

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 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**

Vice-Chairperson J. 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 and R. Hernández

Staff:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Maravilla

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sharon Basic resides at 5501 E. Village Drive and brought to the Commission her concern about vehicles that continue to "run through" the STOP sign at the intersection of Plaza Street and E. Village Drive. She mentioned if installing a STOP sign with flashing LED lights can be considered. Staff responded that it will look into the issue.

Mr. Martin Corona and Mr. Rosendo Corona are business proprietors for *Mechanic's Trailer and Lift Gate Repairs* located at 4360 E. Washington Boulevard and had concerns regarding parking in front of his business. In particular, their concerns affect his business operations as their employees cannot park in front of Washington Boulevard at all times. Since the street was widened, new parking restriction signs were installed to help the free flow of traffic along the street during peak morning and afternoon rush-hour traffic. However, this action has made the parking of their employees' vehicles more difficult since the operations of the business run early in the morning. Staff responded that it will look into and investigate the issue.

Mr. Jeremiah Valencia, who resides at 1516 S. McBride Avenue, spoke to voice support in granting a disabled blue curb parking space at said residence. He commented on how his disabled mother cannot effectively move in-and-out of the residence for medical treatment when cars are parked in front of 1516 S. McBride Avenue. Staff presented an agenda report regarding this request, and the Commission subsequently approved the granting of the disabled blue curb parking space.

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 April 10, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Maravilla

2. ON-STREET PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE AT 1516 S. McBRIDE AVE.

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 applicants Mary Valentino, Jeremiah and Rafaela Valencia submitting all her required documents, staff concluded recommending approval of said request. Staff noted that the residence at 1516 S. McBride Avenue is actually an apartment complex and that access in-and-out of the complex is difficult due to the number of tenants that reside there. Given this situation, the granting of the disabled blue curb space is justified per the approved *On-Street Physically Challenged Accessible Parking Spaces Blue Curb Parking Policy*.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner R. Hernández moved, and Commissioner Betancourt seconded the motion to approve the request to provide an on-street physically challenged accessible parking space at 1516 S. McBride Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Maravilla

3. STAFF REPORT UPDATES

Liaison Yang began with Public Safety staff report updates. The Public Safety and Community Services Department has been "re-aligned" in which City Clerk Lena Shumway no longer oversees the department and now Assistant City Manager René Bobadilla oversees the staff of this department. Social Services have been re-assigned to the Library Department. Also, new crossing guards are slated to be hired, depending on current funding, and future neighborhood watch meetings are being planned and scheduled as well.

Liaison Yang then gave the Public Works staff report in which the Atlantic Blvd. construction project has started. Current construction are producing short-term inconveniences but are outweighed by the long-term benefits to the community. Also, a new street construction project will be undertaken, the FY 2018-19 Pavement Management Project whereby the second half of Garfield Avenue will be reconstructed, as well as other streets, such as Ferguson Drive.

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 April 2019 and also year-to-date statistics. He briefly explained the statistics of the report and responded to questions from the Commission. Over 600 citations have been issued. In addition, he mentioned an arrest has been made in relation to the case of the fatality that occurred late last year in 2018 along Atlantic Boulevard that involved a postal carrier.

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Betancourt made a request to notify the residents to lock their car doors, especially at night, due to increasing car thefts. Staff reported that a notice will be sent out.

Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández wanted to thank Sgt. Jiménez for the Sheriff's Department's efforts in traffic enforcement. Also, he wanted to mention that he is participating the "summer clean-up" program.

Commissioner Maravilla was absent and therefore did not present a report.

Commissioner R. Hernández inquired about the situation regarding the City's seniors who are on a fixed-income. He reported that many are being victimized, especially if they get into car accidents or through theft and cannot afford insurance. He wanted to know if there are any social programs to assist them. Staff will report back if any such program exists.

Chairperson Caldera reported about the issues related to fatal accidents due to speeding. She requested another presentation regarding speeding and speed studies. Staff will present this in an upcoming Traffic Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Maravilla

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.