MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018, 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 6:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Commissioner 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:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Meléndez of 6434 Ferguson Drive addressed and thanked the Commission, staff, and the business owners for working together to reach a solution with some of the issues and safety concerns on Ferguson Drive that the residents have expressed to the City. She added that it is very important that the Sheriff's Department assign a unit between the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and not the morning hours, because the problem with speeding motorists escalates in the late afternoon. Not that other violations like truck parking and motorists rolling through the STOP signs are not important, but the "speeding" issue is traffic safety's top priority. She mentioned that even with the Ferguson pavement rehabilitation project underway, motorists are still speeding.

Noah Flom of 6226 Ferguson Drive commended staff for the fantastic job done in coordinating the various meetings with Ferguson Drive residents and businesses, and working together to address and resolve the safety concerns and issues on Ferguson. He is hopeful that a solution to some of the concerns

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

can be reached and resolved. Mr. Flom thanked the Commission and staff and urged the Commission to consider passing Staff's recommendations as outlined in the agenda report for tonight's meeting.

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 March 14, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

2. PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGN INSTALLATIONS ALONG FERGUSON DRIVE

Liaison Yang provided a background presentation and overview of the overall traffic safety issues and concerns along Ferguson Drive, particularly in between Saybrook Avenue and Garfield Avenue. Meetings to discuss this matter have been conducted with both the residents and the commercial businesses separately in order to arrive at a decision that is amenable for both parties. He also mentioned that since Ferguson Drive, between the above mentioned boundaries, is a mixed residential-commercial street, there tends to be a high volume of oversized vehicles that add to the traffic congestion. Therefore, the residential area would benefit from the reduction of the passage of overweight trucks into this area by recommending the installation of six signs, as designated below.

Liaison Yang and Public Safety Manager Tilley responded to questions and concerns from the Commission.

After some discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the proposed traffic improvements on Ferguson Drive consisting of new signage to improve overall safety and reduce traffic congestion. The following signs will be installed at the respective locations:

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PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGN INSTALLATIONS ALONG FERGUSON DRIVE (Continued)

1. **NO LEFT TURN FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES 4 PM TO 7 AM:**

- Northbound Garfield Ave. at the intersection of Garfield Ave. & Ferguson Dr.

2. **NO RIGHT TURN FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES 4 PM TO 7 AM:**

- Southbound Garfield Ave. at the intersection of Garfield Ave. & Ferguson Dr.

3. **NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES 4 PM TO 7 AM / LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY:**

- Westbound Ferguson Dr. at the intersection of Garfield Ave. & Ferguson Dr.
- Eastbound Ferguson Dr. at the intersection of Saybrook Ave. & Ferguson Dr.
- Westbound Ferguson Dr. at the intersection of Saybrook Ave. & Ferguson Dr.
- Eastbound Ferguson Dr. at the intersection of Gerhart Ave. & Ferguson Dr.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None (0)

4. STAFF REPORT UPDATES

Liaison Yang gave an update on the following: 1) Dodger Community Night reminder - Administrative Assistant Gómez provided the details for Friday's upcoming event; and 2) pavement rehabilitation of Marianna Avenue from Dunham

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STAFF REPORT UPDATES (Continued)

Street to North City Limit is completely finished; Ferguson Drive (from Mixmaster Intersection to Garfield Avenue) is under construction, including all the cul-de-sacs; and Garfield Avenue from North City Limit to Telegraph Road will commence during the last week of April.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Manager Tilley reported the following: 1) CSO's are assisting with traffic control while Ferguson Drive is being repaved; 2) CSO's are also assisting with traffic control while the street light pole replacement program throughout the various neighborhoods is ongoing; 3) the Commission should volunteer for the Spring Clean-up Program scheduled in the Rosewood Park neighborhood on April 21, 2018; 4) the Commission is invited to attend the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting on April 26, 2018 in the Veterans area located at the cul-de-sac of the 7100 block of Watcher Street; and 5) the Illegal Dumping Ordinance will be enforceable beginning on April 20, 2018.

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 March 2018. He briefly explained the statistics of the report and responded to questions from the Commission. He mentioned that the safety and traffic concern violations on Ferguson Drive are being enforced by the motor deputy assigned to the area.

7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner R. Hernández reported the following: 1) He had to sit through three traffic signal phases at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Eastern Avenue before he was able to turn left onto Washington Boulevard; 2) he witnessed two individuals breaking into a building (Tool Shack) on Washington Boulevard where there are several trailers; and 3) he alerted staff and the Commission that there appears to be a common occurrence on Cowlin Avenue by the former Church's Chicken on the corner of Atlantic and Washington Boulevards, which is vacant, and where a group of motorists are hanging out on the premises and performing "donut" maneuvers on the street.

Liaison Yang responded briefly to Commissioner R. Hernández's concern regarding the traffic signal timing on Washington Boulevard at Eastern Avenue. He reported that all the traffic signals within the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project area are being reviewed.

Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández inquired when the City was going to repaint all the red curbs on Garfield Avenue from Gage to Randolph, and on Eastern Avenue from Randolph to

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS (Continued)

Washington. He also reported various broken signs on Gage Avenue and throughout the City.

Liaison Yang responded that the repainting of the red curbs along Garfield Avenue will be done as part of the Garfield Avenue pavement rehabilitation project that is scheduled to commence the last week of April 2018. He also informed the Commission that all warning and regulatory signs throughout the City will be addressed as part of the Citywide Sign Inventory and Retroreflectivity Project, and explained the difference between the two signs. On that note, Administrative Assistant Gómez reminded the Commission to report any damaged, faded, and/or missing signs to the Public Works and Development Services Department as soon as possible so they can be corrected and/or replaced in a timely manner.

Commissioner Maravilla mentioned a recent incident that took place on a street sweeping day where residents were cited for overnight parking in the City Hall north parking lot on Commerce Way. He stated that the red curb marking located near said parking lot on Commerce Way (2400 block) was installed many years ago when the Rosewood Park / Aquatorium was being constructed and inquired if it could be removed in order to allow for more on-street parking. He suggested if permits could be issued to the residents in order to park overnight in the parking lot on street sweeping days. He also reported the timing of the traffic signal located at Washington Boulevard and Commerce Way is extremely long for Commerce Way.

Chairperson Caldera asked if all the traffic signals along Washington Boulevard from the I-5 Freeway on & off-ramps to the west City limits are being affected. She also mentioned if staff can work with the Commission and allow the Commissioners to hold an educational forum for thirty minutes in the community regarding a selective topic(s). Perhaps it can be coordinated with the Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

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

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ADJOURNMENT (Continued)

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

ABSENT: None (0)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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