blocking the alley for a short period of time (six months) and see the type of effect it has
- The disadvantage of closing off the alleyway permanently for security reasons

Resident, Art DeBolt commented that the solution for congestion could be to block the alley.

Motion/Second: Emerson/Patz

Carried 6/0 (Rodman absent): The Traffic Commission voted for option two, which entails allowing Staff to evaluate the conditions for three months after the installation of the striping and determine if further action is necessary to permanently prohibit the left-turn in and out of the alley.

D. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Patz thanked Traffic Engineer Iranitalab for correcting the timing of the left-turn light on Cerritos Avenue onto Los Alamitos Boulevard which was causing a significant traffic back-up.

8. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Development Services Director Mendoza introduced two new emails for the record that were received from residents concerning the following:

- Cerritos Avenue and Humbolt Street traffic light delay
- Kings Street & Myra Avenue – the need for a stop sign

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Singer suggested the possibility of utilizing LATV to capture what happens at an intersection in order to get a visual of the things that occur.

The Traffic Commission and Staff briefly discussed the emails received.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

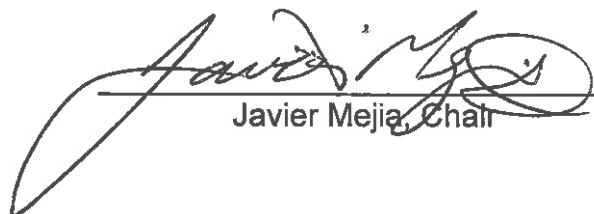
Carried 6/0 (Rodman absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until March 14, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Department Secretary



Javier Mejia, Chair