

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 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 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE &  
INVOCATION**

Vice-Chairperson R. Hernández led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**Commission:**

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández,  
Commissioners R. Hernández and Maravilla

**Staff:**

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

**Absent:**

Commissioner Runningwolf

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SCHEDULED  
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
(4)

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Runningwolf (1)

## **2. TRUCK SIGNAGE AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD & AYERS AVENUE**

Liaison Yang presented this item and provided a comprehensive overview of the staff report. He explained that Public Safety Manager Tilley brought this matter to the attention of the Public Works Development Services Department, due to the number of complaints being received by the residents who live in the Ayers/Bedessen/Connor (or known as "ABC") residential neighborhood, regarding the large trucks that inadvertently enter this neighborhood into Ayers Avenue off of Washington Boulevard intending to enter the Commerce Truck Stop. Once they enter, the truck drivers have difficulty exiting due to the constrained geometry of the area.

Liaison Yang responded to questions and concerns from the Commission and also indicated that if the proposed signs are approved, a Sheriff's motor patrol may be assigned to this location to cite violators.

Public Safety Manager Tilley mentioned the complaints being received by the residents. Sgt. Jiménez also reported that a fatality involving a large truck recently occurred at this particular intersection.

After some discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion to approve the installation of appropriate truck signage to prevent large trucks from entering into Ayers Avenue and blocking traffic into the ABC residential area. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
(4)

ABSENT: Commissioner Runningwolf (1)

## **4. STAFF REPORT UPDATES**

Liaison Yang asked the Commissioners how they would like to receive their monthly meeting agenda packets. Two commissioners said they would like it e-mailed, whereas the other two would like to have it picked up. One commissioner was absent. Chairperson Caldera made a suggestion about creating some kind of e-mail address so everyone can receive it via e-mail.

Liaison Yang wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving Day holiday and said that their potluck was a very nice time to spend together and share thoughts with. He mentioned that their Christmas dinner will be scheduled immediately following the meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley informed the Commission that Public Safety has been working with the Sheriff's Department and the Public Works & Development Services Department to address the traffic plan in preparation for "Black Friday" and holiday shopping at the Citadel. Extra security has been increased this year for both traffic control and inside the Citadel. She also made the following announcements: 1) The tree lighting event at the Citadel will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>; 2) the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Bristow area at McBride and Noakes, followed by the meetings on December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rosini area on Wilma and Harbor, and on December 21<sup>st</sup> in the Rosewood area on Elkgrove and Jardine; and 3) CSO Matt Gonzalez will be leaving the City to join the law enforcement team for the Torrance Police Department.

## **6. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sergeant Jiménez provided for the Commission and staff the L.A. County Sheriff's Department E.L.A. Station "Traffic Analysis Report" for the month of October 2017, and briefly explained the statistics of the report. He briefly talked about some upcoming events the Sheriff's Department will be involved in to address speeding and CVS violations on Washington Boulevard. He reminded the Commission about the "Speedsters" (street racers) Training event on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the E.L.A. Sheriff's Station, and invited the Commission and staff to attend. He also mentioned that major investigations are being conducted as the result of fatalities. And lastly, he thanked staff for putting together the Thanksgiving dinner.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Commissioner R. Hernández** reported a complaint from his neighbor about motorist not observing traffic laws and says it is only getting worse. The streets where the traffic violations are occurring on are Jardine and Kinisie Streets in the Bandini area.

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** reported the following: 1) Last week he noticed a non-resident who parks his work van in his neighborhood, and will relocate residents' trash cans in order to park. However, he is placing the cans where they partially block driveway aprons or they are placed in the middle of the street. Public Safety Manager Tilley responded that this matter was addressed by the Public Safety Division when it occurred; 2) he added that last weekend he participated in a festival held at the "swap meet" (Open Air Market) located at Garfield Avenue and Gage Avenue along with Mayor Rebollo and Councilmember Soria; and 3) attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting held at the intersection of Wellman Street and Travis Avenue.

**COMMISSIONERS'  
REPORTS (Continued)**

**Commissioner Maravilla** reported that he has received numerous complaints regarding the traffic signal red light phase for Commerce Way at Washington Boulevard, is too long. He also mentioned that in the same vicinity, but at Commerce Way and Sheila Street, the line delineation is very confusing and needs to be corrected. Liaison Yang informed the Commission that this is one of the intersections that are part of a Capital Improvement Program project that is in the design phase for street reconfigured and beautification improvements.

**Chairperson Caldera** reminded the Commissioners to make sure they distribute to the residents they come in contact with when they attend special functions and/or meetings, the set of recipes for non-alcoholic beverages she had sent to them for the various holidays, along with their business cards. She emphasized that this is a form of educational outreach between city representatives and residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
(4)

ABSENT: Commissioner Runningwolf (1)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.