MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – January 09, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on January 09, 2019 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Singer

Present: Staff: Brent Malatesta, Corporal
Les Johnson, Development Services Director
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Hill.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

There being no speakers, Chair Mejia closed Oral Communications.

5. TRAFFIC COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

A. Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

This report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission’s annual reorganization, by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Department Secretary Müller called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Commissioner Patz nominated Vice Chair Hill.

Department Secretary Müller asked if there were any other nominations and there were not.

Commissioner Patz Aye
Commissioner Coxhill Aye
Commissioner Hill: Aye
Commissioner Mejia: Aye
Commissioner Rodman: Aye
Commissioner Singer: Absent
Commissioner West: Aye

Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Hill as Chair.

Chair Hill asked if there were any nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Mejia nominated Commissioner Patz as Vice Chair.

Chair Hill asked if there were any further nominations and there were not.

There being no further nominations, Chair Hill closed the nominations.

Commissioner Patz: Aye
Commissioner Coxhill: Aye
Commissioner Hill: Aye
Commissioner Mejia: Aye
Commissioner Rodman: Aye
Commissioner Singer: Absent
Commissioner West: Aye

Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Patz as Vice Chair.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2018

Vice Chair Patz noted the following changes:
- Page 2 – the first sentence of the last paragraph: replace “Chair” Patz with “Commissioner” Patz.
- Page 7 – the first sentence of the first paragraph: replace “deliver” with “deliveries” after Katella Deli.

Commissioner Mejia noted the following changes:
- Page 4 – Title of item 6D – include the word “apartments” after luxury.

Chair Hill noted the following change:
- Page 4 – paragraph 5: replace “605 freeway” with “605 retail project”.

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Motion/Second – Patz/Rodman
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 09, 2019 with the noted corrections.

7. STAFF REPORTS
A. Request to install a crosswalk at the intersection of Bloomfield Street and Green Avenue
A resident has submitted a request for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Bloomfield Street and Green Avenue.

Development Services Director Johnson summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the possibility of examining and installing crosswalks at intersections in proximity of other schools in the City that experience the same impact.

Motion/Second – Patz/West
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission approved the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Bloomfield Street and Green Avenue.

B. Street Sweeping Signage around the Los Alamitos Medical Center
Area residents expressed concern over the lack of cleanliness of the streets surrounding the Los Alamitos Medical Center.

Development Services Director Johnson summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- Comparison of this request versus a previous request received concerning the street sweeping schedule in the Country Square Neighborhood.
- The impacts of sweeping schedule conflict in the area around medical center.
- Whether the assessment includes the residential areas neighboring the medical center.

Motion/Second – Patz/Rodman
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission voted to direct staff to prepare a plan to revise the signage to create consistency that will accommodate the street sweeping around the Los Alamitos Medical Center.

C. Residential Permit Parking Review (citywide)
The Traffic Commission has been tasked with reviewing the City’s Residential Permit Parking Program one area at a time. The Commission has finalized a review of Old Town West, Old Town East, New Dutch Haven, Carrier Row and
the Greenbrook/Woodcrest neighborhoods. Tonight’s discussion will present the final results pertaining to the review of each neighborhood.

Development Services Director Johnson summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- The possibility of implementing a sunset clause.
- Discussion of Administrative Regulation 8.1, Section 2.12, which states that residential permit parking, is to be reviewed every three years.
- Whether analysis every three years is necessary.
- Discussion of the process and procedures for existing permit parking programs in other cities.
- The effects of permit parking on businesses.
- Whether permit parking is still warranted in certain neighborhoods.
- Implementing a sunset clause could possibly create an administrative burden.
- Currently, the permit parking program is predominantly reactively enforced.

Motion/Second – Patz/West
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission voted to direct staff to present the results and recommendations to the City Council for their review.

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

Chair Hill advised that the log is pending changes by Traffic Engineer Iranitalab.

Vice Chair Patz advised that the center median light on Los Alamitos Boulevard is still out.

Chair Hill noted the following changes:
- F5 – asked and received clarification from Vice Chair Patz that it was requested by John Eclevia with the school district, to not remove the signs as some adult school continues to take place on that campus. Re-word the line item to say either removed, request denied or cancelled.
- F8 – questioned whether the speed bumps had already been replaced. Advised by Commissioner Mejia that it is an on-going effort.
- F17 – requesting clarification as to whether this request was ever completed.
Development Services Director Johnson suggested continuing discussion on this item to the next meeting, when City Engineer Hunt will be present.

Motion/Second – Patz/West
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission voted to move this item forward to the next meeting of Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

8. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER**
None.

9. **ITEMS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**
Commissioner Mejia requested to see an update at a future meeting, of a request received for the installation of the visually impaired traffic signal on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion/Second: Patz/Coxhill
Carried 6/0 (Singer absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until February 13, 2019.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:

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Michelle Müller, Department Secretary