

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Valenzuela called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following:

Present: Traffic Commissioners: Gaitan, Ramirez, Valenzuela, and Zevallos.

Absent: Commissioner Radoumis

Present as advisors were: Tom R. Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works; Rafael O. Casillas, Principal Civil Engineer; Public Safety Office Supervisor Gil Enriquez, and Officer Bob Cook.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Moved to next month.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Commissioner Valenzuela announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with any City traffic-related matter. There being no one who addressed the Commission, Oral Communications were declared closed.

5. REPORT FROM POLICE SERVICES

Officer Cook submitted a Traffic Bureau Report showing that there were a total of 57 accidents reported during the month of January 2010. The report also reflected an increase in accidents and property damage in January 2010 as compared to January 2009. Additionally, there were four driving under the influence incidents, no bicycle incidents, and eleven hit and run accidents reported during the month of January 2010. Moving Citations, Moving Violations and Warning Notices were all down for January 2010 as compared to January 2009. There was an increase in Parking Violations for this month.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gaitan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic

Commission meeting of January 18, 2010. Commissioner Zevallos seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vehicle Code Changes For 2009

Mr. Casillas presented information on 2009 changes to the California Vehicle Code that will become effective in 2010. Over 700 bills were signed into law; Mr. Casillas emphasized a portion of the new laws such as Slow and Move Over, Ignition Interlock Device, Video Signal Displays, Highway Workers and Grand theft Cargo.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Ramirez questioned the traffic signal at Telegraph Road and Alburdis Avenue taking two to three minutes to change between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Lopez noted that he will have this checked out and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Gaitan inquired if the increase in home burglaries in Santa Fe Springs could be attributed to any specific reasons. Officer Cook responded that some were caused by doors and windows being left unlocked.

Staff

Mr. Lopez stated that the Community Development Commission rejected all bids received and will be re-bidding the Neighborhood Center Renovation project.

Mr. Lopez noted an incident that occurred on a City resurfacing project on Marquardt Avenue and Excelsior Drive involving a backhoe that knocked down one power pole and then subsequently knocked down a second pole. Power was lost to about three dozen businesses and the street was closed for about six hours.

Mr. Casillas gave an update on the City Library Renovation, stating work had commenced on the exterior of the building. Interior work is scheduled for completion by June 2010.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Gaitan and seconded by Commissioner Zevallos that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

