MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – October 09, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent:
Coxhill (excused)

Present:
Staff:
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Les Johnson, Interim City Manager
Chris Karrer, Captain
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Patz.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Fiscal Sustainability

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Hill opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

George Thompson, resident, asked the following questions:
• When does the approval [to remove the permit parking signs] occur?
• When will the signs be removed?
• Will there still be ticketing occur from now until the approval?
• What about the signage on Siboney Street?

Shawn Hall, resident, expressed his support to remove the parking permit program (in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood). He also shared that the Police Department did not have enough parking permits to give out.

Clyde Mills, resident, asked why the enforcement of the parking permit program occurred. He also expressed that he does not see a problem with parking on Bunker Hill Drive.
Anna Christenson expressed her support to remove the parking permit program (in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood).

Resident Nancy is opposed to the parking permit program.

Resident Guy started a petition to remove the parking permit on Saratoga Street and gave a copy of the petition to City staff.

Resident Melissa wanted to know why [the permit parking program] is in effect and wanted to know why the Police Department needs their personal information in order to receive a parking permit.

Resident Mark expressed his concern of their quality of life due to the parking permit program. He also conducted a survey in the New Dutch Haven Neighborhood.

Lorraine Papadopoulos, resident, expressed her concern of the parking permit program and how it would affect selling the home.

Resident Kathy expressed her approval to remove the parking permit program [in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood].

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019

Commissioner Mejia noted the following changes:
- Page 5, third paragraph – change “of” to “about”.
- Page 5, fourth paragraph – add “and stop bars” after crosswalks.
- Page 8, Item 7 second bullet point – add “per hour” after mile.
- Page 8, Item 7 third bullet point—change “His” to “Has”.

Commissioner Rodman noted the following changes:
- Oral Communication – change all the “residents” to state the resident’s name following “who lives”.
- Page 2, second bullet point – change “have” to “has”.
- Page 2, third bullet point – change “have” to “have been”.
- Page 2, fifth bullet point – change “request” to “requested”.
- Page 2, sixth bullet point – change “violation” to “violations” and change “permit” to “permits”.
- Page 2, eighth bullet point – change “in” to “on” and change “permit” to “program”.
- Page 2, eleventh bullet point – remove “had”.
- Page 6, item C – repeated statement from Vice Chair Patz on page 7.
- Page 7, first paragraph – move statement somewhere else.
Vice Chair Patz noted the following changes:

- Page 1, item 4 – remove “for”.
- Page 2, third bullet point – change “have” to “have been”.
- Page 2, sixth bullet point – add “program” after “parking permit”.
- Page 2, seventh bullet point – change “of” to “to” and add “program” after “parking permit”.
- Page 2, eighth bullet point – change “of” to “for” and add “program” after “parking permit”.
- Page 2, eleventh bullet point – remove “had”.
- Page 2, twelfth bullet point – add “program” after “parking permit”.
- Page 2, last bullet point – remove “the”.
- Page 3, sixth bullet point – change “get” to “take”.
- Page 3, seventh bullet point – add “and” after “Drive”.
- Page 3, eighth bullet point – add “and” after “Drive” and change “permit” to “permits”.
- Page 3, ninth bullet point – add “and” after “Drive”.
- Page 4, item 6 second to last paragraph – change “speeds” to “speed” and remove “the” before “complaints”.
- Page 4, last paragraph – add “to” before “gather data”.
- Page 5, third paragraph – change “of” to “about” and change “have” to “having”.
- Page 5, fourth paragraph – change “inconsistency” to “inconsistencies”.
- Page 8, item 7 second paragraph – change “at” to “in the”.

Chair Hill noted the following changes:

- Page 4, second to last paragraph – add “each” after “$7,000”.

Motion/Second: Patz/Rodman
Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 11, 2019 with amendments.

7. STAFF REPORTS
A. Request to Remove Permit Parking from New Dutch Haven Neighborhood and to Remove Permit Parking on Langley Drive and Saratoga Drive in Carrier Row Neighborhood
Residents of the New Dutch Haven neighborhood submitted four separate petitions requesting to remove permit parking on Bunker Hill Drive, Bennington Street, Antietam Avenue, and Mindora Street. Residents on Langley Drive and Saratoga Drive in the Carrier Row Neighborhood also submitted separate petitions requesting to remove permit parking on those streets as well. The submitted petitions from residents on all identified streets except Saratoga Drive met the minimum 75% petition approval needed. A petition was not submitted for Green Avenue.

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab summarized the staff report.
City Engineer Hunt discussed the resident's questions that were asked during Oral Communications:

- Petition made in Carrier Row neighborhood was due to a business in the area.
- Parking permit program in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood was due to the Los Alamitos Race Track.
- The petition process to remove the parking permit program is the same as to how the petition was put in place.
  - Once the petition is approved by City Council, the Public Works division will remove the parking permit signs.
- Clarified the signs on Siboney Street and Katella Avenue will be included in the removal since the properties in the area are businesses and not residents.

Captain Karrer discussed the questions that were asked during Oral Communications:

- A survey was made and given to the City Council and it was recommended to remove the permit parking program, but the City Council denied the recommendation.
- The request to have the driver's license information is to protect the residents in the neighborhood.
- The Police Department ran out of parking permits because they did not realize how many people were out of compliance.

Commissioner Mejia clarified the survey that was done in 2018 showed results of residents wanting to keep the signs, but no enforcement and this is a bad way to do business in the City. This is where the Traffic Commission needed to make a decision when they were given the task to go over the Parking Permit Program. He also thanks the residents.

Resident stated that no one in his neighborhood received the information, so that is what motivated him to do a survey.

Commissioner Rodman thanks the residents.

Vice Chair Patz reiterates the petition process and states that there are five neighborhoods with a Parking Permit Program.

Resident stated that there is a lack of communication between the City and the residents.

Commissioner Singer stated that it is clear that the signs are not needed and the residents do not want it.

Commissioner West thanked the residents.
Chair Hill answered the question about how long the process will take [to remove the permit parking program].

A resident asked if the streets will be listed individually to which Department Secretary Enciso answered that streets will be listed individually when it is presented at City Council.

A resident asked if there will be enforcement to which Captain Karrer responded that the areas that have been presented are not going to be enforced.

A resident asked how confident are we that the City Council will approve the removal of the permit parking program. Chair Hill responded by stating that the residents have now spoken.

A resident reiterates the lack of communication between the residents and the City.

Resident Rob Stevens thanked the Traffic Commission.

Motion/Second - Patz/Singer
Carried 6/0 (Coxhill Absent): Motion to remove the parking permit program in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood and Langley Drive and Saratoga Drive in the Carrier Row neighborhood. The following streets are included: Bunker Hill Drive, Bennington Street, Antietam Avenue, and Mindora Street in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood, and Langley Drive in Carrier Row Neighborhood. Also to include Saratoga Drive assuming it meets the 75% signature criteria and include Katella Avenue and Siboney Street.

A resident inquired if the petition for Saratoga Drive does not come in time for the City Council meeting that it will not hinder the other streets from having the parking permit program removed. Chair Hill advised that it would not hinder them. The resident also inquired if there was a need for the residents to attend the City Council. The Traffic Commission advised for residents that they are welcome to attend the City Council meeting and to call or email the City Council members.

City Engineer Hunt informed the residents that the petition will move forward to the November City Council Meeting.

B. Request to Install Speed Humps on Chestnut Street Between Katella Avenue and Sausalito Street
The City received a petition signed by residents on Chestnut Street and Walnut Avenue. The Traffic Commission considered the petition during the September 11, 2019 meeting and directed staff to further investigate the concerns raised in the petition with regard to excessive speed and failure to stop at intersections.
As a result, a speed survey was recently conducted and the results are as presented for consideration by the Traffic Commission.

Traffic Engineer Irantialab summarized the staff report.

City Engineer Hunt added to the summarization of the staff report.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the following:
- Speed limits, posted or not, that a driver might get a ticket.
- The study does not support the request to have speed humps installed.
- Encourage the Police Department to catch those running the stop signs.
- Placed ghost cars, more patrol, and officers in the area.
- Inconsistencies with the stop signs, bars, and crosswalks.
- Continued assessment of the area until the January 2020 Traffic Commission meeting.
- Possibly look into digital signs that can be moved to different areas.
- The issue of having 2,000 cars a day on Chestnut is something to look into.
- A way to discourage people to use the neighborhood as a shortcut by use of residential roundabout or something similar.

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

Commissioner Mejia discussed the following:
- Item F7 – Update on the item
- Item F15 – Add date of last repair

Commissioner Rodman discussed the following:
- Item F12 – Change remark to completed

8. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Hunt informed the Traffic Commission of the following:
- City of Cypress will be doing pavement work on Katella Avenue from Walker Street to Valley View Street.
- Rossmoor Los Alamitos Sewer District will be doing work on Corporate Center Drive towards Calle Lee due to an emergency sewer repair.
- Street Widening on Briggeman Drive will start in the next couple of weeks.
- The Pavement Rehabilitation project will be awarded in the October City Council meeting.
- Typically, no Traffic Commission meeting in December depending if there will be any business to be discussed.

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9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Patz discussed the following:
- The lights on Los Alamitos Boulevard right before Cerritos Avenue are not synchronized.
- San Bonito Avenue street sign on Bloomfield Street going north to south is being blocked by a block wall.

Chair Hill discussed the following:
- Have a dedicated right lane near Los Alamitos High School.
- Scramble intersection at Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer
Carried 6/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until November 13, 2019.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

[Signature]
Randall Hill, Chair

Attest:

[Signature]
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary