

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

REGULAR MEETING – October 11, 2017

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:03 p.m. on September 13, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

## 2. ROLL CALL

**Present: Commissioners:**

Chair Patz  
Vice Chair Mejia  
Hill, Rodman, Seaman and Singer

**Absent:**

Commissioner Emerson (excused)

**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 Vice Chair Mejia.

## 4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Carol Wall and Betty Binder, residents of Los Alamitos expressed concern over the safety of pedestrians as a result of the school traffic in the Woodcrest neighborhood. Ms. Wall requested for either a u-turn sign to be installed or for the curb to be painted red.

The Traffic Commission assigned Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab to review the request received.

Ms. Wall asked for a status of when the streets will be repaved in that neighborhood.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised that it is part of the seven year plan for Capital Improvement Projects.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2017**

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill

Carried 6/0 (Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 13, 2017.

**B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2017**

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill

Carried 6/0 (Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 9, 2017, as written.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Residential Permit Parking Review – Old Town West**

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

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following items:

- The results from the survey responses received
- The parking impact future developments might have on the already impacted neighborhood
- Existing and potential safety issues
- The impact local businesses in the neighborhood impose on parking for residents
- The potential results from removing permit parking

Captain Carrer provided the Traffic Commission with a background of their enforcement practice in neighborhoods which have permit parking.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed expanding the surveying to other neighborhoods which have permit parking in place.

The Traffic Commission unanimously decided to bring this item back to the next Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for November 8, 2017.

**B. Traffic Commission Status Log**

The Status Log is used to track the assignments that come our way. It is also an opportunity for the Commissioners to assign work to the Traffic Engineer.

The Traffic Commission and Staff reviewed the Traffic Commission Log.

Vice Chair Mejia expressed how much it would benefit pedestrians and traffic to have the crosswalk project developed on Katella Avenue and Cherry Avenue as it is on the seven-year Capital Improvement Project Plan.

Commissioner Singer questioned the signage that is in place on Florista Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard for making a right turn. Development Services Director Mendoza advised that it will be removed upon the completion of the Median Improvement Project.

**7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission that lights for the Median Improvement Project are expected to be delivered in a week. Following the installation of the lights, signs, entry-way monuments and slurry of the streets, loop detectors will be replaced and then the grand opening will take place. Furthermore, Development Services Director Mendoza advised that the Recreation Commission is developing a program for the use of the banner arms; there will likely be a mixture of City owned and opportunities for non-profit organizations.

Development Services Director Mendoza informed the Traffic Commission of Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lankin's resignation.

**8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**

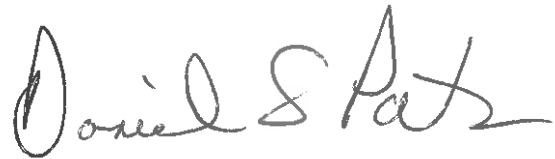
Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab informed the Traffic Commission of an upcoming study that is going to be done by the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) where they will be partnering with Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Cypress and Los Alamitos to work on a traffic signal synchronization with a potential of upgrading all computers down Katella Avenue. OCTA will be applying for state funds in the year 2019.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill

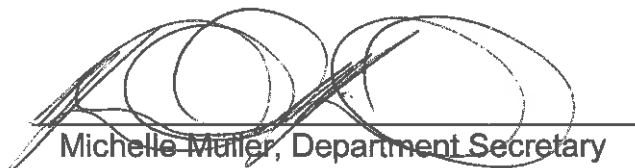
Carried 6/0 (Emerson absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Department Secretary