

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – March 13, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Chair Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Patz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Murphy opened oral communications.

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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 February 14, 2024.

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Mejia and D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Red Curb Request: 3902 Katella Avenue - Alamitos West Skilled Nursing Facility

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that the attachments to the staff report were incorrect and that the correct attachments would be sent to the Traffic Commission via e-mail.

Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that the designated red curb for the Katella Senior Living Center is being used by the Fire Department.

Commissioner Marchese inquired about the following:

- Is there a parking lot in the back of the facility?
- How many parking spots will be lost?
- Where do employees and visitors park?

Los Alamitos West Health and Rehabilitation representative Jon Peralez stated that there is parking in the back of the facility and it is available to employees and visitors to park, along with street parking.

Development Services Director confirmed that two parking spots will be lost once the red curb is extended.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that (40) forty feet is sufficient for the ambulance or fire truck to park.

Mr. Peralez requested the two red curbs extend (20) twenty feet west toward the skilled nursing facility instead of (10) ten feet on either side of the fire hydrant.

Commissioner R. Hill asked for and received clarification from Mr. Peralez that the rear parking and ramp are accessible to the Fire Department.

Mr. Peralez stated that the reception and main nursing station are in the front of the facility, and it would be preferable to have the Fire Department access the building through the front entrance.

Commissioner Marchese pointed out that during last month's Traffic Commission Meeting, there was a concern about parking for residents in the Apartment Row neighborhood and that losing parking would be a big deal.

Commissioner Rojas asked and received clarification from Commissioner Patz that if the Traffic Commission approves the request, the Development Services Department will proceed with extending the red curb.

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 4/1 (Marchese opposed/Mejia and D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission approved the request to extend the red curb (20) twenty feet west of the fire hydrant.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

- E1: Commissioner R. Hill asked to correct the date initiated from November 2024 to November 2023.
- A44: Chair Murphy is requesting the signpost to be taller. Development Services Director Noda will confer with Traffic Engineer Iranitalab.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City Engineer Kelley briefly discussed the Bloomfield Street Improvement Project from Katella Avenue to Florista Street.

Development Services Director Noda discussed the following:

- Los Angeles County Sanitation District Project
- Red Light Camera Installation
- Weekend of Art Event on March 16th and 17th
- Spring Carnival on March 30th
- Race on the Base on April 13th
- Good Morning, Los Alamitos on March 26th at 9:00 a.m.
- City Council Meeting on March 18th
- Neighborhood Parking and Street Sweeping Survey results broken down by neighborhood will be presented at the April Traffic Commission Meeting.

Chair Murphy inquired about the following:

- Daylighting Law
- Street sweeping tickets by area
- Vehicles are required to park in the garage

Commissioner Patz inquired about the requested feedback on items brought up in the previous meetings. Development Services Director Noda suggested the Traffic Commission motion to bring the items back to the meeting as a staff report.

Development Services Director Noda confirmed that the City does not have a code that requires a resident to park their car in the garage.

Motion/Second: Patz/Marchese

5/0 (Mejia and D. Hill absent) Traffic Commission requested the Daylighting Law to be itemized as a staff report in the upcoming Traffic Commission Meeting.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Patz

5/0 (Mejia and D. Hill absent) Traffic Commission requested the Neighborhood Parking and Street Sweeping Survey to be broken down by neighborhood and itemized as a staff report in the upcoming Traffic Commission Meeting.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Rojas inquired about the traffic signal timing traveling east from Rossmoor on Bradbury Road through the Los Alamitos Boulevard intersection across into Los Alamitos (Highlands). Development Services Director Noda will confer with City Engineer Kelley on the timing and jurisdictional limits.

Commissioner Marchese asked and received clarification from Development Service Director Noda that the speed sensors on Farquhar Avenue do not track the vehicles.

Commissioner R. Hill inquired about the potholes on Katella Avenue.

Development Services Director Noda stated that the Public Works procurement code is tied to the City Charter, and anything over \$10,000 must go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP). He stated that an RFP is currently being drafted and is expected to be completed and taken to the City Council Meeting in May 2024.

Commissioner Patz asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that in order to make an amendment, it has to be from the vote of the people, taken to the Budget Standing Committee, and then to City Council.

Development Services Director Noda stated that the City will begin the process of a charter amendment and is expected to present for the vote of the people in November 2024.

Commissioner R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that the City will be requesting to amend the procurement code to state code which is up to \$100,000.

Commissioner R. Hill inquired about the sidewalk over the bridge from Los Alamitos High School to Ball Road. Development Services Director Noda informed Commissioner R. Hill that the City Council approved a contract for

concrete remediation. The contractor has done an assessment and they have determined there are (44) forty-four areas for concrete repair and (8) eight aprons in the residential areas.

Commissioner Rojas asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda that there is an exception for potholes when they are considered an emergency such as a safety concern or life preservation.

Chair Murphy inquired about the street flooding due to the recent rain on Los Alamitos Boulevard from Farquhar Avenue to Katella Avenue.

City Engineer Kelley asked and received clarification from Chair Murphy that the window of flooding was about a day.

Development Services Director Noda briefly explained the Water Quality Management Program (WQMP) and stated that any new development in the City must meet the WQMP requirements.

Development Services Director Noda stated that a Storm Drain Master Plan assessment was done in the City by Willdan Engineering and when the City goes in to repair the street, it will tackle the issue of inadequate drainage at the same time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Patz/R. Hill

Carried 5/0 (Mejia and D. Hill absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until April 10, 2024.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Bruce Murphy

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Bruce Murphy, Chair

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Vandine Ouk, Department Secretary