

MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Berg, Gaitan, Zevallos, and Chairperson Radoumis.

Excused: Traffic Commissioner Valenzuela.

Also Present: Tom R. Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Rafael Casillas, Principal Civil Engineer and Traffic Officer Frank Igros.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Radoumis 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.

Mr. Owny Garcia of Leo's Auto Service, located at 10918 Norwalk Boulevard addressed the Commission regarding a parking restriction that was recently implemented across from his business. He was concerned about the lack of on-street parking in the area and how this parking restriction is now affecting local businesses on the east side of the street.

Mr. Lopez explained the process of requesting a parking restriction and the adoption necessary by the City Council of a resolution restricting the parking restriction.

Mr. Jorge Gomez of Millennium Smog Check, located at 10920 Norwalk Boulevard addressed the Commission regarding the parking restriction on Norwalk Boulevard. Mr. Gomez voiced further concerns for his business and local patrons within the area. Mr. Gomez requested that consideration be given to the local businesses to reduce the area of the parking restriction.

Mr. Michael Madrigal of 9243 Morrill Drive introduced himself as a Planning Commissioner for the City as well as a patron of the services at 10920 Norwalk Boulevard. Mr. Madrigal echoed concerns by the business residents as previously stated and requested the Commission to review this situation and give consideration to the businesses.

The Traffic Commission discussed the concerns raised by the residents and concurred unanimously to refer the matter to the City to evaluate and make a recommendation at a future Traffic Commission meeting. Mr. Lopez noted that he would first contact the original business owner that requested the parking restriction and discuss the consideration to amend the original request to include a smaller portion of street frontage.

There being no one else who addressed the Commission, Oral Communications were declared closed.

4. REPORT FROM POLICE SERVICES

Traffic Officer Igros submitted a Traffic Bureau Report showing that there were a total of 42 accidents reported during the month of August 2010, which is a slight decrease from August 2009. Additionally, there were two driving under the influence incidents, two bicycle incidents and no pedestrian incidents. There were ten hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations, Moving Violations and Parking Violations were all down for this month and there was a slight increase in Warning Notices. Officer Igros noted that there was one fatality during the month of August 2010.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gaitan made a motion that the minutes be modified for the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of July 15, 2010 to reflect that her absence was excused since she made an effort to let the City know of her absence prior to the Commission meeting. Commissioner Zevallos seconded the motion which carried unanimously. It was agreed that the minutes for the Traffic Commission meeting of July 15, 2010 would be modified accordingly and be placed on the October 21, 2010 agenda for consideration.

PRESENTATION

6. Traffic Collision Statistics for 2009

Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Lopez gave an overview of the traffic collisions occurring during 2009. He showed a variety of charts that detailed information such as: location (midblock vs. intersection), time of day, day of week, changes from month to month as well as primary collision factor.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Chairperson Radoumis announced that September 24 – 25, 2010 is the annual Relay for Life Event taking place at Lake Center Athletic Park and encouraged everyone to attend.

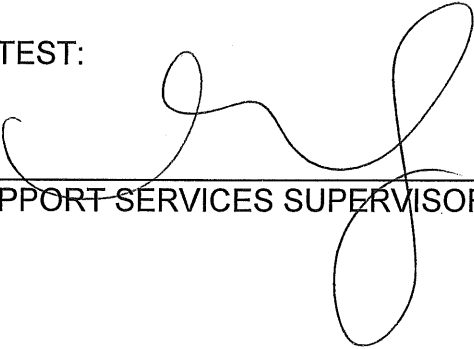
Staff

Mr. Casillas updated the Commission on a street resurfacing project taking place in the area of Pumice Street, Spring Avenue and Freeway Drive near the I-5 Freeway. Mr. Casillas noted that this Prop C funded project is scheduled to commence construction on September 27, 2010 and continue through mid-October 2010.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Chairperson Radoumis and seconded by Commissioner Zevallos that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR


CHAIRPERSON