

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Berg called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Berg; Vice Chairperson Hayes; Commissioners Martinez; Moore, and Radoumis

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary; Frank Igros, Traffic Safety Officer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Berg announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with City traffic related business. There being no one person to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:01 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – November 2014

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of November 2014. The report reflects 66 collisions, which is an increase of thirteen (13) collisions compared to 53 in November 2103. Officer Igros noted a discrepancy in the number of fatalities to date noted. He will check on the actual number. There were five (5) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; two (2) pedestrians and one (1) bicycle collision. There were twenty-one (21) hit-and-run collisions and twelve (12) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The four high collision intersections for the month were Firestone Boulevard/Marquardt Avenue (2); Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (2); Los Nietos Road/Greenleaf Avenue (2) and Telegraph Road/Geary Avenue (2).

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for November 2014; the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Hayes and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows: In Favor: Berg, Hayes, Martinez, Moore, and Radoumis. Opposed: None.

5. Traffic Study of Left Turn Collisions at Florence Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue

Mr. Lopez presented Item 5 and noted that for the recent 12-month period there were a total of three (3) collisions involving northbound left turn vehicles colliding with southbound thru-vehicles at the intersection with only one occurring during a peak

hour period. Speed and impaired visibility may be the main factors for the collisions. Mr. Lopez concluded that although the intersection did not meet the MUTCD guidelines for installation of a left turn phasing signal, visibility could be improved for motorists by restriping the approaches on Bloomfield Avenue from the crosswalks to a point approximately 400 feet north and south of the intersection. Mr. Lopez noted that if approved by the Traffic Commission, the striping would take place after the Holiday's.

Chairperson Berg called for a roll call vote for approval of Item 05; Vice Chair Hayes moved the item for vote; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and was approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Radoumis, Moore, Martinez, Hayes and Berg
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Radoumis seconded the motion and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows: In Favor: Berg, Hayes, Martinez, Moore, and Radoumis.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Martinez asked for clarification of the flashing light installed on Pioneer Boulevard north of Telegraph Road. Mr. Lopez noted that it was installed to warn the north bound motorist on Pioneer Boulevard that use this route as a Telegraph Road bypass of the Stop sign at Alburdis Avenue. It was intended to be a permanent installation. Mr. Lopez noted that it is currently not operational and the City is working with the supplier to get it replaced. Mrs. Martinez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Radoumis wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Moore wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. She also suggested that you designate a driver while celebrating during the Holidays.

Vice Chair Hayes dittoed the sentiments expressed and thanked Commissioner Moore for the cookies she distributed to the Commissioners and staff.

Chairperson Berg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and urged everyone to spend time with family and friends. He indicated that he will be absent from the next 2 to 3 meetings as a result of hip replacement surgery that he has scheduled in January.

Staff

Mr. Lopez announced that the elections for Traffic Commissioners will be held at the next meeting on January 15; he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also noted that the City Manager wanted them to be aware of a City's recently passed ordinance regarding soliciting and provided them with a copy for their reference.

Ms. De Leon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. She provided them with a copy of the new Traffic Commission Schedule for 2015.

Mr. Negrete wished everyone Happy Holidays and urged everyone to drive safely, especially around the malls.

Officer Igros wished everyone a Merry Christmas and provided a brief background on Proposition 47, which was approved in November's general election. The proposition was intended to alleviate jail/prison overcrowding by releasing "non-violent offenders" and classifying non-violent felonies as misdemeanors. He speculates that this might result in an increase of non-violent crime for the City.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Berg adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:34 PM.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



SECRETARY