

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
AUGUST 16, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gaitan called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioner Puentes, Vice Chairperson Radoumis, and Chairperson Gaitan.

Absent: Traffic Commissioners Berg and Madrid.

Also present: Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works; Traffic Officer Frank Igros; and Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – July 2012

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of July. The report reflected that there were 55 accidents reported during the month of July 2012, a slight increase from July 2011. There were three driving under the influence incidents, three bicycle incidents, and zero pedestrian incidents. Moving Citations, Moving Violations, Hazardous Violations, and Parking Citations decreased during the month of July 2012 compared to July 2011. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 9.9 for the month. The intersections with the most accidents for the month were Telegraph Road/Shoemaker Avenue and Telegraph Road/Bartley Avenue.

Vice Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for July 2012; Commissioner Puentes seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of July 19, 2012; Vice Chairperson Radoumis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Puentes asked if there would be crossing guards for the next

school year. Mr. Negrete stated that the City no longer employs crossing guards, but that it was his understanding that the school would provide crossing guards. He will follow up with more detailed information at the next meeting.

Mr. Negrete provided follow up information on the number of Public Safety Officers (PSOs). Previously, the City had thirteen full-time PSOs. Currently, there are five full-time PSOs, one of whom is a Supervisor, and two part-time PSOs. Mr. Negrete stated that a PSO follows the street sweeper and issues citations for parking violations, non-registration, and violations of the 72-hour limit for parking.

Officer Igros asked what became of the study to put a crosswalk at Florence Ave/Ringwood. Mr. Negrete responded that a claim had been filed, but there has been no determination to date.

Staff

Mr. Negrete thanked the Deputy City Clerk for filling in at the meeting. He stated that the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project will begin on Monday, August 20, 2012 and last for approximately 2 ½ years. He further stated that Stage Road will be closed from Valley View Avenue to approximately 600 feet west of Iseli Road and from Valley View Avenue to Castellon Road for the duration of the project, as well as Valley View Avenue being closed for one weekend in either March or April 2013.

Mr. Negrete also reported that two additional segments of the Interstate 5 Freeway Widening Project have been awarded: Rosecrans Avenue and Imperial Highway. He noted that the Florence Avenue segment may be awarded in late 2013. Mr. Negrete asked the Commission if there was specific information they would like him to provide on these projects. Chairperson Gaitan stated that the Carmenita Road segment would be important.

Mr. Negrete also reported that when Caltrans begins work on Florence Avenue, there will only be one lane of traffic in each direction. Staff is working with Caltrans to shorten the duration of this closure as much as possible.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Puentes and seconded by Vice Chairperson Radoumis that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR


CHAIRPERSON