

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JULY 19, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Martinez; Commissioners Coca, Collins, and Hayes

Absent: Vice Chairperson Romo (Excused)

Also Present: Ray Cruz, City Manager; Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer;
Vivian De Léon, Secretary; Sergeant Sam Reed, Traffic Division
Sergeant

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.

4. REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Sales Tax Initiative

City Manager Ray Cruz prepared a PowerPoint presentation and provided handouts outlining a one-cent tax proposal that the City Council is considering placing on the November 2018 ballot.

Key points outlined in the presentation were:

- Offer a stable funding source to preserve neighborhood safety and maintain essential City services for the community;
- Require strict accountability requirements to ensure transparency and public oversight.
- Not applicable to groceries or prescription medication.
- Maintains local control and independent audits to ensure funds are used in the City.

The presentation indicated that part of the fiscal problems the city is facing are in part due to the State Budget cuts that removed \$32 million per year in Redevelopment funds to the City in 2012. As a result, it created a structural deficit of over \$5 million that started last fiscal year and rolled into the coming fiscal year. The deficit is expected to grow to approximately \$12 million over the next seven years, and has the potential to grow larger if the country suffers a recession. It was also noted that although the City cut 25% of its workforce since then, and made several cuts to programming, the reductions are not sufficient and has created a need for a stable funding source to protect and maintain the City's quality of life and maintain City services.

Commissioner Coca left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

A brief question and answer segment followed the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – June 2018

Sargent Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of June 2018. The report reflects 55 collisions, which is an increase of two (2) compared to 53 in June 2017. There was one (1) collision involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and one (1) bicycle collision. There were seventeen (17) hit-and-run collisions and ten (10) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (3); Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Avenue (3) and Florence Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue (2).

Commissioner Hayes made a motion to receive and file the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of June 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved 3-0 by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Martinez, Collins and Hayes
Noes: None
Absent: Romo, (Excused); Coca (left prior to approval of items)
Abstain: None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hayes made a motion to approve and file the minutes as corrected for the meeting of June 21, 2018; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved 3-0 by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Martinez, Collins and Hayes
Noes: None
Absent: Romo, (Excused); Coca (left prior to approval of items)
Abstain: None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Chairperson Martinez indicated that her neighbor's catalytic converter was stolen twice within a two week period.

Staff

Mr. Lopez provided updates for the following:

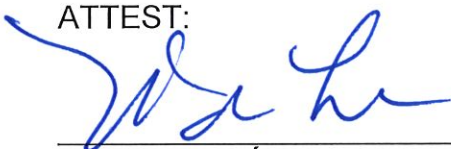
- Parking restriction on Koontz Avenue south of Florence Avenue was approved by City Council on July 12, 2018.

- South Residential Streets Improvements (Gridley-Dunning-Darcy-Harvest) is complete.
- North Residential Streets Improvements (Terradell Street-Whiteland Street-Nova Street-Roma Street) preconstruction meeting will take place next week and should start in August 2018.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Martinez adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:59 p.m.


ALMA MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY