

MINUTES
REGULAR ADJOURNED TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 24, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Traffic Commissioner Berg.

Also Present: Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Rafael Casillas, Principal Civil Engineer; and Sergeant Escobedo; Whittier Police Department.

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

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Valenzuela made a motion to continue this item to the Traffic Commission meeting of February 17, 2011 and Commissioner Gaitan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. REPORT FROM POLICE SERVICES

Mr. Negrete introduced and welcomed Sergeant Escobedo who recently was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs patrol within the Whittier Police Department. Sergeant Escobedo thanked Mr. Negrete and further introduced himself to the Commission by giving his educational and employment background.

Sergeant Escobedo submitted a Traffic Bureau Report showing that there were a total of 58 accidents reported during the month of December 2010, which is equal to the amount of accidents from December 2009. Additionally, there were four driving under the influence incidents, five bicycle incidents and two pedestrian incidents. There were 17 hit and run accidents reported. Moving

Citations, Moving Violations and Parking Violations and Warning Notices were all lower for December 2010 as compared to December 2009.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Zevallos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of December 16, 2010 and Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Vehicle Code Changes for 2010

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

Mr. Casillas gave an overview of some of the vehicle code changes enacted in 2010 that would become effective in 2011 or subsequent years. The Commissioners generally discussed the changes. The Commission discussed the license suspension due to driving under the influence and the vehicle code change to the suspension lasting up to ten years.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Gaitan welcomed Mr. Negrete, as did Commissioner Valenzuela, Zevallos and Chairperson Radoumis.

Commissioner Zevallos inquired about the left turn prohibition at Orr and Day Road and Longworth Avenue recommended by the Traffic Commission in the fall of 2009. Mr. Negrete responded that the item was recommended to the City Council for their consideration; however the Council elected not to have the sign prohibiting left turns installed. Mr. Negrete noted that currently u-turns are restricted but not left turns.

Mr. Negrete noted that staff would research the item and update the Commission a future meeting.

Staff

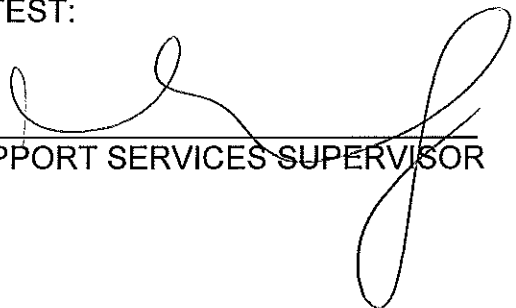
Mr. Casillas gave an update on the Rosecrans Avenue/Valley View Avenue street project, noting that construction was near completion. Mr. Casillas reminded the Commission that funding for this project is provided through the State, in anticipation of the coming Interstate 5 Freeway expansion.

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 7:33 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR