

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Romo called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairperson Romo; Commissioners Coca; Collins; Miranda and Vallejo

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

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Vice Chair Romo 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 6:02 PM.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Romo opened nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Collins nominated Vice Chair Romo, Commissioner Vallejo seconded the nomination and Vice Chair Romo accepted the nomination and was approved by the Traffic Commission by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Vallejo, Miranda, Collins, Coca and Romo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Chairperson Romo opened the nominations for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Collins nominated Commissioner Coca, Chairperson Romo seconded the nomination and Commissioner Coca accepted the nomination and was approved by the Traffic Commission by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Vallejo, Miranda, Collins, Coca and Romo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – February 2019

Sergeant Reed reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of February 2019 and noted that there was a dramatic increase to the Traffic Enforcement Index for this

month/year of 17.8, in comparison to 2.51 for the previous month/year. He indicated that the optimum index is 25. The report reflects forty-four collisions, which is a decrease of twenty-one (21) compared to sixty-five in February 2018. There were two (2) collisions involving persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs; four (4) pedestrians and zero (0) bicycle collisions. There were fifteen (15) hit-and-run collisions and three (3) collisions involving damage to city property reported. The two high collision intersections for the month were Florence Avenue/Forest Street (1) and Norwalk Boulevard/Pacific Street (1).

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

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

6. 2019 Changes to the California Vehicle Code

Mr. Lopez presented a few of the California Vehicle Code changes effective January 1, 2019. He outlined AB 516, which requires the issuance of temporary paper license plates for vehicles not previously issued a license plate by the Department of Motor Vehicles. SB 179, which allows individuals applying for California driver license or ID card to self-certify their chosen gender category of male, female or nonbinary on the application as well as SB 1046 regarding the installation of ignition interlock devices as a result of DUI convictions.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Coca made a motion to approve and file the minutes for February 21, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by the Traffic Commission as follows:

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Staff

Mr. Lopez noted that one of the pedestrian collisions noted on the February 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian report that took place on 02/27/19 at 0825 on Jersey/Charlesworth was a 10-year old Jersey Elementary School student. He stated that his parent dropped him off in the middle of Jersey Avenue. He then walked across the street and was struck by a driver that had made an illegal left-hand turn out of the school parking lot. The student did not suffer serious injuries.

Mr. Lopez stated that during the upcoming months the City is slated to start street improvement projects for Painter Avenue (Florence Ave. to Lakeland Rd.); Santa Fe Springs Road (Los Nietos Rd to the Railroad Xing); Ann Street Improvements (Santa Fe Springs Rd. to Sorensen Ave.); and Florence Avenue Widening (Orr & Day Rd. to Pioneer Blvd).

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, Chairperson Romo adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:39 p.m.


NANCY ROMO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



VIVIAN DE LÉON, SECRETARY