

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hayes called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary

3. ELECTION

Chairperson Hayes introduced Commissioner Nancy Romo and made a motion to nominate Commissioner Radoumis for Chairperson. Commissioner Martinez seconded the nomination. Commissioner Radoumis accepted the nomination.

The following roll call vote was taken on the recommendation of Commissioner Radoumis for Chairperson.

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Romo, Radoumis
Noes: None
Absent: None

Vice Chair Martinez made a motion to nominate Chairperson Hayes for Vice Chair; Commissioner Romo seconded the motion. Commissioner Hayes accepted the nomination.

The following roll call vote was taken on the recommendation of Chairperson Hayes for Vice Chairperson.

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Romo, Radoumis
Noes: None
Absent: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Radoumis welcomed former Mayor Laurie M. Rios to the meeting and 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. Mrs. Rios noted that she was happy to be in attendance and welcomed Commissioner Romo. There being no other persons to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:09 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – January 2016

Mr. Lopez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January 2016. The report reflects 69 collisions, which is an increase of seven (7) compared to 62 in January 2015. There were five (5) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and one (1) bicycle collision. There were seventeen (17) hit-and-run collisions and eight (8) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (3); Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road (2) and Santa Fe Springs Road/Los Nietos Road (2).

Vice Chair Hayes questioned the status of the study for the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road. Mr. Lopez noted that striping modifications had been completed in January, but that the study was still in progress. All of the collision events have not been entered into the database and he would provide an update on the collision findings for this intersection at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to receive and file the Item 05; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Romo, Radoumis
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. Review of California Manual of Uniform Control Devices' Guidelines for Installation of Stop Signs.

Mr. Lopez presented Item 06 highlighting that stop signs and yield signs were developed to assign rights-of-way for locations where the traffic volumes of conflicting traffic and/or other conditions warrant additional traffic control beyond the normal right of way rule. He also indicated that Stop signs should not be used to attempt to control the speed of traffic. The history of the evolution of the Stop sign shape and color was briefly discussed. Pictures of Stop signs currently being used in countries around the world were also shown.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve and file the minutes for January 21, 2016; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Hayes, Martinez, Berg, Romo, Radoumis
Noes: None
Absent: None

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Martinez indicated that the street lights along Jersey Avenue north of Telegraph Road were out. Mr. Lopez indicated that he would relay the information to staff. Mr. Negrete indicated that Traffic Signal Maintenance staff has a scheduled night tour for the areas north and south of Telegraph Road to inspect the lights around the City. Staff then generates a report identifying light outages for City-owned and SCE-owned lights and submits a report to Edison notifying them of their street light outages.

Commissioner Berg indicated that traffic at Lakeview Elementary School is again backing up Joslin Street traffic to Orr and Day Road. He stated that parents are parking in the loading zone set up in front of the school between Jersey Avenue and Roseton Avenue. He also said that motorists are running the Stop sign at Jersey/Joslin Street and asked if selective enforcement could be done in this area to deal with these two issues. He also asked if a yield sign be installed to control traffic on Dunning Street at Flallon Street.

There was a brief discussion on concepts to protect pedestrians that will cross Pioneer Boulevard between Telegraph Rd. and Dunning Street to attend the upcoming Art Fest.

Vice Chair Hayes Congratulated Commissioner Romo on her appointment to the Traffic Commission.

Staff

Mr. Lopez congratulated Chairperson Radoumis and Vice Chair Hayes on their new appointments and welcomed Commissioner Romo.

Ms. De Leon congratulated Chairperson Radoumis and Vice Chair Hayes on their new appointments and welcomed Commissioner Romo.

Mr. Negrete noted that he was happy to see everyone attend the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:47 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



SECRETARY