

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON APRIL 12, 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 6:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE &
INVOCATION**

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commission:

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson Baker, Commissioners Duarte, García and Hernández

Staff:

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang
Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez
Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley

Absent:

E.L.A. Sheriff's Sgt. Abel Jiménez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Hernández of 5050 Nobel Street, addressed the Commission regarding an ongoing issue that he feels has not been addressed and that a resolution should be found involving motorists traveling northbound on the I-710 Freeway exiting Washington Boulevard. Caltrans has cones placed on the freeway, but motorists do not realize that. Once they are on the off-ramp, the lanes go from 2 to 3 lanes to just the middle lane, causing a major backup onto the freeway and a long waiting time at the signal on Washington Boulevard.

Mr. Hernández also reported another traffic and safety issue at the Mixmaster intersection for motorists turning from Ferguson Drive onto Telegraph Road/Atlantic Boulevard/Eastern Avenue and the major congestion caused by the lane as it enters Telegraph Road. He asked as to when the City is going to find a solution to this problem.

Ms. Hope Pérez of 2438 Gaspar Avenue, addressed the Commission regarding a possible safety concern involving school children crossing the T-Intersection at Bartmus Street and

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(Continued)**

Senta Avenue. She asked about the possibility of installing a STOP sign for Senta Avenue at Bartmus Street because motorists are speeding down Senta Avenue, and she is concerned that there is going to be an accident involving school children or pedestrians. Ms. Pérez also requested that staff look into installing a STOP sign at the intersection of Gaspar Avenue and Jardine Street due to many close-call incidents.

**SCHEDULED
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Commissioner Duarte moved, and Commissioner Hernández seconded the motion to continue the approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2017, to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**2. COMMERCE SPEED
HUMP POLICY**

Liaison Yang provided a PowerPoint presentation of this item and explained the issues that have been raised by the Commerce community regarding perceived vehicular speeding in residential neighborhoods. Staff has investigated the issues with respect to traffic calming and has developed a comprehensive speed hump policy that the Commissioner should consider for approval and adoption. He explained the procedures required in requesting speed humps to be installed on a particular street as outlined in the Policy.

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

After discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Vice-Chairperson Baker seconded the motion to approve and recommend to the City Council to adopt and enact by resolution the Commerce Speed Hump Policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**3. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang gave an update on the following: 1) Speed Survey was approved by City Council and copies will be given to Sheriff's Department and the Courts; 2) the seven selected artists for the various utility boxes located throughout the City, will begin painting them this weekend; 3) new information signs

**STAFF REPORT
UPDATES (Continued)**

are being designed as part of the Beautification Branding and Wayfinding project; 4) City Council approved at its meeting of April 4, 2017, the pole banners that will be designed and displayed throughout the City; 5) Triggs Street traffic calming measures that were approved have been forwarded to Los Angeles County to begin implementation; 6) Rosewood Park School traffic calming measures will be installed by the County of Los Angeles in May 2017; and 7) Liaison Yang wished everyone a happy Easter this Sunday.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley mentioned that their division has four (4) new Community Services Officers (CSO) that will be in training from 5 to 6 months, and also indicated that they are in the process of hiring one more CSO. She said that she would invite the new CSO's to introduce them to the Commission at a future meeting.

5. SHERIFF'S REPORT

No report from Sergeant Jiménez due to his absence.

**6. COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS**

Commissioner Hernández mentioned that he assisted with traffic control during an accident between a vehicle and a train on Slauson Avenue and Garfield Avenue in April while on a ride-along with a CSO. He suggested that someone from the City should contact the railroad companies and recommend that they consider installing safety measures at all railroad crossings.

Commissioner Duarte reported that her neighbors are asking if they can park their vehicles in the hatched marked area on Astor Avenue at Coutts Avenue. Staff responded that a vehicle can only be parked parallel to the curb.

Commissioner García commented that Washington Boulevard is looking beautiful, but was wondering why the palm trees they planted in the medians are so tall. Staff responded that the height of the palm trees is a standard height for a major arterial.

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported that he participated in a ride-along with the contractor/staff of the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project to address ongoing issues as they relate to traffic control devices and pavement striping in the vicinity of the I-710 Freeway northbound and southbound on/off-ramps. He also mentioned that residents have been inquiring if the proposed Walmart on Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard is still on track for development.

**COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS (Continued)**

Chairperson Caldera reported that street parking on Atlantic Boulevard is very limited near Jillson Street and Jardine Street, by the Bandini Market, and said that there appears to be many red curbs now and that parking spaces are not clear nor properly delineated and asked staff to look into this matter. She also mentioned that the month of April recognizes Administrative Assistants and took the time to honor and recognize Martha Gómez, on behalf of the Commission, for her services and assistance to the Commission for the past four years with the current Commissioners.

Commissioner Hernández made a suggestion about placing some type of sign above the traffic signals at Washington Boulevard at both Atlantic Boulevard and Eastern Avenue for the left turn pockets in order to move traffic more smoothly. Liaison Yang briefly explained why his suggestion cannot be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

Chairperson Caldera 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 8:05 p.m.