

MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
February 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Coca called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Coca; Collins, Miranda, and Vallejo

Absent: Vice Chairperson Romo (Excused)

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

3. ELECTION

Commissioner Coca moved to table the election to the next meeting in order to have all Commissioners present and was approved by all.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Commissioner 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 6:11 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – January 2019

Sergeant Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of January 2019. The report reflects fifty collisions, which is a decrease of five (5) compared to fifty-five in January, 2018. There were three (3) collision(s) involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; one (1) pedestrian and one (1) bicycle collision. There were sixteen (16) hit-and-run collisions and four (4) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The three high collision intersections for the month were Sorensen Avenue/Slauson Avenue (4); Florence Avenue/Norwalk Boulevard (2) and Greenleaf Avenue/Telegraph Road (2).

Sergeant Reed noted that the current Traffic Enforcement Index of 10.8 reflects well for the City.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to receive and file Traffic Bureau Report for January 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Vallejo and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

Ayes: Coca, Collins, Miranda, and Vallejo

Noes: None

Absent: Romo

Abstain: None

6. Request for Parking Restriction on Sunshine Avenue between Greenstone Avenue and Shoemaker Avenue

Mr. Lopez provided a brief presentation for the request received from the business residents on Sunshine Avenue between Greenstone Avenue and Shoemaker to prohibit parking on both sides of Sunshine Avenue between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. between Shoemaker Avenue and Greenstone Avenue. These businesses have experienced problems associated with the impacts of recreational vehicles and semi-trucks with trailers parking long-term and trashing the area.

Commissioner Collins made a motion that the Commission recommend to the City Council to implement a parking restriction between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on the both sides of Sunshine Avenue between Greenstone Avenue and Shoemaker Avenue; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vallejo made a motion to approve and file the minutes for January 17, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Miranda inquired on the approval status by Council of the parking restriction on Forest Place south of Lakeland Road.

Mr. Lopez indicated that City Council approved the request at the meeting of February 14, 2019.

Commissioner Coca asked if there is anything the City can do to reduce speeding traffic on Fallon Avenue between Jersey Avenue and Davenrich Street. She indicated that a few weeks ago, she parked her new vehicle in front of her property, and was subsequently sideswiped by a motorist causing the removal of the driver side mirror.

Sergeant Reed stated that he will add the location for a patrol to curtail traffic speeding.

Commissioner Vallejo inquired about the crosswalk time limit for pedestrians crossing the street.

Mr. Lopez explained that the pedestrian clearance interval for "DONT WALK" sign indicated by the red-orange flashing hand, for a signalized intersection is calculated using a pedestrian speed of 3.5 feet per second. Up until about five years ago, the walking speed was based on 4 feet per second but was lowered to reflect the overall aging of the general population. The "WALK" or initial walking period which is indicated by the white walking man is usually seven to ten seconds.

She then asked about the crosswalk at Orr and Day Road and Davenrich Street and wanted to know if it was possible to add the blinking lights in the pavement like the ones at Joslin Street.

Mr. Lopez then explained that about three years ago, several signing and striping improvements were made to try to make the crosswalk more visible to motorists that drive through this location.

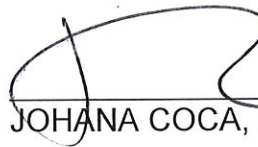
Staff

Mr. Lopez indicated that the Florence Avenue Widening project is scheduled to begin soon. When completed, Florence Avenue will have three lanes in each direction from Pioneer Boulevard to Studebaker Road.

He also stated that the next resurfacing projects scheduled for City Council approval to advertise for bids are Santa Fe Springs Road and Ann Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Commissioner Coca adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:41 p.m.


JOHANA COCA, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: 
VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY