

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 6, 2018**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens.
- ROLL CALL:** Secretary, Veronica Sanchez took roll call.
- PRESENT:** Chairperson Hoyt, Commissioner Galvan and Commissioner Gavilanes, Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were present. Captain Fairfield, Lieutenant Kirkpatrick and Carmen Morales, City Planner were also present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Gavilanes led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Resident Marcos of 6300 Gallant Street addressed the Commission. He expressed his support for any type of parking regulation. For the past 7 years there has been an RV that only moves on Thursday for street sweeping day only. He understands that staff has been working on this issue and wanted to express his support of the regulation. Commissioner Galvan made the motion to close public participation and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion.
- REGULATING THE OVERNIGHT PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES:** Captain Fairfield gave the presentation. The background, city staff receives regular complaints from residents regarding oversized vehicles, like RVs on residential streets. The concerns include health, traffic issues, lack of parking and visual blight. Because these are oversized vehicles they impair visibility of street signs. The other concern is discharge of wastewater which impacts our health. The other obvious impact is parking because they are oversized they take up 2-3

vehicle parking. Because these are left for extended periods of time they get tagged on or graffiti, visual blight. The California vehicle code allows cities to prohibit or restrict vehicles from stopping, parking or standing during all or certain hours of the day. Surrounding cities have similar ordinances, Bell, Cudahy, Downey, and Montebello among others. The proposed ordinance would define oversized vehicles as those that exceed 20 feet in length or 6.5 feet in width or 6.5 feet in height. The proposed ordinance would prohibit the parking of the oversized vehicles between the hours of 2am to 5am. Exemption would be allowed for emergency stopping, standing or parking and for vehicles displaying a valid temporary parking permit. The permits would either be 3-day or 7-day available to residents, tenants and property owners with a limit of 6 of each type within a calendar year. They would not be issued for consecutive periods, there must be at least 48 hours between permits issuance. First violations would be \$50, second violation \$100 and third violation \$200. PD will be responsible for issuing and enforcing. Prior to implementation, signs will be posted at the City's 10 vehicle entry points. Yellow permits will be issued for 3 days and blue for 7 days. It is recommended that the Traffic Commission by motion approve for City Council consideration Ordinance No. 888 enacting Chapter 13.34 of the BG Municipal Code regulating overnight parking of oversized vehicles on City streets.

Commissioner Galvan asked if she has an RV herself, would she be able to park it within her property. Captain Fairfield clarified that this ordinance is only for City streets and private property is fine.

Commissioner Gavilanes asked if the vehicle has a permit, could they block a sign. Captain Fairfield explained that so as long as they are not parked illegally such as red curb or fire hydrant, they would be allowed.

Chairperson Hoyt explained that several years ago along Gage Avenue it was such a danger to exit the mobile home park because of large trucks parking along Gage. Red curb was placed, resolving the issue. Captain Fairfield explained that this is a good example of solving problems.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve for City Council consideration and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** No comments.

**COMMENTS FROM  
THE COMMISSION:**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Sally Hoyt, Chairperson**

**Submitted by:**

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**Veronica Sanchez, Secretary**