

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

SPECIAL MEETING – May 13, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, in a video conference, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz
Vice Chair Mejia
Hill, Coxhill, Singer, Murphy, and West

Present: Staff: Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Leslie Roseberry, Interim Development Services Director
Chet Simmons, City Manager
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Patz.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

City Manager Simmons quickly introduced himself and thanked the Traffic Commission.

Department Secretary Enciso shared 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 March 11, 2020

Chair Patz mentioned he submitted comments to Department Secretary Enciso.

Department Secretary Enciso shared that she received comments from Commissioner Murphy.

Motion/Second: Singer/Coxhill

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 11, 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	Aye

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Request to Install Time Limit Parking in Front of C&H Pharmacy Store at 4012 Katella Avenue

The owner of C&H Pharmacy located at 4012 Katella Avenue has requested the installation of time limit (15 minutes) parking on Katella Avenue in front of the store, to serve as pick-up parking space.

Chair Patz quickly read the staff report and shared his thought to have the Development Services Department reach out to the tenant and discuss having a designated parking stall with the property owner.

City Engineer Kelley further explained the staff report and the recommendation to have the property owner involved in the request from the tenant.

Commissioner Coxhill and City Engineer Kelley discussed the current parking restrictions in the area of the business location.

Commissioner Singer asked how long the business has been operating to determine if this issue is related to the pandemic as opposed to how long the business has been open.

Department Secretary Enciso shared that the business has been open since May 2, 2018.

Commissioner Singer discussed that the traffic on Katella Avenue would diminish his vote for temporary parking.

Commissioner Hill shared his understanding of the staff report, that the issue is not the fifteen-minute parking, but the distance to walk from the parking lot to the business in relation to those who are senior citizens and handicapped. He also shared that the response to this would be that [senior citizen handicapped person] are better off walking the distance versus getting in and out of their vehicle along Katella Avenue.

Vice Chair Mejia asked if there are any other parking restrictions on Katella Avenue. City Engineer clarified that there is not a lot of signage on parking limitations.

Commissioner Murphy clarified that there are a lot of bus stop signage [along Katella Avenue].

Commissioner West agreed with Commissioner Hill about the signage and the hazard [of those parking on Katella Avenue, especially for older adults].

Vice Chair Mejia asked if there are fifteen-minute parking in the City and City Engineer mentioned that there is, but does not have the exact location.

Commissioner Coxhill mentioned that there was timed parking in Old Town West.

Commissioner Hill shared that the only fifteen-minute parking is in parking lots and not on the street. City Engineer Kelley also answered Commissioner Hill's question about curb painting for fifteen-minutes, instead it would be a sign.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Hill

Carried 7/0: Motion to deny the implementation of limiting curbside parking to 15 minutes on Katella Avenue.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	Aye

Chair Patz expressed that City staff need to inform the business owner to contact the property owner with a request to designate one parking stall for pickups and drop-offs for that property and if the business owner has issues with the property owner, that they call the City staff for assistance.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Commissioner Murphy asked about the update in the Old Town West neighborhood. City Engineer Kelley and Chair Patz quickly discussed if this item would be a part of the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Vice Chair Mejia asked about the Visually Impaired project on Florista, City Engineer Kelley clarified that this was going to be presented to the next City Council meeting.

Commissioner Hill discussed the following items:

- Item A31 – Change Katella to Los Alamitos Boulevard and to look into this project not happening.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Kelley informed the Traffic Commission of the following:

- Reiterated that the project for the visually impaired will be going out to bid.
- He will be attending a meeting with OCTA and Caltrans about the upcoming Katella and 605 project and hopes to present on this project at the next Traffic Commission meeting.
- Update on the OCSD project and hopes to have a representative of OCSD present to the Traffic Commission.
- Update on the Old Town West neighborhood item.
- Shared Gary Saldivar's retirement.

City Engineer Kelley and the Traffic Commission discussed the item about the Old Town West neighborhood. Department Secretary Enciso stopped the discussion from going further as this was not an agenda item for this meeting.

Vice Chair Patz asked if the OCSD project will still occur on Oak Street and City Engineer Kelley verified that this portion of the project will happen.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Mejia shared about a curb that needs to be upgraded midblock of the crosswalk of Florista Street and Kyle Street.

Commissioner Singer shared a problem with the street sweeping and citation. The Traffic Commission quickly discussed the street sweeping in the City.

Motion/Second: Singer/Murphy

Carried 6/1 (Hill Opposed): Motion to have an agenda item about changes to the street sweeping in the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Singer/West

Carried 7/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until June 10, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

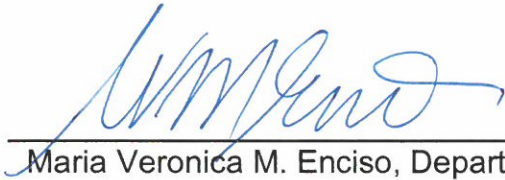
Chair Patz	Aye
Vice Chair Mejia	Aye
Commissioner Coxhill	Aye
Commissioner Hill	Aye
Commissioner Murphy	Aye
Commissioner Singer	Aye
Commissioner West	Aye

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary