

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MARCH 17, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Radoumis; Vice Chairperson Hayes; Commissioner Romo

Absent: Commissioners Berg and Martinez

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Anh Wood, Secretary, Frank Igros, Traffic Safety Officer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Radoumis welcomed former Mayor Laurie M. Rios to the meeting. He 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 stated that she enjoys coming to the monthly meetings and learns something new every time. There being no other persons to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:08 PM.

Resident Marcisso Mergil of 10234 Gridley Road arrived after Oral Communication was closed, however, the Commissioners allowed him the opportunity to speak. Mr. Mergil expressed concern about traffic blocking the intersection of Florence Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard specifically the traffic during school hours and offered a few suggestions.

A brief discussion followed and Mr. Lopez indicated that once Caltrans completes the I-5 Florence Avenue Bridge widening in two years, the traffic problems should be resolved due the addition of a third lane in both directions of Florence Avenue west of Pioneer Boulevard plus the new 6-lane bridge over the I-5 Freeway.

Discussion concluded with Vice Chair Hayes asking Mr. Lopez if staff could look into providing a patrol officer to this intersection to enforce citations to violators as a temporary solution.

Officer Frank Igros informed the commissioners that his contract with WPD Traffic Division will expire at the end of May 2016. However, he will be available to assist with training of replacement personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – February 2016

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of February 2016. The report reflects 80 collisions, which is an increase of thirty two (32) compared to forty-eight (48) in February 2015. There were five (5) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; zero (0) pedestrian; and two (2) bicycle collisions. There were twenty (20) hit-and-run collisions and eleven (11) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (2); Telegraph Road/Shoemaker Avenue (2) and Alondra Boulevard/Freeway Drive (1).

Vice Chairperson Hayes made a motion to receive and file Item 04; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Romo and approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

5. California High Speed Rail Project

Mr. Lopez presented Item 5 and noted that Proposition 1A which was on the November 4, 2008 ballot authorizing the partial funding of a California High Speed Rail System was approved by the voters by a slight margin of 52.7% in favor of the system versus 47.3% opposed to the system. He presented a map highlighting the proposed locations of the high speed rail lines across the United States as well as the planned route of the high speed line in California going from San Francisco to Los Angeles and then San Diego. Currently, the Fresno River viaduct and Tuolumne Street Bridge projects are under construction. He indicated that the line will come through Santa Fe Springs adjacent to the existing railroad corridor that is currently used by BNSF Freight, Metrolink and AmTrak trains. There is a proposed station planned either next to the Santa Fe Springs/Norwalk Transportation Center, or north of Imperial Highway on Bloomfield Avenue. He cited the recent Court decision that ruled against a challenge by Kings County noting that the latest version of the high speed rail project is not consistent with the proposed system approved by the voters in November 2008. The court ruled that there was not enough definitive information available to make that determination at this time.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairperson Hayes made a motion to approve and file the minutes for February 18, 2016; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Romo and approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Romo stated that she spoke to residents who complained that the City is doing work in the area south of Telegraph Road but not in the area north of Telegraph Road. She suggested that the resident attend the Traffic Commission meeting, however, the resident did not attend.

Vice Chairperson Hayes announced that the City received an Award of Excellence in the category of Creating Community, "Arts and Cultural Services" for the 2015 SFS Art Fest Event at the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Awards Banquet in Long Beach, CA. He stated that this is a very prestigious honor for the City.

Chairperson Radoumis urged everyone to support the Easter Egg Hunt Breakfast sponsored by the Sister City Committee on Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at Los Nietos Park. Tickets are available in advance at Town Center Hall for \$4.50 or \$5.00 on the day of the event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:12 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SECRETARY