

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission  
Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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The Agenda for this meeting was posted on January 7, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Chair Calandra; Vice Chair Krulikowski; Commissioners Paden; Ortega, Justice

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Richard Leja; Engineering Project Manager Jeffrey Manchester; Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard; Police Lieutenant Stoney; Fire Chief Manns; Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra; Administrative Office Assistant Carla Vaughn

**INVOCATION** – COMMISSIONER JUSTICE

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

NONE

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**

Mr. Manchester reported on the four items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved or completed since the December 5, 2018 Traffic Commission meeting (See agenda attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2019). Commission questions and discussion followed regarding the traffic action items.

**2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

Mr. Manchester gave an update on the status of the traffic calming as of December 27, 2018 (See agenda attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 12-27-2018).

Director Leja gave an overview of the actions taken by the City Council regarding the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Annual Report. He noted that the Council accepted the 2019 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Work Plan with the following changes:

- a. Adding an “\*” to Sacramento Drive to Quadrant III of the 2019 Work Plan. Sacramento Drive will receive Phase I Traffic Calming if a scheduled 2019 work plan segment cannot be implemented.
- b. Phase 1 Traffic Calming on Violet Street will move forward with implementation.

Director Leja stated the Council approved items 1-8 of the Recommended Clarifications to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and on items 9-11, the Council voted as follows:

9. Increase residential voting threshold for speed humps or speed tables from 50%+1 to 67%  
*Council accepted staff recommendation – Implementation of this item is not recommended. It is recommended to leave the 50%+1 criteria approved by Council last year.*
10. Increase 85th percentile speed criteria from 7mph to 10mph over designated speed limit  
*Council voted to delete this change to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program*
11. Include adjacent streets in petition voting process when speed humps are selected.  
*Council accepted staff recommendation, except that the polling limits shall be limited to those determined by the City Engineer*

Vice chair Krulikowski stated, regarding item 9, the threshold is actually much higher than the Commission recommended because the Commission understood the threshold to be 50% of the 67% of responding residents as opposed to 50% +1 of all residents.

Mr. Manchester reported that the interactive maps on the City's website were presented to Council. Commission questions and discussion followed regarding the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and interactive maps.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

Jalqueline German, 9284 Brier Road

Ms. German expressed safety concerns regarding vehicles parking in front of her residence. She requests a traffic evaluation and would then like a red curb, yellow curb or signage installed.

Virginia German, 9284 Brier Road

Ms. German stated she is very concerned for her safety because of cars parking in front of her residence. She said cars remain parked for 3-4 days and that she has called the police on several occasions. She requests a traffic evaluation and would then like a red curb, yellow curb or signage installed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2018 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**

**ACTION:** Chair Calandra moved to approve the minutes making one correction to item 9 reflecting that he made the motion. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

**AYES:** Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **4. WORK PLAN 2019**

Director Leja presented the FY 2019 Work Plan to the Commission. Considerable commission discussion followed regarding the goals and tracking milestones on the 2019 Work Plan.

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive

Mrs. Hermsmeier inquired about future traffic calming on Lemon Avenue. She also asked about a neighbors' street light on Beaumont being out and how to go about getting it turned back on.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the work plan with the following additions:

- Add Goal 6. Commissioners to attend traffic related public meetings on a rotating basis
- Add Goal 7. Commissioners to attend continuing education as available and/or provide updates at meetings
- Add tracking milestone to Goal 1. Report to include removal of items from list of streets, due on a bi-annual basis
- Add tracking milestone to Goal 2. Respond within 90 days when a completed petition is received
- Add tracking milestone to Goal 3. Respond within 90 days when a completed petition is received
- Add tracking milestones to Goal 4.
  - a. Annual report, due in July, to be provided as determined by staff
  - b. Recommendations of Capital Improvements Projects based on budget

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

## **5. VISION ZERO POLICY**

Director Leja reviewed the Vision Zero Policy with the Commission. Commissioner Ortega suggested using Police traffic data to show progress of the policy and present findings on an annual basis in July. Police Lieutenant Stoney stated he would provide a report of collision, grant and traffic safety data at a future meeting. Director Leja suggested presenting the CIP budget to the Commission at the March meeting. Considerable Commission questions and discussion followed regarding the Vision Zero Policy.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the Visions Zero Policy as proposed. Chair Calandra seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

## **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

NONE

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

NONE

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Scooter Agreement discussion
2. Noticed agenda item, non-traffic safety red curb – 9284 Brier Road
3. Federal Grant applications status

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.