

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the Traffic Commission attended telephonically.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair Patz
Vice Chair Mejia
Coxhill, Hill, and Murphy

Absent:

Singer and West

Present: Staff:

Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Ron Noda, Acting Development Services Director
Brent Malatesta, Sergeant
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Coxhill.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2020

Chair Patz mentioned he provided comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Murphy

Carried 5/0 (West and Singer absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 8, 2020 with amendments given to Department Secretary Enciso.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye

Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	(Absent)
Commissioner West	(Absent)

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Change of Street Name of Civic Center Drive to Epson Way

Staff received a request from Epson America, Inc. to rename and replace the overhead street name signs at Civic Center Drive, along Katella Avenue, to be renamed to Epson Way. There are currently two signs which designate the driveway to the Epson America, Inc. buildings. The new signs will be consistent with other adjacent street name signage.

City Engineer Kelley summarized the staff report.

Vice Chair Mejia discussed about another City street that was renamed by a business and item A9 (Consider options for widening Civic Center Drive) of the Traffic Commission Log. He was interested in knowing why the widening of Civic Center Drive was not completed prior to the signage.

Commissioner Hill agreed with Vice Chair Mejia about the widening of Civic Center Drive needing to be completed.

Commissioner Coxhill shared that the widening of Civic Center Drive was a part of a previous commercial project that would have been located at the now Epson building.

City Engineer Kelley clarified that the Epson project was mainly tenant improvements and not much of hardscape improvements and he was not sure that it was in the commercial project.

Acting Development Services Director Noda and Vice Chair Mejia discussed the driveway (Epson Way) and when the property was to be upgraded that the driveway be widened.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Murphy asked and received clarification from Department Secretary Enciso about how the status log is updated.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Marriot Fairfield Inn and Suites contractor is working with Southern California Edison and other utilities to complete the offsite improvements.

- City of Cypress sports complex plans, located on Cerritos Avenue and Lexington Drive, are currently in plan check for the City.
- Traffic Engineer Iranitalab and City Engineer Kelley will be attending a meeting with OCTA and the City of Cypress to discuss the Signal Synchronization on Katella Avenue where the two cities overlap.
- The agenda item regarding Old Town West will be discussed in the September Traffic Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hill, City Engineer Kelley, and Acting Development Services Director Noda discussed the sports complex that will be completed in the City of Cypress and shared their traffic concerns on Lexington Drive.

Commissioner Murphy and City Engineer Kelly discussed the Briggeman Drive widening and if there will be a sidewalk on the north side of the Marriot Fairfield Inn and Suites.

Vice Chair Mejia shared that he is interested in seeing the plans of the City of Cypress sports complex and asked about the phasing (traffic signals) on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Briggeman Drive.

Chair Patz discussed the following with City staff:

- City of Cypress denial letter of a left turn request near Ovation.
- City of Cypress Amazon project update.
- Seal Beach signal synchronization from Los Alamitos Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway.

Acting Development Services Director Noda updated the Traffic Commission of the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Hill for his email about the KTUA information.
- The City will be putting no dumping signs in the alleyways of Old Town West, Old Town East, and Apartment Row.
- Recreation and Community Services event called Zip code Day on September 7, 2020.
- The City Council approved to put a 1.5% sales tax on the November ballot.

Commissioner Murphy asked about when the City Council will meet and decide on the non-funded projects, like the Old Town West item. Acting Development Services Director Noda clarified that the City Council has not met yet.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Mejia discussed the following:

- Shared how nice the SCE LED lights are well lit and wanted to know if the City can update the safety lights to LED.

- Inconsistency of street names, Green Street and Green Avenue.

Commissioner Hill asked if avenues go east and west then streets go north and south.

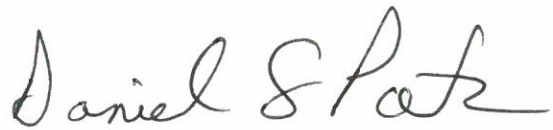
Chair Patz requested to report or agendize a traffic issue going north of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Coxhill/Mejia

Carried 5/0 (Singer and West absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until September 9, 2020.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary