MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – November 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on November 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: Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Chris Karrer, Police Captain
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.

Resident Mark Giraud inquired about the possibility to have permit parking implemented on Maple Street, in front of his property to allow tenants of his condominiums to have available parking.

Chair Mejia advised Mr. Giraud to work with staff to go over the process for requesting permit parking. Furthermore, Chair Mejia advised that this item would be discussed at this meeting, under agenda item 6A.

Resident John Underwood stated that the permit parking is not necessary in the Carrier Row neighborhood.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018

Vice Chair Hill noted the following corrections:
• Adding the word “westbound” next to Cerritos Avenue on page 2 of 6, paragraph 7.
• Adding the word “no” after “there being” on page 2 of 6, paragraph 8.

Vice Chair Hill asked and received clarification from Captain Karrer regarding the discussion which took place at a previous meeting regarding the potential of permitting parking on Cerritos Avenue, in front of Los Alamitos High School (south side). Captain Karrer advised that there is no parking there now for the reason that it would obstruct the flow of traffic and would create a danger.

Commissioner Patz noted the following correction:
• Replace last name “Binder” with Ms. Bender on page 2 of 3, paragraph 3.

Commissioner Rodman noted the following correction:
• Item D1 on the Traffic Commission status log is empty.

Motion/Second – Patz/Rodman
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 12, 2018 with the noted corrections.

6. STAFF REPORTS
A. Request to Create a New Permit Parking on Maple Street
A resident requested the implementation of permit parking on the first block of Maple Street, to the south of Katella Avenue.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
• Whether this request would be applicable only to one side or both sides of Maple Street.
• Discussion of whom might be currently parking on that street.
• Discussion as to whom permit parking would be available to (i.e., individuals who live on the block).
• The possibility of anticipating an outcome from issuing permits.

Resident Mark Giraud asked and received clarification from staff about the hospital and their designated parking in the parking structure for their employees.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Mr. Giraud about their current parking arrangements. Mr. Giraud advised that the garages are used for storage therefore, cars are not typically parked in their respective garages.
The Traffic Commission directed Mr. Giraud to work with City staff to obtain a copy of the petition application and submit to the City for consideration by the Traffic Commission and the City Council.

B. Assess the potential for modifying the pavement marking on Sausalito Avenue, west of Los Alamitos Boulevard to create a right-of-way for eastbound traffic
The Traffic Commission directed staff to assess the potential for modifying the pavement markings on Sausalito Avenue; this design will propose to create a right-turn lane for eastbound traffic.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- How this request came about.
- The parking challenges which already exist on Sausalito Street.
- The possibility of bringing this item back to the Commission, after the new buildings are built on Sausalito.
- The proposed locations of driveway accesses into the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments.
- Location of where the delivery trucks for the businesses at the intersection of Los Alamitos and Sausalito park to unload.

Motion/Second: Hill/West
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission voted to bring this item back for discussion in July 2020.

C. Request to install red curb on the west side of Humboldt Street
The Traffic Commission directed staff to assess the viability of installing a red curb on the west side of Humboldt Street, north of Cerritos Avenue, in attempts to: alleviate the traffic impact during school pick-up and drop-off hours, and to create more room for right turning vehicles.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- Whether local residents use that area for parking.
- The loitering which takes place in the area, as a result of student pick-ups and drop-offs.
- Possibility of installing a “no stopping, standing, parking”.
- Discussion of more police presence during school hours.
- The possibility of pushing traffic down to the next block if this change is implemented.
Commissioner Patz and Commissioner Coxhill recused themselves as they reside within 500 feet this area.

Motion/Second: West/Rodman
Carried 5/0 (Coxhill and Patz recused): The Traffic Commission voted to install the red curb on the west of Humbolt Street.

D. Summary of Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments Traffic Impact Analysis
The Planning Commission requested to have the Traffic Commission review the Traffic Impact Study Results for the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab stated that this Traffic Analysis includes the 605 retail project to show traffic distribution.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the information found in the Traffic Analysis.

Vice Chair Hill stated the following about the study:
- The lack of conducting the Traffic Impact Analysis during school peak hours.
- Whether this study was conducted at a time when Los Alamitos Boulevard was three lanes or two lanes.

Traffic Engineer Brian Estrada for the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments, described the findings from the Traffic Impact Analysis.

Mr. Estrada stated that the study includes the morning school peak hours from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; the afternoon peak hour was not analyzed.

Commissioner West asked and received clarification from Traffic Engineer Iranitalab, stating that the applicant would be required to meet the parking set forth per the Planning Commission’s approval.

Chris Felix, Representative for the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments briefly discussed their parking arrangements on-site for this project.

Mr. Estrada advised that reanalyzing the study with the current two-lane road on Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Hunt stating, that the Planning Commission asked that the Traffic Commission review the study to gain knowledge and provide any comments.
Commissioner Patz stated that a revision should be completed to show the impact of two lanes in both directions as compared to the three shown in the study.

Chair Mejia encouraged the Traffic Commission to further look at the Analysis, and provide staff with any additional input.

Vice Chair Hill stated that the existing parking situation will be made worse.

Mr. Felix stated that the red curbs will be removed.

E. Residential Permit Parking Review: Carrier Row
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, Old Town East, New Dutch Haven, Greenbrook and Woodcrest neighborhoods. Tonight’s discussion will be for the Residential Permit Parking Program in the Carrier Row neighborhood.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report.

Resident Scott stated that Katella Deli employees and apartment row residents, park outside of his residence daily therefore, would like to see permit parking on Lexington Drive.

Carrier Row resident stated that the program as it exists now has been successful; therefore, it should not be taken away.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from the resident in Carrier Row stating that the program is necessary as it enforces drivers to park on Katella Avenue.

Commissioner Singer questioned the following about the program:
- The frequency of the police being called when the parking regulations are not being followed.
- Whether there is a necessity to expanding the program to other streets in the neighborhood.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- Possibility of implementing a sunset clause.
- Possibility of including Lexington Drive in the permit parking program.
- Possibility of addressing the situation of having Katella Deli employees parking in the residential area.
Resident John Underwood stated that in the area of Midway Driveway, Essex Drive and Enterprise Drive, there is no need for an amendment to the existing permit parking program, as they face no traffic impacts.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed a letter received from resident Rusty Cours concerning the frequency of vehicles traveling down the areas of Ticonderoga Drive, Midway Drive and Enterprise Drive.

City Engineer Hunt advised that a summarized version of the final results, for all neighborhoods, will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission voted keep the permit parking program in the Carrier Row neighborhood as is exists.

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

The Traffic Commission noted the following:
- Item A4 – remove the description from reading completed and explore the possibility of discussing at a future meeting (include a cost analysis).
- Items F15/F16 – duplicate entries.
- Item F17 – change the description to read that it has been completed.

3. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER
City Engineer Hunt advised the Traffic Commission of the following:
- Commissioner Dinner on December 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- Request from a resident to install equipment for the visually impaired on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard.

4. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
Commissioner Singer advised that the trees on Los Alamitos Boulevard/Seal Beach Boulevard are growing into the power lines and covering the Southern California Edison (SCE) lights.

Commissioner Patz advised that the light on the new Los Alamitos Boulevard median in front of Brew Kitchen Alehouse is out.

Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Hunt that the contractors for Golden State Water Company (GSWC) working in apartment row were advised by the City, that work cannot be conducted on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.
Chair Mejia advised that Katella Deli deliveries are taking place earlier than 7 a.m. Furthermore, they are using the parking/driveway area as storage. In addition, Chair Mejia added that the parking impact in that area is heavy.

Chair Mejia encouraged the Commissioners to consider serving in the Chair or Vice Chair capacity.

Vice Chair Hill expressed interest in serving as chair.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until November 14, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Attest:

[Signature]
Javier Mejia, Chair

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Michelle Müller, Department Secretary