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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner J. Hernández

FLAG SALUTE / INVOCATION Commissioner J. Hernández

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is given this opportunity to address the Traffic Commission on any matter within its responsibility. Discussion or deliberation will not be entered into at this time in accordance with the Brown Act.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Submitted for approval are the minutes for the regular meeting of June 14, 2017.
2. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INTRODUCTION & ORIENTATION** Public Works Staff

Staff will introduce the new members of the Traffic Commission and will explain the duties and responsibilities of being a Traffic Commissioner. Protocols will be discussed and the Commissioners' Handbook will be introduced.

Staff recommendation: Approve
3. **STAFF REPORT UPDATES**
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**
5. **SHERIFF'S REPORT**
6. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

ADJOURNMENT

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**, at 6:30 p.m. in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce**.

Agenda and written materials are available for public inspection immediately following the posting of this agenda (at least 72 hours prior to a regular Traffic Commission meeting) in the **City Clerk's Office, at Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California**.

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON JUNE 14, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CA 90040**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caldera at 6:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE &
INVOCATION**

Chairperson Caldera led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commission:

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson Baker, Commissioner García and Commissioner Hernández

Staff:

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang
Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sgt. Abel Jiménez

Absent:

Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez

Liaison Yang acknowledged former Commissioner Duarte's presence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Services/Public Safety Commissioner and Commerce resident Johncito Peraza, of 5005 Astor Avenue, addressed the Commission and made comments and observations related to the speed hump policy for Astor Avenue. Specifically, he requested that the process be somehow "abbreviated" for the residents so that it will not be so cumbersome for the residents in applying for these speed humps.

Commissioner Peraza also brought up issues regarding speed exhibition, jaywalking, and community developments with respect to the Veterans neighborhood area as well.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioners García and Hernández seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meetings held on April 12 and May 10, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Hernández and García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: None.

2. RED CURB MARKING REQUESTS ALONG 6141 & 6150 SHEILA STREET

Liaison Yang presented a staff report to the Commission regarding a request from *Viavi Solutions, Inc.* at 6141 Sheila Street and *Precision Wire Products, Inc.* at 6150 Sheila Street, Commerce for red curbs near its driveways and certain areas along Sheila Street in order to improve sight distance visibility for vehicles, especially for large semi-trailer trucks, that enter and exit from both *Viavi Solutions* and *Precision Wire Products*.

Liaison Yang explained that large vehicles often park right on the other side of the street, which causes truck ingress and egress issues when trucks come in and out of the driveway to make deliveries, thus increasing the probability of a traffic incident. Also sight visibility is an issue, since trucks leaving the facility cannot see oncoming traffic on either side of Sheila Street. The recommendation is to place these red curbs in order to increase truck ingress and egress, improve sight visibility, and overall safety.

With respect to loss of parking, Liaison Yang pointed out that new spaces will be allotted for around the vicinity to accommodate the parking of these vehicles.

Mr. Darren Wentworth, Site Leader at *Viavi Solutions*, made a statement to the Commission that these red curbs are necessary for *Viavi's* employees and patrons to enter and exit its facility. He insisted that safety is a factor, and that such red curbs will improve the situation.

No representative from *Precision Wire Products* was present, but the representatives from *Precision Wire Products* made it known before the meeting that they agree with *Viavi Solutions'* stance.

Discussion followed with Liaison Yang responding to questions and comments from the Commission.

**RED CURB MARKING
REQUESTS ALONG
6141 & 6150 SHEILA
STREET (Continued)**

After discussion, Vice-Chairperson Baker moved, and Commissioner García seconded the motion to install red curb markings along 6141 and 6150 Sheila Street in order to improve sight visibility for entering and exiting vehicles at driveways and to allow for easier ingress and egress of semi-trailer trucks and/or large vehicles. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Hernández and García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: None.

**3. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang mentioned the preliminary results of the recent City Council election, and that tentatively, two new councilmembers are elected to the Council: Leonard Mendoza and John Soria.

Liaison Yang reported that the citywide speed study has been officially approved by the City Council and stamped approved by the Public Works and Development Services Director. A copy was forwarded to Sgt. Jiménez for the purpose of traffic enforcement by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and a second copy was also given to Sgt. Jiménez to deliver to the Superior Court.

Liaison Yang passed out and presented to the Commissioners a draft copy of the handicap blue curb policy that will be discussed for the next Traffic Commission meeting in July 2017. He recommended that the commissioners review and look over the draft copy of the blue curb policy and be prepared to discuss it during next month's Traffic Commission meeting.

Liaison Yang also mentioned that the Malt Avenue traffic calming (speed hump) project will have the bid opening on July 6th and that construction is scheduled for mid-to-late July.

Finally, Liaison Yang wished the Commission a Happy Fathers' Day and Fourth of July (Independence Day) holiday.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley reported a request from Commissioner Johncito Peraza of the Community Services/Public Safety Commission to install in-pavement lights for the crosswalks located at Watcher Street and Greenwood Avenue and at Harbor Street and Strong Avenue, and possibly have that on the agenda for a future Traffic Commission meeting. Liaison Yang mentioned that staff will look into the request.

Public Safety Manager Tilley also mentioned that during this summer the Neighborhood Watch meetings will be in full swing.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT (Continued)**

The first one for the summer will be held on July 15th at Bartmus and Boris. One main topic for discussion will be the issue concerning the on-going coyote problem. Another Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on June 29th at Elkgrove and Jardine. Also mentioned is the "Summer Kick-Off Program" on June 16th in which Public Safety will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to embark on "Operation Kid Identification" to help fingerprint children. Bike safety workshops will be held to teach kids basic safety.

Lastly, four (4) new Community Service Officers (CSO's) have now been dispatched and are now on patrol.

5. SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sergeant Jiménez presented to the Commission and staff the L.A. County Sheriff's Department E.L.A. Station "Traffic Analysis Report" for the month of May 2017. He briefly reviewed the report and responded to questions from the Commission.

**6. COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS**

Commissioner García asked about the faded "red" corners of the handicap curb ramps and also the colors of the bus stop shelters, which were painted black. The commissioner noted that the City's colors are light or lime green and that the bus shelters should reflect those city colors. Liaison Yang responded that cost may have been a factor and that the city's beautification committee may have influenced the color scheme. As for the faded red corners at the handicap curb ramps, Liaison Yang mentioned that those will be eventually "phased out" since such red marking is unconventional for curb ramps.

Vice-Chairperson Baker announced that there's a possibility that he may change commissions due to the results of the last City Council election and that he may sit on a different commission. He thanked the efforts of the Traffic Commission and appreciated the spirited dialogue and interesting debates during his time on this commission.

Chairperson Caldera wanted to take this time to thank all the staff and commissioners on the Traffic Commission. She mentioned that she may likely change commissions due to once again, the change of office in the City Council. Chairperson Caldera will also be taking a "leave of absence" for the next several months due to a medical procedure.

Commissioner Hernández wanted to report that he attended some of the recent Neighborhood Watch meetings.

**COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS (Continued)**

Former Commissioner Duarte addressed the Commission and wanted to thank the staff and commissioners and said that there is a decent chance that she may be re-appointed back to the Traffic Commission since Mayor Iván Altamirano won re-election.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Vice-Chairperson Baker seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Hernández and García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Traffic Commission

Item No. 2

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC COMMISSION INTRODUCTION & ORIENTATION

MEETING DATE: August 9, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file this presentation.

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2017, the City of Commerce held a municipal election whereby two (2) new council members were elected: Councilmember John Soria and Councilmember Leonard Mendoza.

As a result of this election, all the councilmembers were tasked in appointing or re-appointing new or continuing commissioners for all of the City's Commissions.

For the Traffic Commission, new members Carlos Runningwolf, Richard Hernández, and Héctor Maravilla were appointed. Incumbent commissioners Isabel A. Caldera and Javier Hernández were re-appointed.

ANALYSIS:

Due to the recent turnover in the membership of the Traffic Commission, Public Works staff has elected to exercise this opportunity to introduce to each other the new members of this commission and to introduce support staff.

Staff will also explain the duties and responsibilities of being a Traffic Commissioner. Meeting decorum and protocols will be discussed, as well as the process of administering meetings and dealing with constituents. Ethical guidelines related to being a commissioner will be outlined.

The Commissioners' Handbook will be introduced to the members.

The commission re-organization will be discussed and is tentatively scheduled for the regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting on September 13, 2017.

Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017, is the Traffic Commissioners Workshop presented by the *City Traffic Engineers Association* (CTE). All sitting traffic commissioners are highly encouraged to attend this insightful workshop that deals with terminology, processes, legal issues, etc. surrounding city-related traffic engineering and planning.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Reject staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Yang
for Maryam Babaki, P.E.
Director of Public Works &
Development Services

Recommended & prepared by:

Seung Yang *S. Y.*
Traffic Commission Liaison