

**MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 16, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Coca called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairperson Coca; Commissioners Collins; and Vallejo
Absent: Commissioner Miranda
Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De León, Secretary;
Sergeant Sam Reed, WPD Traffic Division

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Vice Chairperson Coca 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 6:07 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – December 2019

Sargent Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of December 2019. The report reflects fifty (50) collisions, which is a decrease of eighteen (18) compared to sixty-eight (68) in December, 2018. The Collisions to Date 2019 reflects 4 fatalities, 240 injuries and 401 involving Property Damage. For the month of December, there were five (5) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and zero (0) bicycle collisions. There were fifteen (15) hit-and-run collisions and four (4) collisions involving damage to city property reported. Year to Date Moving Citations reflect 2,936; Moving Violations 3,697, Hazardous Violations 2,324; and Parking Citations 7,500 with a Traffic Enforcement Index of 9.5. The three high collision intersections for the month were Telegraph Road/Painter Avenue-2 (Sigs & Signals); Alburtis Avenue/Telegraph Road-1 (Speed) and Alondra Boulevard/Freeway Drive-1(Auto RW).

Vice Chairperson Coca asked if there were any changes to Cell Phone/Texting violations. Officer Reed confirmed that the laws remain the same for the violations.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to receive and file the Traffic Bureau Report for December 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Vallejo and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Coca, Collins and Vallejo
Noes: None
Absent: Miranda
Abstain: None

5. Request for No Stopping/Tow-Away Zone at 9051 Sorensen Avenue

Mr. Lopez gave a brief description of the request received from Northstar Chemical requesting their frontage curb painted red as an additional measure to deter the parking of large vehicles along their property frontage on Sorensen Avenue. Their frontage currently has a No Stopping Any Time (NSAT) zone installed as a Condition of Approval in 2016. The presentation included pictures of different trucks parking in front of the No Stopping signs along with the visibility issues they face as a result of trucks parking in their line of sight.

Mr. Lopez emphasized that as a result of the high maintenance costs associated with maintaining red curbs red, Northstar agreed to the installation of a parking restriction to include a Tow-Away Zone provision to eliminate parking violators and to make it easier to enforce the parking restriction.

Commissioner Vallejo made a motion to recommend to the City Council that a No Parking/Stopping restriction along with a Tow-Away Zone provision be implemented along the frontage of 9051 Sorensen Avenue as requested by the adjacent property owner, Northstar Chemical; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Coca, Collins and Vallejo
Noes: None
Absent: Miranda
Abstain: None

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vallejo made a motion to approve and file the minutes for December 19, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Coca, Collins and Vallejo
Noes: None
Absent: Miranda
Abstain: None

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Collins indicated that he attended the Safe Neighborhood meeting and members in attendance were pleased with the installation of the lighted Stop signs at Pioneer Boulevard/Charlesworth Road.

Mr. Lopez indicated that eight more signs were recently purchased for installation at the intersections of Pioneer Boulevard/Alburtis Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard/Jersey Avenue.

Commissioner Vallejo inquired on the handling of street potholes.

Mr. Lopez indicated that City Street/Grounds Maintenance takes care of filling them in as they are reported, however, they are also tasked with installing new signs, fixing knocked down signs, grinding uneven sidewalks, picking up large items dumped on the roadway and in alleys, etc..

Ms. De León encouraged the Commissioners to report the potholes to Public Works. Staff will enter them into our system and repair them in the order received.

Staff

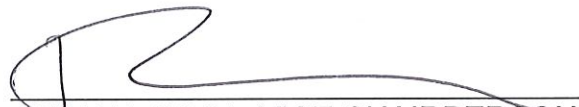
Mr. Lopez provided a handout titled "Summary of Weight Limits for Large Vehicle Parking Restriction in Adjacent Cities." The summary includes ten neighboring cities, the weight, width, and exceptions. He indicates that the next step will be to meet with Whittier PD and the City Attorney before staff presents a report to the City Council.

Mr. Lopez provided street project updates for the following:

- Greenstone Avenue Street Improvement (Sunshine) is complete. The project used Roller Compacted Concrete for this segment since this segment receives a high volume of heavy trucks and will yield a service life of approximately 40-50 years.
- A signal modification was made on Florence Avenue and Orr & Day Road to allow for south bound left-turns from Orr and Day Road onto east bound Florence Avenue.
- Florence Avenue Street Widening project is out to bid. This project will create three lanes in each direction from the I-5 Freeway Bridge to Pioneer Boulevard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Vice Chairperson Coca adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.


JOHANA COCA, VICE CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY