

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Gaitan, Radoumis, Puentes and Madrid.

Absent: Traffic Commissioner Berg.

Also present: Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works, Tom Lopez, Traffic Engineer, Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Traffic Safety Office Frank Igros, Police Services Center.

3. ELECTIONS

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to recommend Commissioner Gaitan for Chairperson. Commissioner Madrid made a motion to recommend Commissioner Radoumis for Chairperson.

The following role call vote was taken on the recommendation of Commissioner Gaitan for Chairperson as follows:

Puentes: Aye
Madrid: No
Gaitan: Aye
Radoumis: Aye

The following role call vote was taken on the recommendation of Commissioner Radoumis for Chairperson:

Puentes: No
Madrid: Aye
Gaitan: No
Radoumis: No

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to recommend Commissioner Radoumis for Vice-Chairperson. The following role call vote was taken on the recommendation of Commissioner Radoumis for Vice Chairperson:

Puentes: Aye
Madrid: Aye
Gaitan: Aye
Radoumis: Aye

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Chairperson Gaitan 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.

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5. Traffic Bureau Report – September 2011

Mr. Negrete reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of September. The report reflected that there were 50 accidents reported during the month of September 2011, an increase from September 2010. There were two driving under the influence incidents; two bicycle incidents and no pedestrian incidents. There were nine hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations and Moving Violations both increased, whereas Parking Violations decreased from September 2010 compared to September 2011.

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for September 2011; Chairperson Gaitan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Traffic Bureau Report – October 2011

Mr. Negrete reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of October. The report reflected that there were 59 accidents reported during the month of October 2011, an increase from October 2010. There were four driving under the influence incidents; no bicycle incidents and two pedestrian incidents. There were 16 hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations and Moving Violations both decreased, whereas Parking Violations increased from October 2010 compared to October 2011. It was noted that there was one fatality during October 2011.

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to receive and file the report for October 2011; Commissioner Radoumis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. Review of 2010 vs. 2009 Traffic Collisions

Mr. Lopez reviewed traffic collision statistics for calendar years 2010 and 2009, providing information related to primary collision factor, primary occurrence (month, time and day of the week), intersection versus midblock, special conditions and location (street).

Commissioner Puentes inquired as to the designation of “unknown” for the primary collision factor. Mr. Lopez responded that this is often due to lack of a

third party witness.

Chairperson Gaitan requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Commissioner Puentes also requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report. Commissioner Puentes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Ethics Training – AB 1234

Mr. Negrete reviewed the requirements for Traffic Commissioners based upon adoption of Assembly Bill 1234 in 2005. The Commission generally discussed the law and related upcoming training deadlines.

9. Updated Traffic Commission Procedure Guide

Mr. Negrete reviewed the Traffic Commission Procedure Guide, noting that a revised format had been provided, although the content remained unchanged aside from current laws and regulations.

Traffic Safety Officer Igros arrived at 7:35 p.m.

The Commission generally discussed aspects of the procedure guide. Traffic Safety Officer Igros requested a copy of the guidelines.

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Gaitan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of September 15, 2011 and the Special Traffic Commission Meeting of September 19, 2011 and Commissioner Radoumis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Chairperson Gaitan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Puentes inquired as to citations issued on road blockages of Florence Avenue for motorists leaving Lake Center Park Lane. Officer Igros responded that not very many citations are issued in this area.

Staff

Mr. Lopez requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Traffic Commissioner Edward Garcia as well as in memory of former City employee Andrew Valenzuela.

Mr. Lopez also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Negrete provided an update to the Commission on the temporary on-street basketball courts on Fallon Avenue south of Joslin Street, noting that these types of temporary courts cannot be left on the street in the given areas by

residents. Mr. Negrete noted that the courts south of Joslin Street would be given a notice for removal as of November 19, 2011, while the ones on the east side of Joslin Street were already removed.

Mr. Negrete wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Gaitan and seconded by Commissioner Radoumis that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Traffic Commissioner Edward Garcia and former City employee Andrew Valenzuela, the time being 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR


CHAIRPERSON