

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

SPECIAL MEETING – November 10, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Special Session at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 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 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, Murphy, Singer, West (7:38 p.m.)

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Singer.

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 Special Meeting of September 30, 2020 and Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020

Chair Patz mentioned he provided comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill

Carried 6/0 (Coxhill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Special meeting of September 30, 2020 and Regular Meeting of October 14, 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 Aye
Commissioner West (Absent)

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Progress of the SCAG Active Transportation Plan Grant

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information and updates regarding the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Project awarded to the City by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Singer asked if the main focus has to do with walking and bicycles. Acting Deputy City Manager clarified it also includes public transportation. Commissioner Singer then asked if he is referring to Orange County transit or the mini buses in the City. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda clarified that it is both.

Commissioner Hill added that they have received more feedback from the City of Los Alamitos than they are used to getting and ultimately it's important to recognize what the City has done to offer an opportunity for the City to get grants.

Vice Chair Mejia asked if SCAG will be working with OCTA and if there is a way to incorporate grants from both agencies. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda shared that a staff member from the Recreation and Community Services Department is in contact with OCTA to incorporate the issues Vice Chair has mentioned.

Commissioner Singer asked and received confirmation from Acting Deputy City Manager Noda that getting kids to and from school is a part of the discussion.

B. Nomination and Appointment of a Member of the Traffic Commission for the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information regarding information and timeline of the Waste Hauler Agreement. The report also requests input into the nomination and appointment of one commissioner to serve on the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda summarized the staff report.

Vice Chair Mejia nominated Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hill declined the nomination.

Chair Patz nominated Commissioner Singer.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Nay
Commissioner Hill	Nay
Commissioner Murphy	Nay
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	(Absent)

Commissioner Singer removed himself from being nominated and appointed.

Commissioner Hill nominated Commissioner Murphy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	(Absent)

Carried 6/0 (West absent): The Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Murphy for the Waste Hauler Ad Hoc Committee

C. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Vice Chair Mejia noted the following:

- Item B6 – add more information
- Item C3 – update on the project
- Item C5 – add description to state traffic calming

Commissioner Singer, City Engineer Kelley, and Acting Deputy City Manager Noda discussed the speed survey and addressing the residents concern of speeding in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hill noted the following:

- Item A21 and A22 – appear very similar
- Item D7 – follow up with Traffic Engineer Iranitalab for clarification

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Oak Walk and Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments will begin offsite work in the next couple of weeks.
- Orange County Sanitation District) OCSD presentation will occur at the next City Council Meeting.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda updated the Traffic Commission of the following:

- Planning to go dark for the commission meeting in December due to the holidays.
- Commissioner Coxhill and Commissioner West will receive an email from the City Clerk regarding to applying for the Commission again as their term ends in December of 2020.

Vice Chair Mejia asked when the reorganization would occur. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda confirmed it would occur in January 2021.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy shared that he had a street light out in front of his home and was told by City staff to contact Southern California Edison (SCE). He then asked if the process is the same with LED light bulb change outs. Chair Patz confirmed that information was correct. He also asked about a discussion of the alleyways to be on the agenda. Acting Deputy City Manager clarified that he hopes to have it in the agenda either January or February 2021.

Commissioner Hill asked if there was a resolution of the last meeting not able to participate in the meeting. Acting Deputy City Manager shared that the audio of the meeting is posted online.

Vice Chair Mejia asked that once the City finds out who the SCE representative is, that the City looks into the a refund program for switching to LED lights and to have the safety lights be LED too. He and Acting Deputy City Manager discussed the illegal dumping in the alleyways and the process of noticing properties.

Commissioner West shared that this meeting was her last meeting and thanked the Traffic Commission. She also apologized for being late to the meeting.

Chair Patz thanked everyone for their service in the City and greeted everyone a happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Murphy/Singer

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until December 9, 2020.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:


Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

