

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MARCH 15, 2108**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Martinez called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Martinez; Vice Chair Romo; Commissioners Coca, and Collins

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De Leon, Secretary; Fernando Sanchez, Traffic Safety Officer

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Martinez announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with City traffic related business. There being no one person to address the Commission, Oral Communications were closed at 6:01 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Reports – January 2018 and February 2018

Officer Sanchez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January 2018. The report reflects 55 collision, which is an increase of five (5) compared to 50 in January 2017. There were *two* (2) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and one (1) bicycle collision. There were eighteen (18) hit-and-run collisions and ten (10) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month of January were Telegraph Road/Alburtis Avenue (3); Lakeland Road/Bloomfield Avenue (2) and Shoemaker Avenue/Florence Avenue (2).

Officer Sanchez reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of February 2018. The report reflects 65 collisions, which is an increase of eighteen (18) compared to 47 in February 2017. There were four (4) collisions involving person driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; three (3) pedestrians and two (2) bicycle collisions. There were twenty-six (26) hit-and-run collisions and four (4) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road (3); Carmenita Road/Telegraph Road (2) and Florence Avenue/Roseton Avenue (2).

Traffic Sargent David Elizarraras made an appearance and provided the brief explanation on how the Traffic Enforcement Index is calculated and why it is used. This number is noted on the Traffic Bureau Report for each month and serves as a guide to determine traffic enforcement effectiveness. The formula used takes into

account the number of hazardous violations divided by the number of injury plus fatal collisions in a given month.

Vice Chair Romo made a motion to receive and file the Item 4; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Martinez, Romo, Coca and Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. Request for Parking Restriction on Marquardt Avenue South of Imperial Highway.

Mr. Lopez presented a detailed report for Item 05, detailing staff's objective for proposing that the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council that the existing parking restriction that prohibits parking between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM on the west side of Marquardt Avenue be extended northerly from a point 710 feet south of Imperial Highway to Imperial Highway, which corresponds to the frontage of 12717 Marquardt. The parking restriction should curtail future problems associated with the long-term parking of recreational vehicles that includes the damage to private property landscaping, dumping of waste products on private property, street frontage not getting swept, etc.

Public Works Director, Noe Negrete was in the audience and provided additional information regarding this item.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to recommend to the City Council that a parking restriction between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. be implemented on the west side of Imperial Highway along the frontage of 12717 Marquardt Avenue; the motion was seconded by Chairperson Martinez and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Martinez, Romo, Coca and Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Coca made a motion to approve and file the minutes for January 18, 2018; the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romo and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Martinez, Romo, Coca and Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Vice Chair Romo indicated that she clocked the length of time that the train on Arlee Avenue and Smith Avenue blocked that intersection at over 11 minutes between the hours of 12:00 pm and 12:15 pm during the week. She also indicated that the "No Turn on Red" sign posted on the southwest corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Telegraph Road is difficult to see as a result of the fencing that borders the empty lot on the northwest corner.

Chairperson Martinez indicated that as a result of the overgrown trees creating dark areas along Fulton Wells Avenue near Florence Avenue, there has been an increase in vehicles being broken into. She inquired on the ownership of the trees and who is responsible for their trimming. Mr. Lopez noted that the trees are on private property and therefore the property owner's responsible for their maintenance. He will ask staff to check on this.

Commissioner Coca indicated that her neighbor's catalytic converter was stolen from her vehicle while parked in front of her property on Fallon Avenue.

Staff

Mr. Lopez indicated that the Greenleaf Avenue/Telegraph Road project is now complete.

He also provided a follow-up to Chairperson Coca's question at a previous meeting about the lack of lighting on Pioneer Boulevard between Los Nietos Road and Rivera Road. He noted that the staff is exploring various options to fund additional lighting for that area.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Martinez adjourned the meeting in memory of Gloria Duran a long time City resident, senior advocate, and active City Committees member the time being 6:58 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY