

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

**May 7, 2019**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Gavilanes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens.
- ROLL CALL:** Secretary, Veronica Sanchez took roll call.
- PRESENT:** Commissioner Victor Barbosa, Commissioner Rosa Galvan, Acting Chair Jayson Gavilanes and Commissioner David Heredia were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Cesar Roldan, Associate Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Heredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Galvan and second by Commissioner Heredia to close public participation.
- GREEN CURB – 8045 GARFIELD AVE:** Chau Vu gave the report. Staff conducted an investigation for green curb (20 minute parking) to accommodate short term parking in front of the Carniceria Market & Liquor Store, located at 8045 Garfield Avenue. Typically, these types of businesses have quick customers which means higher parking turnover. Staff reviewed and determined that installation of 20 minute green curb for short term parking for customers is recommended along with stenciling the green curb and installing appropriate signage. It will be approximately 33 feet of green curb. It should be noted, that it already exist but the Commission's approval will formalize it for City Council consideration and approval. Commissioner Galvan asked if the current green curb would be extended. Ms. Vu clarified that it is the exact length that currently exist. Commissioner Barbosa wanted confirmation that there will only be green curb installed on the Garfield side and Muller would not be affected. Ms. Vu confirmed.

Commissioner Barbosa made the motion to approve and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**RED CURB – GAGE AVENUE  
WEST OF PERRY ROAD:**

Chau Vu gave the report. The City received a request for additional red curb along Gage Avenue west of Perry Road. Residents indicated that because of vehicles parked along the south side of Gage Avenue, it makes it difficult for motorist on Perry Road to see eastbound traffic onto Gage Avenue. Staff conducted the field review, Gage Avenue is a four-lane arterial running east-west with parking along the south side of the street. Perry Road is a two-lane street with parking along both sides. Staff following the MUTCD, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, our bible for traffic practices, and taking into consideration the traffic collision history, the sight distance can be improved by installing additional red curb. Therefore staff is recommending extending the existing red curb by approximately 55 feet along with appropriate signage. Commissioner Heredia wanted clarification as to the length of the red curb. Ms. Vu explained it will be a total of 250' feet extending it by 55' feet. Acting Chair Gavilanes agreed that bearing in mind the recent collisions it is necessary.

Commissioner Heredia made the motion and Commissioner Galvan second the motion to approve.

**RED CURB – WATCHER  
STREET AND AND AJAX AVENUE  
T-INTERSECTION:**

Chau Vu gave the report. At the last commission meeting staff presented the Stop Warrant Study for the intersection of Watcher Street and Ajax Avenue. Although the warrants for installing a stop sign were not met based on collisions and volume, staff was directed to investigate the intersection for potential red curb installation for line of sight. Based on field observations performed, staff is recommending for City Council consideration the installation of 10 feet of red curb on Watcher and 10 feet of red curb on Ajax. However the additional red curb will eliminate two parking spaces. Commissioner Heredia asked if the sight distance would be a significant improvement. Mr. Roldan, Associate Engineer, explained that he personally conducted the site visit both as a pedestrian and as a motorist. He noticed that he would have to creep up a lot to be able to see the eastbound car lane.

Commissioner Barbosa made the motion and Commissioner Galvan second the motion to approve.

**RECEIVE & FILE –  
STOP SIGN WARRANT ANALYSIS  
LOVELAND STREET AND  
ADAMSON AVENUE:**

Chau Vu gave the report. A resident submitted a formal request for an all-way stop at the intersection of Loveland Street and Adamson Avenue. The traffic engineering consultant conducted the stop sign warrant analysis of the intersection and determined that based on the MUTCD and traffic collisions, the intersection did not meet the criteria for a stop. However, some improvements are being recommended, removing and reconstructing the curb ramps with ADA complaint detectable warning surfaces, installing missing street name sign and repainting the stop legend. Engineering is also recommending Edison replace the current soft light with Edison LED lighting. Because Edison owns the street light the request for Edison to convert all street lighting to LED requires an agreement and will take time. Commissioner Barbosa asked for the time frame to complete. Ms. Vu responded that at this time it is unknown.

The motion was made to approve by Commissioner Heredia and second by Commissioner Galvan.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Ms. Vu asked the Commission if they wished to add to the next agenda the appointing of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Commission. She thanked Commissioner Gavilanes for graciously serving as Acting Chair. The Commission agreed unanimously.

Ms. Vu explained the I-710 Local Advisory Committee consisted of Julia Asmus, Clifford Dunbar and Ron Hoyt. They were appointed by the City Council to serve and review and provide input for the I710 widening project. However two of the appointed have since passed away and Mr. Dunbar is not in a capacity were he could serve. She believes this Commission is perfect to take on the role of the I710 Local Committee. So if the Commission is in agreement, staff will bring the item on the next agenda before presenting to City Council.

The Commission agreed unanimously.

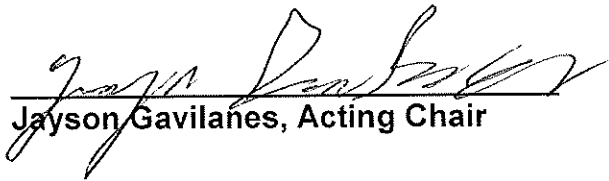
**COMMENTS FROM  
THE COMMISSION:**

No comments from Commissioner Barbosa, Commissioner Heredia and Commissioner Galvan. Acting Chair Gavilanes thanked everyone and was happy to see everyone.

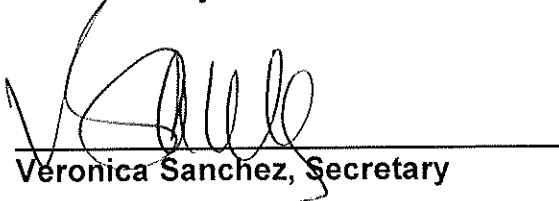
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Acting Chair Gavilanes adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Jayson Gavilanes, Acting Chair

**Submitted by:**

  
Veronica Sanchez, Secretary