

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 6:33 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  
Interim Liaison E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Joe (José) Hernández  
*Liaison E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez transferred out.*

**Absent:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sharon L. Basic, resident of Commerce, introduced a request for the painting refreshment of the address numbers in front of residential homes and that the City should expend funds to undertake this refreshment. Another concern that Ms. Basic brought forward is the STOP sign at the intersection of Plaza Street and Village Drive. Specifically, drivers are making "rolling stops" at the intersection and the request was being made to find ways to address this.

Ms. Gloria Nezahualcoyotl, resident at Paseo del Río street in Commerce, brought up her concerns about the proposed "Modelo" project in the Veterans Neighborhood area. She made a request, to be placed on the agenda of a future Traffic Commission meeting, to conduct a study to investigate the impact of future projected traffic from the Modelo project. She would like to see how the increased volume of cars will affect existing traffic and what delays that this may cause. Staff responded that the project is just preliminary design and that engineering studies will be conducted for this project.

## **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 August 14, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

### **3. PRESENTATION ON SPEED LIMIT DETERMINATIONS**

Per the discretion of the Traffic Commission, the Commission agreed to change items on the agenda. Therefore, item no. 3 was switched with item no. 2.

Liaison Yang gave a brief presentation and presented short videos on how public agencies determine speed limits on public streets and highways. Topics included what criteria, studies, and protocols are to be followed in setting speed limits in order to maintain traffic safety and also to sustain efficient traffic flow to transport goods, services, and commerce.

Essentially, the primary criteria in setting speed limits lie with the majority of the drivers themselves. Speed limits are generally set along the 85th percentile, in which 85 percent of the drivers are traveling at that speed. Other set speed limits are typically statutory in nature, such as prima facie speed limits, and are generally set and prescribed in the California Vehicle Code.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner Betancourt seconded the motion to receive and file the *Presentation on Speed Limit Determinations*. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

## **2. TRAFFIC COMMISSION RE- ORGANIZATION**

Per the discretion of the Traffic Commission, the Commission agreed to change items on the agenda. Therefore, item no. 2 was switched with item no. 3.

Chairperson Caldera commented that it was an honor to serve as the chairperson of the Traffic Commission and stated that she would like to step down so that someone else could experience the opportunity in serving as chairperson.

Liaison Yang announced that nominations were in order for the position of the Chairperson.

Commissioner Betancourt introduced a motion to nominate Commissioner Maravilla for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Betancourt and Maravilla (2)

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

ABSENT: None

Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández introduced a motion to nominate Commissioner R. Hernández for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: Commissioners Betancourt and Maravilla (2)

ABSENT: None

Liaison Yang announced that nominations were in order for the position of the Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner R. Hernández introduced a motion to nominate Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández to remain and continue as Vice-Chairperson. Chairperson Caldera seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: Commissioners Betancourt and Maravilla (2)

ABSENT: None

#### **4. STAFF REPORT UPDATES**

Liaison Yang gave first the Public Safety staff update report in which two new crossing guards were hired to support both Rosewood and Bandini elementary schools. In addition, two new Community Safety Officers (CSOs) were assigned to the evening shift of 1:00 AM to 9:00 AM, in order to patrol and enforce the newly installed NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs and to also undertake other parking related enforcement.

Liaison Yang then proceeded to give the Public Works staff report. He gave an update on the on-going Atlantic Boulevard project in which the medians have been installed with beautification and landscaping still to be done. Pavement work is still continuing with plans in place to install the new street lights along both sides of Atlantic Boulevard.

The 6-story *AltaMed* parking structure is proceeding accordingly with the projected completion date to be sometime in late October or in early November. New girders and frames have been installed, and further structural work is still planned.

The new *JFC* warehouse building on Bandini Boulevard is also progressing satisfactorily and is projected to be completed by the end of this year, 2019.

#### **5. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sergeant Abel Jiménez has transferred out in his role in the Traffic Commission and has been replaced with Sergeant David Vásquez.

In the interim, Sergeant Joe Hernández served as the interim Sheriff's liaison for tonight's meeting but had to leave the meeting early due to a commitment.

Therefore, no Sheriff's report delivered.

#### **6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Commissioner Betancourt** did not present a report.

**Commissioner Maravilla** did not present a report.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** had concerns about the pace of construction along Atlantic Boulevard. Particularly, businesses near Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard have expressed their displeasure on how the construction has affected their businesses. Staff responded that construction crews are working diligently to have the majority of the construction completed by November of this year.

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** reported there is a "missing" large sign near the I-5 freeway and Slauson Avenue. Also, he reported that graffiti was sprayed at the Burger King located at Washington Boulevard and Eastern Avenue.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS (Continued)**

**Chairperson Caldera** raised a question regarding the jurisdiction of Goodrich Boulevard. The issue is that southbound traffic along Goodrich Boulevard gets "diverted" onto Union Pacific Avenue and then south onto Atlantic Boulevard. There is no direct outlet to the Mixmaster intersection into Commerce. Chairperson Caldera presented this fact so that in the future consideration can be given to a more feasible design that can provide access to the Mixmaster.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner R. 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 7:52 p.m.