

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS**

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Kurata at 6:02 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 of March 17, 2020, and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

b. Roll Call

The following Commissioners responded to the roll call by Deputy City Clerk Abbott: Commissioner Carmody, Commissioner Cozzolino, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon, Administrative Analyst Bucklew, Sheriff's Deputy Despot, and L.A. County Traffic Engineer Guilmette.

Present: Carmody, Cozzolino, Ballard, and Kurata

Absent: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 21, 2021

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Ballard, to approve the minutes, with a correction to be made under COMMISSIONER ITEMS, to read that "Vice-Chair Ballard stated that he had submitted a request to Director Dillon about adding *right turn arrows to Lomita Boulevard, on the street, heading to Narbonne Avenue in both the north and south directions*. She stated that the Technical Traffic Advisory Committee (TTAC) will review his request at their next meeting."

The draft minutes inadvertently stated that Vice-Chair Ballard had requested a *left turn lane arrow at the intersection of Narbonne and Lomita Boulevard*.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Carmody, Cozzolino, Ballard, and Kurata
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

4. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SIGN CHANGES ON PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH

Traffic Engineer Guilmette presented the staff report as per the agenda material.

Deputy Despot stated that the sign changes would still allow residents and customers of nearby businesses to park legally while dissuading abusers who park vehicles they live in or use for storage from parking overnight.

Vice-Chair Ballard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino, to recommend to City Council to install signs as follows:

1. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" sign (modified R32D (CA)) with left arrow on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at a point 120 feet east of the east curb line of Rolling Vista Drive.
2. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" signs (modified R32D (CA)) with double arrows on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at points 220 feet, 420 feet, 620 feet, 820 feet, 1020 feet and 1120 feet east of the east curb line of Rolling Vista Drive.
3. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" sign (modified R32D (CA)) with right arrow (modified R32D (CA)) on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at a point 1290 feet east of the east curb line of Rolling Vista Drive (install at west curb line of driveway entrance for Harbor Hills).

5. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy Despot reported on the following:

- An elderly woman was fatally injured early this morning when attempting to cross the street near the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue
- Supplemental traffic enforcement was approved at the July 20, 2021, City Council meeting
- Traffic enforcement statistics in Lomita for May and June
- Sheriff's deputies will perform crosswalk stings once school reopens in the Fall
- The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has seen an increase in panga boats (carrying drugs and/or people) along the Coast

6. STAFF UPDATES - Informational only, no staff report.

Director Dillon stated that City staff has recently improved or implemented two red curbs in Lomita. The City has acquired electronic message boards for displaying information such as "No Fireworks" along Narbonne Avenue and in other frequently-travelled locations. Staff recently ordered two mobile speed signs to alert drivers if they are going too fast. The functional change of Pennsylvania Avenue from a collector street to a local street was approved by the City Council and relevant documents will be filed with Caltrans.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette stated that she continues to research Vice-Chair Ballard's request regarding adding right turn arrows to two segments of Lomita Boulevard at the intersection with Narbonne Avenue.

7. UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL ANTI-GANG AND DRUG FREE WALK - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy City Clerk Abbott gave an update on the virtual event, which took place on May 7, 2021. There were appearances by special guest speakers, Deputy Despot, and a K-9 unit. Essay contest winners (as selected by the Commission) from the three participating schools were announced during the event, and the top essay was read aloud by fifth grader Chirsten Gloria.

Deputy Despot stated that he hopes the event is in-person next year.

OTHER MATTERS

8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Carmody remarked upon the South Bay Cities Council of Governments' Local Travel Network Strategic Plan. He stated that there had been a dognapping near the McDonald's on Pacific Coast Highway. He inquired regarding the status of the well water and the Granular Activated Carbon System.

Director Dillon stated that construction should be completed by Summer 2022.

Commissioner Cozzolino stated that the City Council approved the classification change to Pennsylvania at the July 6, 2021, meeting. Council also approved two contracts: one related to groundwater pumping rights, and the other for hydrogeologic and groundwater mitigation evaluations.

9. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 – Commissioner Cozzolino

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – Chair Kurata

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Linda E. Abbott, Deputy City Clerk