

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON MARCH 8, 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**

Commissioner Duarte led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commission:

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

Staff:

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

Absent:

Commissioner García (*)

(*) Garcia arrived at @ 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. José González of 1441 So. Sydney Drive, addressed the Commission on behalf of the United Families of Bristow Park regarding speeders on Triggs Street. He requested for STOP signs to be installed at the intersection of Triggs Street and Duncan Avenue, since such signs do not exist on Triggs Street from Eastern Avenue to McDonnell Avenue. In the hopes of slowing down speeders, he even suggested speed humps.

Ms. Leticia Hernández of 1442 So. Duncan Avenue, addressed the Commission on behalf of the Bristow Park community regarding speeding motorists on Triggs Street. Commissioner Duarte translated from Spanish to English for Ms. Hernández the safety concerns the community has expressed regarding this matter and hoped that the City could find a way to slow down speeders.

Mr. Joe Lozano of 4485 Triggs Street, addressed the Commission and expressed that his main concern is the high

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(Continued)**

speed that motorists are travelling on a residential street. He requested that the City should install STOP signs in order to slow down speeders on Triggs Street in order to avoid an incident.

Mr. John Soria of 2239 So. Eastern Avenue addressed the Commission and repeated the same concerns as the previous two residents. He indicated that he was almost broadsided due to vehicles speeding down Triggs Street. He requested if a study could be done on Triggs Street as a traffic calming measure, such as the one performed in the industrial areas of Commerce. He also mentioned that he had recently attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Duncan Avenue where it was proposed to install speed humps on Triggs Street from Eastern Avenue to McDonnell Avenue, as a means to slow down speeders. He asked staff to look into this matter and thanked the Commission for its time.

Interim Liaison Yang thanked the residents in attendance and assured them that staff is responding to their concerns and will make sure that the traffic calming measures approved by the Traffic Commission back in November and December 2016 will be implemented. He also indicated that by first installing the street and curb markings, these measures will move at a slower pace. As events change, the Commission will re-consider additional installations with respect to traffic signs.

**SCHEDULED
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Duarte seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Duarte, García, Hernández, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

**2. PRESENTATION ON
PARKING AND TRIP
GENERATION**

Interim Liaison Yang provided an overview of the staff report and explained in detail the basic concept of parking and trip generation, which are tools traffic engineers and planners use to forecast travel and parking demands for various facilities.

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

After discussion, Vice-Chairperson Baker moved, and Commissioner García seconded the motion to receive and file

**PRESENTATION ON
PARKING AND TRIP
GENERATION
(Continued)**

the presentation on parking and trip generation. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Duarte, García, Hernández, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

**3. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Interim Liaison Yang mentioned to the two Commissioners (Baker and Duarte) that were not present at the Traffic Commission meeting when the Citywide Traffic Speed Study was approved and recommended to City Council to adopt on January 11, 2017, that he would be happy to give them a short presentation after the meeting. He announced that the subject study will be presented to City Council for approval and adoption on March 28, 2017. He also gave an update in response to Commissioners' concerns as follows: 1) informed Commissioner Hernández that the speed humps that were removed from Emil Avenue between Gage Avenue and Agra Street during the pavement rehabilitation project were reinstalled; and 2) staff talked to management at the Citadel Outlets regarding an incident Commissioner Duarte encountered with parking staff during the Thanksgiving weekend 2016.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley mentioned that 3 of the 5 Community Services Officers will be starting on Tuesday, March 14th and two Community Services Assistants (crossing guards) will be assigned to Rosewood Park School and the other to Bandini Elementary School. She also gave an update on the home security camera rebate program, mentioned that 12 Comcats will be graduating on March 20th, and announced that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the Greenwood Library (indoors). She also recognized Traffic Commissioner Javier Hernández for being an official Comcat volunteer as well as three other Comcats that were present in the audience.

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 February 2017. He briefly reviewed the report and responded to questions from the Commission.

**6. COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS**

Commissioner Hernández thanked the residents from Bristow Park who were present in the audience for attending tonight's meeting to voice their concerns and/or complaints regarding the traffic conditions as they relate to the speed motorists are travelling on Triggs Street, which may pose a safety concern to the residents in the vicinity. He also translated in Spanish for the Spanish-speaking residents. Since all the new traffic signals

**COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS (Continued)**

along Washington Boulevard are installed and in operation, he also asked if it were possible to synchronize them so that traffic flows much smoother during high peak hours. Liaison Yang said that he would have staff look into his request.

Commissioner Duarte thanked Sergeant Jiménez for his monthly report and also thanked Public Safety Manager Tilley for doing a great job. She reported that a resident asked her to whom she can report vehicles parked in their driveways that appear to be abandoned. Public Safety Manager Tilley responded to contact the Code Enforcement Division. Commissioner Duarte also inquired about the recent coyote sightings in the City and asked for more information, which Public Safety Manager Tilley provided.

Commissioner García – No report

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported a signage problem along Washington Boulevard from the I-710 Freeway, southbound exit, towards eastbound Washington Boulevard all within the ongoing street widening and reconstruction project. He indicated that new signs are being posted and old ones are not being removed, including those pavement markings that have been added, that are causing much confusion and posing safety concerns. He also requested from Sergeant Jiménez to station a motor unit on Triggs Street in order to cite violators of speed during the high peak hours. Sergeant Jiménez responded that he will assign a unit on Triggs Street.

Chairperson Caldera reported that the motel establishments located on Atlantic Boulevard and Harbor Street and on Atlantic Boulevard and Everington Street have signs posted in their parking lots that do not match the City's street pavement markings, and asked staff to please look into this matter. She also reminded the Commissioners regarding the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration at the Rosewood Park and Bandini Elementary Schools on March 29, 2017, and to sign up with Administrative Assistant Gómez if they are interested in attending the event.

Interim Liaison Yang announced that Chairperson Caldera was nominated as a 32nd Senate District "Woman of the Year" and thanked her for her years of service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**ADJOURNMENT
(Continued)**

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

AYES: Commissioners Duarte, García, Hernández, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

