

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 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 Maravilla 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

Absent: E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Rosendo Corona, proprietor of *Mechanic's Trailer & Lift Gate Repairs, Inc.*, located at 4360 E. Washington Boulevard, Commerce, made comments to the Commission in favor and in support of modifying or removing the existing parking restriction signs in front of his business, so as to provide more parking for his employees and clients. He requested that the commission consider and approve item no. 2 on the Traffic Commission agenda.

Mr. Martín Corona, also a proprietor of *Mechanic's Trailer & Lift Gate Repairs, Inc.*, located at 4360 E. Washington Boulevard, Commerce, made comments to the Commission in favor and in support of modifying or removing the existing parking restriction signs in front of his business, so as to provide more parking for his employees and clients. He also mentioned that many of his employees have to park behind Sheila Street, which causes hardship for them as they go back-and-forth to the business. Therefore, Mr. Corona requested that the commission consider and approve item no. 2 on the Traffic Commission agenda.

Mr. Ashley Miller, proprietor of *Diesel Machine Works*, located at 4260 E. Washington Boulevard, voiced concerns about the proposed painting of red curb along Washington Boulevard, near Ash Street. He expressed his view that any extensive red curb

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(continued)**

would prevent his employees from parking nearby to the business, and that his current facility lacks any internal parking. Therefore, he requested that the commission reconsider the painting of the red curb or at least to modify it. Liaison Yang responded to Mr. Miller that Staff will visit his place of business and make a re-assessment that can accommodate his business parking needs. Mr. Miller was satisfied with this response and appreciated the City's cooperation.

Mr. Sam Monempour, proprietor of *3Hanger Supply Company*, located at 4334 and 4336 E. Washington Boulevard, expressed his issues related to parking in front of his business. Most notably, he conveyed to the commission that the space along his business must be clear and not painted red since he receives frequent shipments and clients who need to park out in front. In addition, some of his employees need to park as well, and the elimination of parking space in front of the business would cause a hindrance. Liaison Yang explained to Mr. Monempour that no red curb will be painted in front of his business. Mr. Monempour expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the City's cooperation.

**SCHEDULED
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner Betancourt seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

**2. MODIFY EXISTING
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INSTALL RED CURBS
NEAR WASHINGTON
BOULEVARD & ASH
STREET**

Liaison Yang addressed the Commission and provided the background on this item:

Mr. Martín Corona and Mr. Rosendo Corona, proprietors of *Mechanic's Trailer & Lift Gate Repairs, Inc. (Mechanic's)*, located along 4360 East Washington Boulevard in the city of Commerce, brought to Staff's attention the difficulty experienced by its employees and clients to find adequate parking within around its facility due to the lack of public parking imposed by the existing parking restriction signs along Washington Boulevard.

In order to remedy the situation, Staff proposed that the existing parking enforcement signs be modified or removed. Currently, there exists four (4) signs prohibit parking between the hours of 7 AM to 9 AM and from 4 PM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday,

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that were originally installed in order to allow more driving space for commuters during morning and afternoon rush hour traffic.

Upon inspection, Staff has determined that the travel lane along Washington Boulevard closest to the curb, adjacent to *Mechanic's*, was widened and is currently wide enough to accommodate both parking and free flow traffic. Therefore, Staff proposed to modify or remove the existing parking enforcement signs along Washington Boulevard between Ash Street and Arrowmill Avenue, which will provide extra needed parking for the businesses without affecting the safety of oncoming traffic.

In addition, the proposed installation of a red curb approximately 10-feet in length in front of the fire hydrant along Washington Boulevard, near Ash Street will allow drivers to traverse through the travel lane without obstruction. Since the width of the travel lane is approximately 12-feet, the red curbing will allow full access of the travel lane for all commuters. Furthermore, the existing fire hydrant is another reason to have this portion of the curb to be painted red.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Betancourt seconded the motion to approve the request to modify or remove the existing parking restriction signs along 4360 E. Washington Boulevard and to install a 10-foot red curb in front of the fire hydrant along Washington Boulevard, near Ash Street. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

**3. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang first delivered the Public Safety report: *National Night Out* will be on August 6, 2019 in which public safety personnel (i.e., Fire, Sheriff, etc.) will be on hand to answer questions from the public. Another public safety issue to report is the next round of installations of the NO OVERNIGHT PARKING and NO DWELLING signs Bandini Boulevard, Garfield Avenue, Slauson Avenue, Telegraph Road, etc. The installation of the first round of signs has prompted RV owners to move their vehicles on to these streets, and Staff was prompted to post further signage.

Liaison Yang then provided the Public Works staff report: Traffic Commission is scheduled for a commission re-organization because it has been two years since the last re-organization. Liaison Yang informed the commissioners that an agenda item will be introduced for the upcoming Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for September 11, 2019. The commissioners were

3. STAFF REPORT UPDATES (*continued*)

advised to decide on candidates to nominate to become the next Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson or keep the positions “as-is” if the commissioners wish to do so. Liaison Yang also mentioned that the City plans to embark upon the installation of the Wayfinding Signs to instruct motorists where the major city landmarks are. Other projects that are in progress are the construction of the new *JFC Foods* warehouse along Bandini Boulevard and also the construction of the 6-story *AltaMed* parking structure near the Mixmaster intersection.

4. SHERIFF’S REPORT

None. East Los Angeles Sheriff’s Sergeant Abel Jiménez was absent.

5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Chairperson Caldera brought up the issue of homelessness along certain areas in the City’s public right-of-way, particularly along overpasses, bridges, etc. The problem has grown to the point that many of these individuals who “camp out” in the right-of-way often conduct parties, barbeques, etc., which in turn, have caused some fire accidents. Damage, particularly fire damage, is being caused to the City’s infrastructure. Liaison Yang will forward these issues to Public Safety for response.

Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández reported that there was a car accident at Gage Avenue and Emil Avenue and that he reported this incident to the Sheriff. He was displeased that it took the Sheriff two hours to arrive to take the report and that the response should have been much quicker. Liaison Yang responded by bringing this up to the Sheriff for consideration.

Commissioner Betancourt reported her concerns about accidents occurring at Washington Boulevard and the ARCO gas station entrance. She has observed left-turn related collisions within this vicinity and that Staff should consider options for improvement. Liaison Yang responded that the new traffic signal will alleviate most of these concerns but during the meantime, options will be considered for improvement.

Commissioner R. Hernández requested a meeting with Public Safety regarding its roles, responsibilities, and activities. He observed CSO’s engaging in activities that he wanted to have clarification on. Liaison Yang responded that any member of the community can visit Community Services and Public Safety to reach out and discuss. In addition, Commissioner R. Hernández reported his experience from attending the last Measure AA Advisory Committee meeting and recommended that other commissioners attend these and other types of meetings.

Commissioner Maravilla did not present a report.

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 7:35 p.m.

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