

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 6:36 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, Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández and Maravilla

Staff:
Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang
Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez

Absent: Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández
Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley

PUBLIC COMMENT Mayor Pro-Tem John Soria of 2239 Eastern Avenue addressed the Commission and referenced Items 2 and 3 on the Traffic Commission agenda as it relates to traffic congestion in the Bristow Park community. He mentioned that the Bristow area has been greatly impacted by traffic congestion as a result of technology. Unfortunately, the solid white lines used as a traffic calming measure takes away the beauty and the value of this community, and were not affective. For this reason, he requested that the traffic calming street markings along Triggs Street be removed. And he also asked the Traffic Commission to consider installing the proposed STOP signs at the intersection of Triggs Street and Duncan Avenue to improve the quality of life of the residents that live in the area.

Mr. Joe Lozano of 4485 Triggs Street, and President of United Family of Bristow, addressed the Commission and said that he prefers that the City install the STOP signs at the intersection of Triggs Street and Duncan Avenue, and remove the traffic calming measures that were previously installed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(Continued)**

Mr. Ulysses Gonzales of 5022 Leonis Street addressed the Commission and said that the STOP signs at the intersection of Triggs Street and Duncan Avenue are needed for the safety of the Bristow Park community, and will help in slowing traffic down.

Mrs. Maria Arteaga of 1358 South Duncan Avenue addressed the Commission in Spanish (Chairperson Caldera translated for the Commission), and she indicated that she lives at the intersection where the STOP signs are being proposed and invited the Commission to visit this intersection so they can witness the traffic and safety issues the residents are challenged with. She said there are just too many cars on Triggs Street and it makes it very difficult to cross. She feels that installing the STOP signs will benefit the residents.

**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 July 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: Vice- Chairperson J. Hernández

**2. PROPOSED STOP
SIGN INSTALLATION
AT THE
INTERSECTION OF
TRIGGS STREET &
DUNCAN AVENUE**

Liaison Yang provided a brief background presentation on this item and indicated that a request was made to Staff by Mayor Pro-Tem John Soria and United Family of Bristow to assess the installation of STOP signs along Triggs Street at Duncan Avenue, due to the perceived speeding along Triggs Street. He mentioned that there was also a similar request made by Councilmember Oralía Rebollo in July 2016, in which Staff conducted a STOP warrant analysis at said intersection and was found not warranted. However, as an alternative proposal, Staff recommended the installation of traffic calming measures which were approved by the Traffic Commission in November 2016 and implemented in early 2017.

Liaison Yang mentioned that adding the two additional proposed STOP signs will make the intersection of Triggs and Duncan a 4-way or multi-way STOP controlled intersection. He briefly explained the multi-way STOP-controlled warrant analysis for said intersection as stipulated in Section 2B.07 of the California MUTCD Manual that details engineering measures for the

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installation of regulatory signs, street markings, speed surveys, etc. He said that items A, B, C & D of Section 2B.07 were not satisfied and therefore, the additional proposed STOP signs were considered not warranted for the intersection.

Liaison responded to questions from the Commission.

After discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the proposed STOP sign installations at the intersection of Triggs Street and Duncan Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: Vice- Chairperson J. Hernández

**3. PROPOSED
REMOVAL OF
TRAFFIC CALMING
STREET MARKINGS
ALONG TRIGGS
STREET**

Liaison Yang provided a background presentation and overview of this item. He mentioned that the traffic calming measures proposed by Staff in order to curb perceived speeding on Triggs Street were approved by the Traffic Commission on November 9, 2016. These traffic calming measures consisted of a yellow centerline to delineate opposite flow of traffic and white edgelines at both sides of Triggs Street to give the impression that the street is narrower, thereby reducing overall traffic speeds.

Liaison Yang explained that in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety, no adverse affect is expected by removing the traffic calming street markings, since safety was not affected during the time when the markings were not in existence before 2016.

Mr. Ulysses Gonzales of 5022 Leonis Street addressed the Commission and expressed that he felt the yellow centerline is important and would like to keep it and not removed. However, he would like to see the white edgelines at both sides of Triggs Street removed.

Liaison Yang responded to questions and comments from the Commission.

After discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion to remove only the white edgelines at both sides of Triggs Street between Marianna Avenue and McDonnell Avenue and keep the yellow centerline to delineate opposite flow of traffic. The motion carried by the following vote:

**PROPOSED
REMOVAL OF
TRAFFIC CALMING
STREET MARKINGS
ALONG TRIGGS
STREET (Continued)**

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla,
and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: Vice- Chairperson J. Hernández

**4. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang gave an update on the following: 1) Public Safety Manager Tilley will no longer be attending the Traffic Commission meetings due to her recent retirement effective July 30, 2018; 2) National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7th, and was a fruitful and successful event. Public Safety is working together with the Community Services Department to provide traffic resolutions by providing more enforcement and regular meetings; 3) City Council approved the appeal filed by Ms. Roberta De La Cruz of 5816 Jillson Street regarding the installation of a Disabled Blue Curb Parking Space in front of her residence, on August 6, 2018; 4) 99% of the pavement rehabilitation work on Garfield Avenue has been completed. He also named the smaller streets like Marianna Avenue, Ferguson Drive, Connor Avenue, Dennis Avenue, Bedessen Avenue and Ayers Avenue that were included in the pavement rehabilitation project; and 5) mentioned that the Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project from Washington Boulevard to Stevens Place will begin soon. This project includes medians similar to those installed on Washington Boulevard, and a "Welcome to Commerce" sign.

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 July 2018. He briefly explained the statistics of the report. He mentioned that in September there will be an increase in units patrolling and citing in Commerce. Sergeant Jimenez responded to questions from the Commission.

**7. COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS**

Commissioner R. Hernández reported that the timing of the traffic signals at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Jardine Street needs to be checked. The wait time to cross Atlantic Boulevard is longer than normal. He mentioned that this particular traffic signal acts up once in a while and creates major delays.

Commissioner Maravilla – No report

Commissioner Betancourt inquired how long will it take to calibrate the traffic signals along the newly constructed portion of Washington Boulevard where it intersects with all the cross streets, especially Fidelia Avenue, Leo Avenue, Commerce Way,

**COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS (Continued)**

etc. The timing for the cross streets appear to be longer than normal, and expressed concern with traffic backup. She asked that staff keep the Commission updated on this matter.

Chairperson Caldera reported the following: 1) Inquired the status of the "No Overnight Parking" signs of the RV parking, because she noticed that the RVs have now moved to Goodrich Boulevard; 2) asked staff to find out the protocol that should be adhered to regarding commissioners "abstaining" from voting on action agenda items; 3) expressed much interest in the Commission participating in educational training seminars locally, and asked staff to schedule something in the near future; and 4) mentioned that she was recently recognized nationally by the Soroptimist International and has been invited to speak at the United Nations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

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

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: Vice- Chairperson J. Hernández (1)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.