

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 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 6:37 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 and R. Hernández

**Staff:**

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang

**Absent:**

Commissioner Maravilla  
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sharon Basic, who resides at 5502 E. Village Dr., reiterated her concerns to the Commission about vehicles that continue to "run through" the STOP sign at the intersection of Plaza Street and E. Village Drive. She once again mentioned if installing a STOP sign with flashing LED lights can be considered. Staff responded that it will look into the issue and will take into consideration other options that can remedy the issue.

**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 January 9, 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. RED CURB MARKING ALONG DRIVEWAY AT 7222 E. GAGE AVENUE**

Liaison Yang addressed the Commission and provided a brief background on this item. He reported sight distance issues have affected the business, Escon Door Corporation (Escon), located at 7222 E. Gage Avenue as employee vehicles and delivery trucks try to enter and exit the facility. Parked vehicles at both ends of the existing driveway make it difficult to see over and pose a hazard for vehicles trying to enter and exit this facility. The placement of these red curbs next to this existing driveway will help alleviate the issue.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Betancourt seconded the motion to approve the request to install red curb markings at both ends of the existing driveway at 7222 E. Gage Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Maravilla

## **3. STAFF REPORT UPDATES**

Liaison Yang announced first the Public Safety updates. School is out for summer vacation for both Rosewood Park and Bandini Elementary Schools, and as a result, the traffic along Commerce city streets has been noticeably lighter. One crossing guard has been hired by the City, and further hires are being considered based on the candidate pool and availability of funds. Street racing and "donut" spin-outs are still a concern, especially along Sheila St. and Commerce Way. Staff has embarked on reducing this activity through enforcement and also to devise street designs that may curtail these activities. The recent installation of the NO OVERNIGHT / NO DWELLING signs have made a positive impact in reducing the number of RV's and trailers parking along the city streets for extended periods of time. However, it still does not solve the homeless issue, and the City's social services program is working to assist those who are seeking help.

Liaison Yang subsequently provided the Public Works staff report updates. In response to Chairperson Caldera's inquiry from the last Traffic Commission meeting regarding the recent absence of the Arbor Day celebration, Liaison Yang reported that this particular event has now been combined with Earth Day and will now be a combined event from now on. He also reported to Commissioner R. Hernández about his inquiry if there were any services to seniors who have been victimized by car burglaries, and the response was that there was none specifically dedicated to this, but the City does offer counseling to seniors.

Lastly, Liaison Yang gave out the fliers regarding purchasing tickets for Dodger Community Night on Friday, June 21, 2019.

**4. SHERIFF'S REPORT** None. East Los Angeles Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez was absent.

**5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS** **Commissioner Betancourt** reported that she recently attended a pet registration / clinic event and highly recommended that residents volunteer for these types of events to help out the community. She also reported about the street racing issue, especially along Commerce Way and Sheila St., and that enforcement has been light and that more resources need to be allocated to combat this issue.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** reported that overgrowth of shrubs and plants at the intersection of Atlantic Blvd. and Washington Blvd. and that this overgrowth is affecting the line of sight for drivers who approach this intersection. Liaison Yang responded that Staff will look into the matter.

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

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** did not present a report.

**Chairperson Caldera** did not present a report.

## **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 7:09 p.m.