

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Berg called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:00 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. ELECTION

Chairperson Berg opened the nomination for elections. Commissioner Moore made a motion to recommend Vice Chairperson Hayes to Chairperson. Vice Chair Hayes accepted the nomination; Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion and was approved unanimously by the Commission 5-0.

Chairperson Hayes made a motion to elect Commissioner Moore to Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Moore declined the nomination and made a motion to nominate Commissioner Martinez; Commissioner Martinez accepted the nomination; Chairperson Hayes seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Commission 5-0.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Hayes 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 6:05 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – January 2015

Officer Igros provide brief description on the citation process between drivers operating a vehicle with a suspended license vs. unlicensed licenses. He emphasized that vehicles are automatically impounded for a period of 30 days once a driver is pulled over with a suspended license. If driving without a license, the officer will try to contact the registered owner of the vehicle to come pick up the vehicle. If the unlicensed driver has been stopped more than once, the vehicle will be impounded.

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January 2015. The report reflects 62 collisions, which is an increase of nine (9) compared to 53 in January 2014. There were two (2) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrians and two (2) bicycle collision. There were twenty-two (22) hit-and-run collisions and eight (8) collisions involving damage to city property

reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Lakeland Road/Bloomfield Avenue (3); Carmenita Road/Firestone Boulevard (2) and Alondra Boulevard/Freeway Drive (1).

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for January 2015; the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Martinez and was unanimously approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Moore, Radoumis

Noes:

Absent:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to approve the minutes; Vice Chair Martinez seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Moore, Radoumis

Noes:

Absent:

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Radoumis stated that a resident had called him to complain that Caltrans had not sent him a notice to warn him that the access road to his property would be blocked. Mr. Lopez indicated that Caltrans will make it a point to notify everyone several days advance of impending closures.

Chairperson Hayes welcomed and acknowledged Mayor Rios in the audience.

Commissioner Radoumis indicated that the Women's Club has tickets available for purchase to benefit scholarships for \$15. The Sister City Committee will hold their annual pancake breakfast on April 4, 2015 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at Los Nietos Park during the Easter Egg Hunt; tickets are \$4 in advance, \$4.50 at the door. This will fund the Sister City student exchange trip to Germany held every two years.

Commissioner Moore inquired on the date for the closure to one lane on Florence Avenue and the status of a letter to Mrs. Johana Ambriz regarding traffic signage on Flallon Avenue. Mr. Lopez noted that the I-5 construction for Florence Avenue is scheduled to be done in two phases, with a closure this week beginning today through next Tuesday to clear the median and prepare for the installation of the traffic signal on Roseton Avenue to be completed by April 2015; the bridge work is slated for spring of 2016. The signs for Flallon Avenue have been ordered and will check on the status of the letter for Mrs. Ambriz.

Commissioner Berg inquired on the traffic issue around Lakeview Elementary particularly in the afternoon and is requesting to see if a letter can be sent to the school principal.

Chairperson Hayes is requesting that staff write a letter to the school principals for both Lakeview Elementary and Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary requesting their assistance in trying to mitigate the double parking and traffic related issues present around their schools during the morning and afternoon hours.

Vice Chair Martinez shared a picture of a traffic signal located in Cerritos as a possible alternative for the crosswalk on Pioneer Boulevard and Alburdis Avenue. The stop sign is sensor activated and is solar powered. Mr. Lopez will review this location and its feasibility.

Chairperson Hayes provided information on the upcoming SFS Art Fest slated for 5:00 pm on May 8, 2015 at the Clarke Estate as well as the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on April 16, 2015 at 6:30 am at Town Center Hall.

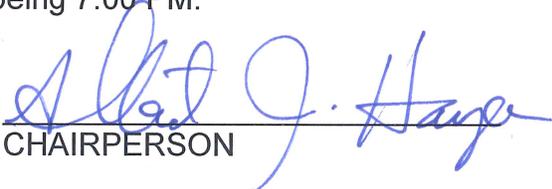
Staff

Mr. Lopez addressed Vice Chair Martinez regarding a question about the Notice to Proceed for the Street Light Conversion Phase II e-mail that she received. He noted that staff will periodically send out these courtesy notices to the Commissioner and City Council about various projects within the City. The street light conversion project is a result of a broken transformer, which Edison will not replace. As a result the City is replacing the street lights with funds from Users Utility Tax (UUT) and the General Fund. He also noted that postcards will be mailed out providing general information concerning the I-5 Freeway improvements and reiterated that the signal on Florence Avenue and Roseton Avenue is scheduled to be installed in April 2015.

Ms. De Léon congratulated Chairperson Hayes and Vice Chair Martinez on their appointments and thanked Commissioner Berg for his service as Chairperson the previous year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Hayes adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:00 PM.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SECRETARY