

MINUTES

PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

March 15, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Hernandez

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Brusckke, Chadha, Faia,
Gorman, Hernandez, Labreche, Stafford

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Wu, Associate Engineer
Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer
Lieutenant Richard Pascarella
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Labreche spoke about the "No Stopping Buses Exempt" sign at Central Avenue in front of Tynes Elementary. He stated the sign was supposed to have only been temporary and requested that it be removed. Mr. Wu responded he would look into the request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009 SUBJECT TO THE CORRECTION OF 'INLAWS' ON PAGE 1, PARAGRAPH 2, LINE 2; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE AND CARRIED BY A MAJORITY VOICE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT 7-0.

STAFF ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Wu introduced Ms. Smith as the City's new Traffic Engineer. The Commission welcomed Ms. Smith.

REPORTS:

- I. **TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 10-01**
Residential permit parking rescission on Orchid Drive

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

Commissioner Hernandez asked if the residents are aware of City processes, should they decide to request permit parking again. Ms. Smith responded yes, the residents are aware.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FAIA, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING RECISSION ON ORCHID DRIVE. PASSED 7-0.

**II. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 10-02
Residential permit parking rescission on Moss Circle**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING RECISSION ON MOSS CIRCLE. PASSED 7-0.

**III. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 10-03
Parking restriction on Santa Fe Avenue**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FAIA TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A PARKING RESTRICTION ON SANTA FE AVENUE. PASSED 7-0.

**IV. TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 10-04
Stop signs on Richfield Road at Miraloma Avenue**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

Commissioner Labreche asked about the installation of traffic signals at the intersection. Mr. Wu responded that it is a priority to include this intersection with the fiscal year 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Projects.

Commissioner Hernandez commented that on eastbound Miraloma Avenue, the limit line sits far back and asked for the reasoning behind this. Ms. Smith responded that the stop bars are at the 'back of crosswalk', which is ten (10) feet back from the middle of the corner.

A motion to approve staff's recommendation was made by Commissioner Labreche with the condition that traffic signals replace the stop signs when funds are available.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR STOP SIGNS AT RICHFIELD ROAD AND MIRALOMA AVENUE WITH THE CONDITION THAT TRAFFIC SIGNALS ARE INSTALLED WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
PASSED 7-0.**

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. CURRENT SERVICE REQUEST LIST

Ms. Smith stated there were no service requests ready for discussion.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY

Data was presented by Lieutenant Pascarella.

December 2009 highlights include a reduction in Total Accidents of 10% and over a 2 year period, a total reduction of 23%. In the Personal Injury category there was a 23% reduction and Injured Motorists saw a 24% reduction. Hit-and-Run Accidents are down 11% and Placentia's numbers are the best in the county per Lt. Pascarella. DUI Accidents was reduced by 55% with less than 20 in 2009 thanks to the DUI checkpoints.

Commissioner Labreche asked what percentages of impounded vehicles are claimed after 30 days. Lt. Pascarella responded that roughly 50-55% of the registered owners pay the impound fees and re-claim their vehicles. He added that attendance at auctions has gone from 6 people at the first auction, to over 70 people more recently. Commissioner Labreche asked if the auction price includes the impound fee. Lt. Pascarella responded no, it doesn't. The City does not pursue the impound fees if the vehicle is purchased at auction because it is not cost effective for the City.

February 2010 highlights include a 25% reduction in Total Accidents, and a 36% reduction in Property Damage. Hit-and-Run Accidents are down by 25%, and DUI Arrests are up 94% for the first 2 months of 2010. He commented on new software which was obtained by OTS grants called 'Crossroads'. Because of its capabilities, this software will aid the Traffic Engineer with data reports when information is required.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Ms. Smith proposed holding a special meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission on April 19th regarding an excavation moratorium.

4. RESPONSE TO PRIOR MEETING ITEMS

Mr. Wu commented that the parking restriction on La Jolla Street in front of Valadez Middle School Academy was removed per the direction of the commission.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman Gorman asked about the status of the construction at Rose Drive and Alta Vista. Mr. Wu responded that the intersection is part of the City's Pedestrian Accessibility Project which is out for bid and scheduled to close March 30th. Commissioner Labreche asked if the utility poles at the site were going to be moved. Mr. Wu responded that Southern California Edison is designing a plan to move the poles approximately 15 feet west.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER FAIA, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE, CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT 7-0, TO ADJOURN TO A SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2010.



RUTH SMITH, T.E., Traffic Engineer
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission

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