

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

January 3, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Ryan Kim, Traffic Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present. Commissioner Amaya was not present.
- INVOCATION:** Chau Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Gavilanes led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** Veronica Sanchez reported that the agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** No comments. Commissioner Galvan made the motion to close public comments and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2016:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2016.
- GREENWOOD AVENUE CITY BOUNDARIES:** Chau Vu gave the report. Recently the City of Commerce reached out to the City regarding the City boundary of Greenwood Avenue. The Sheriffs of Commerce recently brought this into question. Typically the centerline is the boundary line, that is not the case here. Engineers researched tract maps, parcel maps and boundary maps and have confirmed that the east side of Greenwood Avenue belongs to Bell Gardens. This is being brought forward as a formality so that the City can conduct street sweeping and maintenance to the east side of Greenwood Avenue. Staff is asking to Commission to approve for City Council consideration so that the City can properly street sweep and cite.

Chairperson Hoyt asked where in Commerce would the boundary end, Zindale?

Ms. Vu responded the City already maintains the west side of the street and now it would include the east side of Greenwood Avenue.

Commissioner Gavilanes said it's great since it is Bell Gardens and he agrees with approving.

Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion and Commissioner Galvan second the motion to approve staff's recommendation.

**TOLER AVENUE SPEED  
HUMPS REQUEST:**

Chau Vu gave the report. Staff received a petition from a group of residents requesting speed humps along Toler Avenue the 6500 block. The City has an established Speed Hump Policy in place and our engineering staff completed a study. This segment of Toler does not meet the criteria. Motorists exceeding 25 mph is less than the minimum threshold, the average daily traffic is less than the minimum volume threshold and the segment of street is short and does not meet the minimum length therefore speed humps are not recommended. Staff is however recommending additional police enforcement, additional signage and markings that are more visible. Additionally, the person that submitted the petition was invited to attend today's meeting.

Commissioner Galvan said she looked at the block, there is only 1 sign and it is a very short street.

Chairperson Hoyt agreed that speed humps are not recommended.

Commissioner Gavilanes agreed with staff that the street is not long enough and there is no constant traffic since it is a dead end.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gavilanes and second by Commissioner Galvan to approve staff's recommendation.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Ms. Vu announced that this would be her last meeting before going on maternity leave. Staff anticipates a February commission meeting, Mr. Oropeza, Ryan and Veronica will handle.

**COMMENTS FROM  
THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Gavilanes wished everyone a good New Year.

Commissioner Galvan wished for a better year.

Chairperson Hoyt congratulated Ms. Vu and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Gavilanes made a motion to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of February 7, 2017 and

Commission Galvan seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Sally Hoyt, Chairperson**

**Submitted by:**

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**Veronica Sanchez, Secretary**