

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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**

Chairperson Caldera led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**Commission:**

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

**Staff:**

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang  
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez

**Absent:**

Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sandra Estrada who resides at 5836-¼ Ferguson Drive addressed the Traffic Commission regarding the newly installed STOP signs installed at the intersection of Ferguson Dr. & Gaspar Ave. She explained that the newly installed sign at this intersection is a "nuisance" causing noise and other disturbances to the community. Instead, she is requesting that these STOP signs be removed and be installed at the intersection of Ferguson Dr. & Miracle Pl. Ms. Estrada provided exhibits to the Traffic Commission for review. Liaison Yang subsequently explained that previously the Traffic Commission approved street markings and warning signs instead of installing STOP signs, but the commission's recommendation was later overturned by the City Council and approved a resolution to install the STOP signs at Ferguson Dr. & Gaspar Ave.

Ms. Yolie Acosta who resides at 5836 Ferguson Drive and is also a Commissioner on the Community Services & Public Safety Commission. She also wanted to raise her concerns about the STOP signs at Ferguson Dr. & Gaspar Ave. She mentioned noise and other disturbances that are being caused by the newly installed STOP signs. She spoke with City Council and recommends that STOP signs be placed at Ferguson Dr. & Miracle Pl.

## **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 10, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

ABSENT: None

### **2. PROPOSED YELLOW LOADING ZONE INSTALLATION ALONG 7244 CONDOR STREET**

Liaison Yang provided a background presentation regarding a request for a proposed yellow loading zone installation along 7244 Condor Street in order to facilitate loading of oil shipment said business, *American Vegetable Oils, Inc.*

Public Works investigated the request at 7244 Condor Street in which *American Vegetable Oils* make frequent deliveries and shipments of oil and other oil-related products upon train cars that station next to its business.

Given the proximity of the train car shipment platform, it is imperative for the business to park its trucks to load and unload its material goods, namely oil, next to the train cars. However, during certain times of the day, cars and trucks park next to the train car platform that prevents or restricts loading trucks from *American Vegetable Oils* to do its loading and unloading shipments.

Therefore, Staff has recommended that a yellow loading and unloading zone be installed (i.e., yellow curb) with a length of approximately 35-feet be installed next to the train car platform. By doing so, shipments from *American Vegetable Oils* can be facilitated, while at the same time not inhibit the parking of other vehicles in the surrounding area.

Liaison Yang responded to questions from the Commission.

After some discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion to approve the proposed yellow loading zone installation along 7244 Condor Street in order to facilitate loading of oil shipment said business, *American Vegetable Oils, Inc.* The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

ABSENT: None

### **3. STAFF REPORT UPDATES**

Liaison Yang wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Also, he mentioned the annual Traffic Commission holiday dinner in which a location will be selected in which the entire commission along with guests will enjoy during the next scheduled meeting on December 12, 2018.

Liaison Yang also mentioned the trimming of the overgrowth palm trees along Washington Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd. that was brought to the commission's attention by Commissioner Richard Hernández. In addition, Staff approached Paul's Transmission at Atlantic Blvd. and Everington St. to request that excess vehicles not be parked along the public streets, also brought forth by Commissioner Richard Hernández.

Public Works mentioned that the Atlantic Blvd. Corridor Improvement Project is underway and that construction is slated to begin by early 2019 of next year.

### **4. 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 2018 and also year-to-date statistics. He briefly explained the statistics of the report and responded to questions from the Commission. In addition, he mentioned a program for high school students regarding the dangers of driving under the influence and having them aware of the dangers. This program is planned for the month of December.

### **5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Commissioner Betancourt** did not present a report except to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** reported his participation during the Trick-or-Trot event during October 2018. Also, he mentioned his involvement with the Commerce Casino regarding the meeting to discuss the changing of the card games that may affect the City's revenue generation.

**Commissioner Maravilla** brought up the speeding concerns along Washington Blvd. and asked Sgt. Jiménez if effective enforcement has been implemented. Sgt. Jiménez replied that enforcement has been effective in reducing the amount of speeding.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** did not present a report except to wish everyone a Happy Holidays.

**Chairperson Caldera** expressed her gratefulness for the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to all the members of the Commission and felt honored that their duties are being recognized.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (5)

ABSENT: None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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