MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – February 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on February 13, 2019 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Hill presiding.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Commissioners: Chair Hill
Vice Chair Patz
Coxhill, Mejia, 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 Singer.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION
Chair Hill opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

There being no speakers, Chair Hill closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 09, 2019.

Commissioner Coxhill noted the following changes:
- Page 1, item 5A – replace “Commissioner Mejia” with “Commissioner Hill” for paragraph 3.
- Page 2, item 5A – revise roll call votes to show Commissioner Singer absent and Commissioner Rodman voting “aye”.
- Page 5, item 10 – Revise the vote to show 6/0 and Commissioner Singer absent.

Commissioner Rodman noted the following changes:
- Page 1 – revise the Staff Roll Call to show Development Services Director Johnson present and remove Traffic Engineer Iranitalab.
• Page 2, item 6A – replace November 14, 2018 with January 9, 2019 for the agenda item description.
• Page 5, item 10 – revise the adjournment time to the appropriate end time of the meeting.
• Page 1 – 2019 instead of 20119.

Vice Chair Patz noted the following changes:

• Page 1 – revise the Staff Roll Call to show Development Services Director Johnson present and remove Traffic Engineer Iranitalab.
• Page 1, item 3 – revise to show Vice Chair Hill as the Commissioner who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
• Page 1, item 5A – replace Commissioner Mejia with Vice Chair Hill for paragraph 3.
• Page 2, item 5A – revise roll call votes to show Commissioner Singer absent and Commissioner Rodman voting "aye".
• Page 2, item 5A – revise paragraph 4 and 5 to show Chair Hill in place of Commissioner Mejia.
• Page 4, item 7D – revise paragraph 3 to read “Vice Chair Patz advised”.
• Page 5, item 9 - Add the word “at” after update and “traffic signal” after impaired for paragraph 1.
• Page 5, item 10 – Revise the vote to show 6/0 and Commissioner Singer absent.
• Page 5, item 10 – revise the adjournment time to the appropriate end time of the meeting.

Commissioner West noted typographical errors on the agenda.

Commissioner Mejia noted the following change:
• Page 2, item 6 – replace the word “work” with “word” for paragraph 2.

Motion/Second – Mejia/Patz
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 9, 2019 with the noted corrections.

6. STAFF REPORTS
A. 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.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the history of complaints received.
The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:

- The length of time in which the existing parking signage has been in place.
- The necessity for creating consistency and improving the aesthetics of the area.
- Whether the trash problem is only on specific streets or in all areas around the medical center.
- Elimination of the sign pollution in the area.
- The City is not responsible for the maintenance of Kaylor Street as it is owned by the medical center.
- Whether a new signage configuration would facilitate street sweeping.
- Identifying where it might not be a good decision to impose restricted parking (i.e., near the Casa Youth Shelter or Precious Life).
- Whether City staff might be able to take on the task of removing the signage.
- Some of the current signage does not meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards.

Motion/Second – Patz/West
Carried 6/1 (Singer opposed): The Traffic Commission approved a motion to have staff remove the signage, and where needed install the new signage as the Traffic Engineer defines necessary.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab advised the Traffic Commission that before the installation of the new signage, a revised proposal will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting. A more definite cost will also be provided.

D. Traffic Commission Status Log
Commissioner Rodman noted the following:
- Item A17 – revise to read that the speed sign is working.

Commissioner Coxhill noted the following:
- Item C1 - revise to identify the street for this request. Should be Bloomfield Street.
- Item D2 - revise to identify the location of the request.

Commissioner Mejia noted the following:
- Item A4 – revise to show pending, as it is shown on the 7-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list.
- Item A9 – discussed whether this was still a possibility despite the retail development not moving forward.
- Item A14 – requested and received confirmation of this item being completed.
Traffic Engineer Irinalab advised that the Katella Synchronization project with neighboring cities is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER
City Engineer Hunt advised of the following:

- Change over to electronic versions of the agendas only.
- CIP 18/19-05 for catch basin automatic retractable screens installations will be starting soon.
- An upcoming Orange County Sewer District project in various areas of the City.

8. ITEMS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Commissioner Singer stated the following:

- Five (5) traffic signs on the south side of Katella Avenue, between the 605 freeway and Wallingsford are starting to lean towards the street.
- Parkway trees are blocking the effectiveness of the street lights, on the east side of Los Alamitos Boulevard, between the car wash to Bradbury Road.
- Alley south of Katella from Lexington heading west, is really narrow which makes it difficult for vehicles to pass. Also, some of the vegetation on private property is overgrown.

Commissioner Mejia stated the following:

- A section of the block wall to the rear of Katella Deli parking lot has fallen over and is covered with overgrown vegetation.
- Requesting to see an agenda item at a future meeting for the request received for the installation of equipment for the visually impaired.
- Stated concern of the poor quality work the contractors are doing on the Apartment Row project for Golden State Water Company.
- Overgrown trees along Los Alamitos Boulevard. Also, inquired as to whether there is a plan for replacing the type of light fixtures in the SCE street lights.
- Southern California Edison (SCE) lights are out on Katella Avenue, moving towards the 24-hour fitness (Cypress City limits).

Vice Chair Patz stated the following:

- Request to adjust the new median lights on Los Alamitos Boulevard, so that the lights are triggered to turn on and off by the sensor and not the timer.
Chair Hill stated the following:

- Regarding the regular meeting minutes of November 14, 2018 – pg 4 – Item D – replace the wording to say 605 retail project instead of 605 freeway.
- Westbound Katella Avenue, turning southbound on Los Alamitos Boulevard took two cycles to get through.
- Inquired and was advised that City Engineer Hunt would be the point of contact to discuss the possibility of a pedestrian overpass.

Commissioner West asked and received information from City Engineer Hunt as to a request received for the installation of a new traffic signal near the new development, Ovation in Cypress. City Engineer Hunt advised that their request was denied.

Captain Karrer advised that the Traffic Commission’s completed Permit Parking Review completed by the Traffic Commission will be going before the City Council on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Motion/Second: Patz/Singer
Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until February 13, 2019.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

[Signature]
Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:
[Signature]
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary