MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – April 11, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 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
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Farhad Irantislab, Traffic Engineer
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Coxhill.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018
Motion/Second – Patz/Rodman
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 14, 2018.

6. STAFF REPORTS

B. Stop Sign Myra/Kings
A request to install a stop sign at the intersection of Kings Street and Myra Avenue stopping vehicles on Kings Street.

Development Services Director summarized the staff report.

Gary Loe, property owner at 3691 Myra Avenue came forward to state that he is opposed to having a sign installed as it is not warranted; Mr. Loe added that his
neighbors at 3901 Myra Avenue, 3911 Myra Avenue and 10151 Humbolt Street are also opposed to the installation of a sign.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed whether or not the installation of a sign is adequate.

Motion/Second: Coxhill/Patz
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the recommendation to not install a stop sign at the intersection of Kings Street and Myra Avenue.

C. Intersection of Bloomfield Street and Ball Road Information update
Updated Information of the traffic signal assessment at the intersection of Bloomfield Street and Ball Road.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the proposed changes to the intersection by the City of Cypress.

Captain Karrer stated that there is no specific issue which identifies a problem at this intersection.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the 2015 Traffic Study and the data found in that study which is relevant to this intersection.

D. Public Comments - on the installation of striping and pavement marking 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.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff Report.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the traffic improvements of the area after the changes are implemented.

The Traffic Commission unanimously decided to bring this item back to the Commission in six months to re-evaluate the changes made.

End of Staff Reports
Items Pulled from Staff Reports

A. Redflex Presentation
Police Staff will present a video on the City’s Automated Red Light Enforcement System.

Captain Karrer summarized the Staff Report.

Captain Karrer provided a brief video presentation to the Traffic Commission.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the review process when a photograph is taken by the camera, when a citation is issued and the appeal process for violators.

E. Traffic Commission Status Log
This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Commissioner West asked and received a status on the request for a stop sign on Rossmoor Way and Pine Street; Development Services Director Mendoza advised that there was no specific direction from the Commission to evaluate this request.

Traffic Commissioner Iranitalab advised the Traffic Commission that he did analyze the merging lane westbound on Katella. Furthermore advised that a request will be made to install a sign which advises drivers heading westbound of the lane ending.

Commissioner Mejia requested to perhaps have added information on the status log to track when and what type of trainings are completed such as the Redflex presentation.

Commissioner Rodman asked and received clarification from City Engineer Hunt regarding the potential of a scramble crosswalk at Los Alamos High School; City Engineer Hunt advised that it is a matter of a fiscal impact. At this time, it has been placed on the seven-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) plan.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Commission of fundraisers coming up within the City including the WeCare fundraiser and Casa Youth Shelter fundraiser.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission of his resignation from the City.
Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission that City Engineer Dave Hunt will be taking over his place at all future Traffic Commission meetings.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
   A. Appointment of a Traffic Commissioner to serve on the Zoning Code Update Committee
   Development Services Director Mendoza provided a brief overview of the type of discussions conducted during these meetings.

   Motion/Second: Patz/Singer
   Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Randy Hill to represent the Traffic Commission at all future Zoning Code Update Committee meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT
   Motion/Second: Patz/Rodman
   Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until May 9, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Attest:

Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

Javier Mejia, Chair

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