

**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

REGULAR MEETING – June 12, 2024

1.

CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Chair Murphy presiding.
2.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioners:

Chair Murphy,
Vice Chair Mejia
D. Hill (absent), R. Hill, Marchese, Patz, and
Rojas

Present:

Staff:

Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services
Manager
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Elizabeth Cortez, Photo Enforcement Officer
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Patz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Murphy opened oral communications.

Chair Murphy closed oral communications.

5.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Traffic Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2024.

Motion/Second: Patz/Mejia
Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. summarized the staff report.

Photo Enforcement Officer Cortez presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.

The Traffic Commission asked and received clarification from Photo Enforcement Officer Cortez on the following:

- Cameras are synchronized to the traffic signals and will not go off if the light is green.
- Katella Avenue at Bloomfield Street is monitored at all four directions.
- The City has won all appeal cases presented in court.
- Cameras only turn-on upon sensors triggered by red light (not amber or green).
- Photo Enforcement Officers only have access to show who the vehicle is registered to and not if they have warrants or criminal activity.
- Running the red light is considered a moving violation and a point would be added to their driving record.
- Videos of vehicles triggering the camera by crossing the limit line will be under review to determine if there was a violation.
- Baseline for a violation starts at \$100.00.
- Every city is able to adjust their amber light times.
- Los Alamitos and Garden Grove are the only cities in Orange County with Red Light Cameras.
- If the driver of a vehicle is not the registered owner, a courtesy notice is issued with a transfer of liability form for the owner to complete stating who was driving at the time of the violation.
- The contractor, Red Flex, paid for the installation of the new infrastructures.
- The old red light cameras are still running well and do not have any plans for update anytime soon.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

The Traffic Commission reviewed the status log and no additions or changes were made.

6. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. discussed the following:

- Summer Concerts – Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Pine Street then at various parks
- Parklet Series Shoutout to Economic Development Supervisor Elisha Boothe
- Nights on Pine – Saturdays
- 3rd of July Event – Gates open at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rojas asked and received clarification Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that entry for the 3rd of July event is by vehicle only.

City Engineer Kelley discussed the following:

- Los Alamitos Boulevard Striping Project will be awarded at the June's City Council Meeting
- Los Angeles Sanitation Project will be a ten-week project
- Upcoming encroachment by Southern California Edison for replacement of an existing vault
- Measure Y Citywide Street Project will go out to bid on June 26th

Vice Chair Mejia asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the Los Alamitos Striping Project will be awarded in June.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the bike lanes and restriping of existing lanes will be included in the Los Alamitos Boulevard Striping Project.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the trench created in front of City Hall I is due to the emergency repair of the gas leak.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Vice Chair Mejia inquired about the following:

- Request for Southern California Edison Representative attendance
- Neighborhood Sign Survey
- City Ordinance review for parking permits
- Reviewing the parking restriction time limits we have around the city
- New bollards on Pine Street

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated the Neighborhood Sign Survey will launch on June 17, 2024. The survey will be available for about forty-five days to allow residents to participate in possible renaming of Apartment Row and their respective neighborhood's monument sign.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. stated that the Neighborhood Parking and Street Sweeping Survey was conducted to initiate a revisit of the city ordinance on parking permits.

Commissioner Patz motioned to add one way street with angled parking in Apartment Row on Green Avenue and Howard Avenue to the next meeting's agenda.

Commissioner Marchese asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the residents who are in proximity of the striping project on the west of Lexington Drive will be noticed at least thirty days before construction.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from City Engineer Kelley that the Lexington Striping Project has not been awarded by City Council yet.

Chair Murphy requested to have a discussion on the Lexington Striping Project.

Commissioner R. Hill requested Traffic Commission to review 2-hour parking sign in front of 10841 Bloomfield Street. Business owner Leone Electric Inc. would like to remove the 2-hour sign to reserve parking for staff.

City Engineer Kelley briefly discussed the Bloomfield Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project.

Commissioner R. Hill motioned to review time limit parking signs in the city at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner R. Hill requested to add a "No U-Turn" sign on the left turn lane on Los Alamitos Boulevard into Good Shepherd Church.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the City is currently in review of the Residential Parking and Street Sweeping Survey to determine if the schedules will change.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. that the California Daylighting Law will not be implemented until next year, but the plan is to evaluate the law and educate the residents.

City Engineer Kelley stated that Traffic Engineer Iranitalab is currently in discussion with other cities about the California Daylighting Law.

Chair Murphy motioned to discuss and create an e-bike plan for the City at the next Traffic Commission Meeting.

City Engineer Kelley stated the City is waiting for the county to establish the e-bike laws.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until July 10, 2024.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Bruce Murphy

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Bruce Murphy, Chair 7/18/2024

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Vandine Ouk

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary 7/18/2024