

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

March 7, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:34 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. John Oropeza, Assistant City Manager, Ana Marie Lenoue and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present. Commissioner Amaya was not present.
- INVOCATION:** Mr. Oropeza 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 Gavilanes made the motion to close public comments and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.
- EASTERN AVENUE STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE IMPLEMENTATION:** Ana Marie Lenoue gave the report. This item is being brought forward to the Commission for number one reason, to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. The primary function of this is to keep debris from entering drains and sewers preventing it from ultimately entering our waterways. Eastern Avenue is currently being swept three times a week but the street sweeper weaves in and out through vehicles which doesn't allow for cleaning up to the curb. Staff conducted a parking study that included parking counts and analyzing available parking on Eastern Avenue. The parking study determined that the east side of Eastern Avenue has more parking shortage on Monday and west side has more parking shortage on Friday. To comply with the NPDES requirements and minimize the impact to the community staff proposed to conduct street sweeping on the west side of Eastern Avenue on Mondays and

conduct street sweeping on the east side of Eastern Avenue on Fridays. The City also developed an outreach campaign to make sure that the community was well informed especially the areas with apartment buildings where parking can be more of a challenge. Handouts were mailed and the entire segment of Eastern Avenue was canvassed including side streets. The City also held a town hall meeting. So if the Commission approves then staff will proceed to bring this item before City Council to implement a new parking schedule for Eastern Avenue and place the appropriate signage.

Commissioner Galvilanes made a motion to approve and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS
PARKING AT 6821 DARWELL
AVENUE:**

Veronica Sanchez gave the report. As the Commission is aware the City has a policy in place for On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons. Mr. Alfonso Davalos submitted an application for disabled person parking in front of his residence at 6821 Darwell Avenue. The application included a written medical diagnosis from his physician and a copy of his disabled persons placard. The Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation. His home is located on the west side of Darwell Avenue. There are multiple parking spaces inside the property, however the house is being rented to him and both of the property owners are handicapped and utilize the parking within the property. Therefore, parking at the curb in front of his home would provide the most convenient parking. After review, it is staff's recommendation that the Commission approve for City Council consideration the installation of 20 feet of blue curb, pavement legend and signage. It should be noted that anyone with a placard can park there. Additionally Mr. Davalos was advised of the meeting and is not with us today.

Chairperson Hoyt says she feels there is enough parking inside at least for three vehicles so it is a No for her. Commissioner Gavilanes agreed with denying it, he feels there could be parking for 4 cars there. Commissioner Galvan agreed.

Chairperson Hoyt asked for a motion to deny staff's recommendation. Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
OF JANUARY 3, 2017:**

Commissioner Gavilanes made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Oropeza thanked the Commission for serving and attending tonight's meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM
THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Gavilanes and Commissioner Galvan had no comments.
Chairperson Hoyt welcomed Mr. Oropeza back it's been several years since he was at one of our meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.

APPROVED BY:

Sally Hoyt, Chairperson

Submitted by:



Veronica Sanchez, Secretary