

MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
February 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Coca called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairperson Coca; Commissioners Collins; and Miranda

Absent: Commissioner Vallejo

Also Present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Vivian De León, Secretary;
Sergeant Sam Reed, WPD Traffic Division

3. ELECTION

Vice Chairperson Coca, Commissioner Collins, and Commissioner Miranda moved to have the item tabled due to the current vacancy and Commissioner Vallejo's absence.

4. 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 6:12 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – January 2020

Sergeant Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January 2020. The report reflects fifty-seven collisions, which is an increase of seven (7) compared to fifty (50) in February, 2019. For Collisions to Date 2020, the report reflects zero (0) Fatal; twenty-four (24) Injury; thirty-three (33) Property Damage. There are thirty-four (34) Injured Persons to Date, and zero (0) Persons Killed to Date. The Traffic Enforcement Index is 9.8 compared to 10.8 for January 2019.

There were two (2) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and one (1) bicycle collision. There were fourteen (14) hit-and-run collisions and six (6) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Road (3) Auto/Right-of-Way; Alondra Boulevard/Marquardt Avenue (2) Auto Right-of-Way – Speed; and Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (2) DUI – Auto Right-of-Way.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to receive the Traffic Bureau Report for January 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Parking Restriction – Orr and Day Road North of Hollyhock Street

Mr. Lopez informed the Commissioners that as a result of new information provided by the owner of Cherri's Donuts to the City after the report had been prepared, that it was requested that the Commission continue the item.

There was a brief discussion among the Commissioners and City staff to continue the item to give all parties affected by the parking request ample time to an agreed parking restriction time frame.

Vice Chairperson Coca made a motion to continue the request for a Parking Restriction on Orr and Day Road North of Hollyhock Street; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Parking Restriction Request - Smith Avenue west of Norwalk Boulevard

Mr. Lopez provided a presentation for the overnight parking restriction request received from Hansen Steel. Mr. Lopez noted that a "No Stopping Any Time Zone" parking restriction has been in place since 2016, to keep large trucks from parking adjacent to their driveway.

There is a remaining 400-foot long section with unrestricted parking available. However, due to trucks parking long-term, encroaching onto restricted areas, and partially blocking the easterly driveway to Hansen Steel. The only feasible option is to implement an overnight parking restriction on the 400-foot long section, along with a Tow Away Zone provision to curtail overnight parking.

Commissioner Collins made a motion for the Commission to recommend to the City Council to approve the implementation of a parking restriction between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM on the north side of Smith Avenue west of Norwalk Boulevard, along with a tow-away zone within the same limits for vehicles that violate the restriction; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve minutes as submitted for the meeting on January 16, 2020; the motion was seconded by Commission Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission by the following roll call vote:

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Staff

Mr. Lopez provided updates for the following street projects.

- Ann Street Improvements from Santa Fe Springs to Sorensen Avenue project has begun.
- Rivera Road Street Improvements from Sorensen Avenue to Chetle Avenue has begun.
- Bids were opened for the Florence Avenue Widening.

Mr. Lopez provided a Metro Fact Sheet for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2. He indicated that it appears that the preferred route for Metro's L Line easterly extension project is the Washington Boulevard Alternative. Due in part to the anticipation of greater ridership, fewer environmental issues, and lower overall project costs.

Ms. De Léon provided a handout prepared by the City's Planning Department for the Active Transpiration Plan. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 6-7 PM in the Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Vice Chairperson Coca adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


JOHANA COCA, VICE CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY