

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 11, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Mejia,
Vice Chair Randall Hill
Dean Hill, Patz, Murphy, Salai and Singer

Present: Staff: Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened the meeting for Oral Communication.

Department Secretary Enciso confirmed no public comments was received by the 4:00 p.m. cut off.

Chair Mejia closed the Oral Communication.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021

Motion/Second: Patz/ Murphy

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 14, 2021 with amendments.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Change of Street Name Sign of Los Alamitos H.S. to Griffins Way

Staff is seeking to rename and replace the overhead street name signs at Los Alamitos H.S., along Cerritos Avenue, to be renamed to Griffins Way.

Development Services Director Noda clarified that this item is not a receive and file, but instead staff asked for a recommendation to City Council from the Traffic Commission and then he summarized the staff report.

Commissioner D. Hill and Development Services Director Noda discussed how the request for the street name change began.

Commissioner Patz shared that he has no objections to the street name change, but he did mention a traffic study that was done in the past that encompassed the traffic at the High School.

Commissioner Salai expressed her concern regarding the street name change and how the branding helps the city.

Chair Mejia shared the same thought as Commissioner Salai, but also liked the idea of taking pride in being a Griffin.

Commissioner D. Hill supported the two commissioners (Salai and Mejia) thoughts, but would want a letter from the school district regarding their approval for the name change. He then suggested the name, "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

The Traffic Commission discussed the location of street name.

Commissioner D. Hill made a motion to recommend the name, "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

Commissioner Singer received clarification from Chair Mejia regarding the recommended name and what the commission is trying to do in regards to the street name.

Development Services Director Noda clarified that the commission vote to change the name in order to provide City Council with an explanation about using "Los Alamitos H.S. Way" instead of "Griffins Way".

Commissioner Salai quickly discussed the identification as a Griffin to those who've attended the school in comparison to others who have not.

Vice Chair R. Hill expressed that he disagreed with everyone that "Griffins Way" accurately represents what the school means to the people who attended it. He also disagreed that the sign is needed to identify the school.

Motion/Second: D. Hill/Patz

Carried 4/3: The Traffic Commission denied the street name sign of "Griffins Way" and instead use "Los Alamitos H.S. Way".

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Commissioner D. Hill asked about the sidewalk issue on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Rossmoor Way. Development Services Director Noda mentioned that this item will be included in the 7 year CIP plan.

Commissioner Salai noted the following:

- Item D4 → asked for clarification

Chair Mejia mentioned that there is a faded crosswalk behind the hospital parking lot on Florista Street.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley shared the following:

- OCSan project is coming up and will take a year starting in October.
- The I-605/Katella Avenue project won't occur for a couple more years.
- Updated the Traffic Commission on the street work on Cerritos Avenue near the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments.
- There will be two street projects starting soon, Suburbia Neighborhood and CDBG Howard Street from Reagan Street to Maple Street.

Commission Salai asked about the work that was done in the Greenbrook neighborhood and asked about the seams between the main road and the cul-de-sacs.

Development Services Director Noda shared the following:

- Encouraged the Traffic Commission to follow the City's social media platforms.
- The Public Works Division will be doing a citywide median project.
- There will be more trees added citywide along with drought tolerant plants.
- High intensity reflective stop signs will be installed around the City.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Salai asked about the crosswalk at Southland and Ganahl (along Los Alamitos Boulevard) and discussed with City staff about the light that flashes when pedestrians cross.

Commissioner Murphy commented that the Old Town West Traffic Calming is very effective. He then asked if there will be a traffic survey completed. Development Services Director clarified that it will be done once all the signage and painting is completed.

Commissioner Singer shared that the signage eastbound Katella Avenue near the 605 north exit that states the City's Police Department and Civic Center is not effective and that there may be a need for another sign.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared that he observed someone not being able to go up the ramp at the intersection of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Chair Mejia shared that he noticed a wooden plate at the corner of Farquhar Avenue and the southeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard. He also then shared that there will be an airshow in Huntington Beach on October 1-3.

Chair Mejia asked if the City (staff) is back at full capacity and Development Services Director Noda confirmed that it has been since mid-July.

Commissioner Patz commented on the tree trimming (residential) and how there are remaining stumps. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that the contracted company will complete the removal of the stumps and that the trees will be removed.

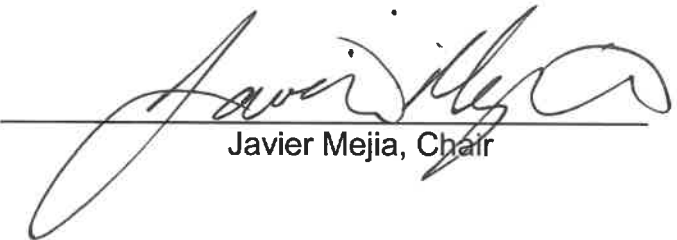
Chair Mejia shared that there was a transformer explosion on Humbolt Street and that the work that was completed was done really well.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Singer

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until September 8, 2021.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:



Ron Noda, Secretary