

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
APRIL 19, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gaitan called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Berg, Madrid, Puentes, Vice Chairperson Radoumis, and Chairperson Gaitan.

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Traffic Safety Officer Frank Igros, Whittier Police Department.

3. 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.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

4. City Budget Update

Mr. McCormack addressed the Commission and began by thanking the Commission for their dedication to the community by serving on the Traffic Commission.

Mr. McCormack gave an overview of the recent history of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in California, noting that of the 406 agencies in California, Santa Fe Springs had the 20th largest redevelopment agency. Mr. McCormack reviewed the steps the City has had to take in order to continue to operate without this resource and noted how challenging the entire process has been. Mr. McCormack left the Commission with hope for the new future of Santa Fe Springs, being a more stable and viable community.

5. CONFERENCE AND MEETING REPORT

A. Chairperson Sally Gaitan's Attendance at the 2012 Traffic Commission Workshop

B. Vice Chairperson Ted Radoumis's Attendance at the 2012 Traffic Commission Workshop

C. Commissioner Ruben Madrid's Attendance at the 2012 Traffic Commission Workshop

Chairperson Gaitan, Vice Chairperson Radoumis and Commission Madrid each gave a brief presentation on the information from the workshop, as well as thanking the City for providing an opportunity to attend the workshop.

Vice Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the reports; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Traffic Bureau Report

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of March. The report reflected that there were 50 accidents reported during the month of March 2012, a slight decrease from March 2011. There were four driving under the influence incidents, one bicycle, and no pedestrian incidents. There were fifteen hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations, Moving Violations, and Parking Citations decreased from March 2012 compared to March 2011. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 10.8 for the month. The intersections with the most accidents for the month were Lakeland Road/Shoemaker Avenue, Carmenita Road/Firestone Boulevard, and Flallon Avenue/Joslin Street.

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to receive and file the report for March 2012; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of February 16, 2012 and Commissioner Berg seconded the motion. Commissioner Puentes abstained from voting, since she was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion was otherwise carried unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Madrid suggested that during such uncertain and challenging times, it is important that City Officials and Commissioners be aware of concerns from the community and be responsive to them.

Commissioner Berg expressed a potential parking concern about a business on the southeast corner of Joslin Street/Orr and Day Road. Mr. Negrete noted that he would report the situation to Code Enforcement for further investigation.

Chairperson Gaitan wished Vice Chairperson Radoumis a Happy Birthday.

Vice Chairperson Radoumis noted that Children's Day would be taking place on Saturday at Heritage Park, and that a new book on the history of Santa Fe Springs would be unveiled.

Staff

Mr. Negrete updated the Commission on the completion of a bike lane project that provides a continuous bike lane from the San Gabriel River to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center. There is also another bike lane path designation that will allow bike traffic from Coyote Creek to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center.

Mr. Negrete also updated the Commission on a high-profile project, the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation project, currently being advertised for bids. Mr. Negrete noted that construction was anticipated to begin in June, with an approximate 28-month construction period.

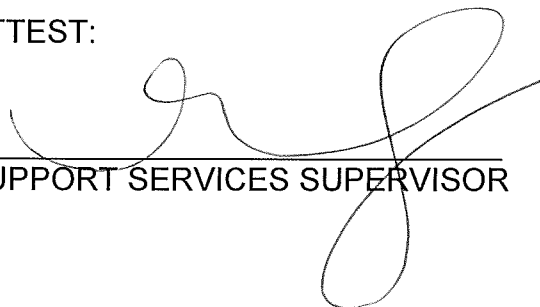
Mr. Negrete informed the Commission of a project being coordinated by the City of Downey that potentially impacts Santa Fe Springs, since it involves Florence Avenue nearby the Interstate 605 Freeway. The Commission discussed the possible impacts with lane closures in this area.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Commissioner Puentes that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:30 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR