

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – October 13, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 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, and Murphy
Salai (excused)

Absent: Commissioners:

Present: Staff:

Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Shaun Krogman, Sergeant
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.

Chair Mejia quickly reminded the Traffic Commission about the rules of decorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2021

Motion/Second: Patz/ Murphy

Carried 5/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 11, 2021 with amendments.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Alleyways

This report provides the Traffic Commission with information about the alleyways in the City.

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked if the City could leave dumpsters in areas (alleys) that have issues. Development Services Director Noda mentioned we cannot have

dumpsters in the middle of the alleys and that there may be an issue using space on private property.

Chair Mejia discussed the following:

- Dumpsters being placed in a City park or City yard
- Asked if flyers can be provided to the Commission in order to hand out to fellow residents about the upcoming waste hauler changes
- Alleys and fixing them at the same time when projects occur and have property owners also fix their portion in the alley. City Engineer Kelley shared that it could be possible.

Commissioner Murphy asked for clarification about the new waste hauler company to continue the outreach and dumpster program. Development Services Director Noda confirmed this.

Commissioner D. Hill asked if the nature of the [illegal] dumping from residential or commercial waste. He then asked if residents could bring the bulky item to a city yard. Development Services Director Noda mentioned that they cannot do this and he quickly explained that the City yard is not large enough to do this.

Commissioner Patz commented about not knowing about September 11th dumpster day and recommended a better notification and he also shared his experience with Republic Services regarding a bulky item pick up.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the two alleys mentioned in the staff report and the replacement of the alleyways. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that these alleyways would be repaired in the future as in part of the City's 7-Year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked about the door hanger that was done (regarding dumpster day). Development Services Director Noda clarified that it was for the bulky item door hanger. Vice Chair R. Hill then asked why the alleyway behind Precious Life being torn-up so badly and Development Services Director Noda shared that the alleyway may not have been maintained.

Commissioner Mejia asked if the alleyway had speed humps (behind Precious Life) and Development Services Director Noda confirmed there are none.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

Development Services Director Noda shared about the Briggeman Drive widening project will take place in the spring of 2022.

Chair Mejia asked about the traffic mitigation between the widening and the striping. City Engineer Kelley clarified that it was included in the conditions of approval of the project.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked how much of this project is coming out of the City budget and Development Services Director Noda was not able to confirm an amount at that time.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

Development Services Director Noda shared the following

- Outreach efforts to the community from the Development Services Department
- At the Monday, October 18th City Council meeting there is a discussion on the launch of the Los Al Bucks program
- OC San District project advertisements and the project will start on Katella Avenue and Lexington Drive
- Informed the Traffic Commission about having a November meeting but not a December meeting

City Engineer Kelley shared the following

- Can sign up for notifications from OC San
- Update on the Los Alamitos Luxury Apartment project
- I-605 project update
 - Core sampling will be done at night
- Cypress Sports Park project update
- Golden State Water Company Howard project phase 2 project will soon start

The Traffic Commission discussed the possibility of having a Traffic Commission get together.

The Traffic Commission and staff discussed the upcoming waste hauler contract.

Chair Mejia asked about the maintenance of the Cypress Sports Park. Development Services Director Noda was not aware then Commissioner Patz provided some insight of the maintenance amount.

Commissioner Patz asked Development Services Director Noda about the new facilities (Cypress jurisdiction) near Costco regarding not allowing Cypress to making changes in that area. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that the City is not allowing any changes.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the project in Cypress at the Los Alamitos Race Track. Development Services Director Noda informed him what the project will be.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Chair Mejia shared if the City were to name the community Apartment Row to something else. Development Services Director Noda shared that the subject will be brought forth in early 2022.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked about an issue in the City of Long Beach jurisdiction. Department Secretary Enciso shared that the City of Long Beach has not responded back regarding this issue.

Vice Chair R. Hill also shared a letter from Wendy Grose that was provided to the Traffic Commission. Development Services Director Noda confirmed that staff would reach out to the Traffic Engineer.

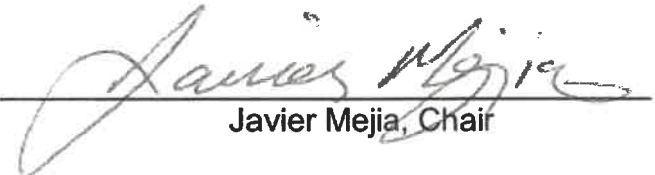
Traffic Commission agreed to go dark in December as a whole

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 5/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until November 10, 2021.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


Javier Mejia, Chair

Attest:



Ron Noda, Secretary