

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019, 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, 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:**                      None

**Retired:**                      Former Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                      None

**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 December 12, 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. ON-STREET  
PHYSICALLY  
CHALLENGED  
ACCESSIBLE  
PARKING SPACE AT  
2544 COMMERCE  
WAY**

Liaison Yang addressed the Commission and provided a brief background on this item. He reported that staff visited said location and based on a field review of the subject property, along with applicant Ms. Norberta Betancourt submitting all her required documents, staff concluded recommending approval of said request.

Staff had advised both Commissioners Betancourt and Maravilla that it would be in their best interests to abstain from voting on this particular item. Commissioner Betancourt is related to the applicant for the disabled blue curb parking space, and Commissioner Maravilla resides nearly 500 feet from the applicant. The abstentions from these two commissioners would be consistent and compliant to regulations set forth by the California Government Code in which elected or appointed officials *may* benefit from a financial or other non-monetary interest. Both aforementioned commissioners have chosen to abstain from voting on this item.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner R. Hernández moved, and Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the request to provide an on-street physically challenged accessible parking space at 2544 Commerce Way. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (3)

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Betancourt and Maravilla (2)

ABSENT: None

**3. STAFF REPORT  
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang reported that the Atlantic Blvd. Corridor Improvement Project was approved by the City Council and work will commence sometime in March 2019. The project will consist of beautification, new medians, landscaping, etc. Also, the Bandini School Traffic and Parking Implementation Plan was approved by the City Council as well and will now be implemented later in March or April 2019.

**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 December 2018 and also year-to-date statistics. He announced the new appointment of the newly elected Sheriff, and he briefly explained the statistics of the report and responded to questions from the Commission. Also, mentioned is the significance of "Human Trafficking" awareness, as brought up by Chairperson Caldera.

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Commissioner Betancourt** had a question regarding the status of the red curbs along Sheila St. She mentioned that the work has not been completed yet. Liaison Yang reported that the work will be done by the contractor, and the delay was largely caused by the lack of workers due to the holidays.

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** raised the issue of the street sweepers not being able to clean properly the street due to cars parking on the street. Liaison Yang reported that Parking Enforcement will be contacted to make sure that violators will be cited for parking their vehicles during street sweeping days.

**Commissioner Maravilla** brought up that signs that were posted during the Citadel Black Friday sales weekend were showing up again at certain streets and intersections. Liaison Yang stated that in all likelihood that some of the residents may have "taken" them as their own and may have placed them on their own volition. Liaison Yang reported that he will inform Public Safety to its officers (CSO's) look for these signs and confiscate them when they see them. Also reported is the status of the posting of the NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs to help alleviate the parking of vehicles for extended periods along city streets.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** reported a pothole at Gage Ave. and Telegraph Rd. from a constituent. He also asked about the patrol times of the CSO's in which Liaison Yang responded that during certain hours these CSO's work at designated hours during both the day and night. Commissioner Hernández also mentioned about the status of the once existing pedestrian overpass near the Citadel over the I-5 freeway. Liaison Yang replied that issues of vagrancy from people over the bridge caused issues in the residential area. The last issue that Commissioner Hernández brought up is the cannabis issue, about people engaging in illegal acts related to cannabis. Liaison Yang responded that this issue is largely a Public Safety issue in which these questions will be directed.

**Chairperson Caldera** reported the issue of "human trafficking," which is a significant concern of our times. She mentioned that there should be increased awareness from the public to this very important issue.

## **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 7:20 p.m.

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