

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Vice-Chairperson Howell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Mary Ann Worden
Commissioner Stephen Kennedy

ABSENT: Commissioner Diana Martinez (staff received notification of Commissioner Martinez's absence on 7/8/16)
Commissioner Jose Castillo (staff received no notification of Commissioner Castillo's absence)

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Russell, P.E., City Engineer
James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
Eric Petersen approached the Commission to comment that last week he attended the Silicone Valley Bike Summit in Mountain View, which was an excellent event. The event was attended by many government representatives and Mr. Petersen would like to get more attendees from Salinas next year. Mr. Petersen provided a summary of the event.

Mr. Petersen spoke about the issue of "Road Diets", an item that was considered at this week's City Council meeting.

Mr. Petersen reported the Loading Zone and Bus Zone signs at the new Taylor Building do not designate hours or any other information.

McGregor Eddy approached the Commission to apologize for an error that appeared in her column. She provided statistics for Salinas for bicyclists, which were actually statistics for pedestrians. Mrs. Eddy has provided the corrected information to Commissioners.

Mrs. Eddy also provided information regarding the Cyclovia event.

4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 14, 2016

COMMISSIONER WORDEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (4/14/16 MINUTES), COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION REPORTS:

1. ANNUAL ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve one-year terms.

COMMISSIONER WORDEN NOMINATED HERSELF TO SERVE AS COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HOWELL TO SERVE AS COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND COMMISSIONER WORDEN TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR; COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. REPORT ON SCHOOL SAFETY ACTIVITIES

COMMISSION ACTION: No Action Necessary ~ Informational Report only

James Serrano provided his report, on file in the Public Works Department. Commissioners provided comments; staff provided information and answered general questions.

2. TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

COMMISSION ACTION: No Action Necessary ~ Informational Report only

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5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Worden reported since the lights on John and Alisal Streets have been changed, you cannot see them flashing when people are standing near them and blocking them.
- B. Commissioner Kennedy commented regarding the City of Fremont's "Vision Zero" Program. He would like to see this item brought forward to the Commission.
- C. Commissioner Viarengo reported when headed west on Gabilan Street, the traffic signal is blocked at Main Street due to overgrown trees.

Commissioner Viarengo reported the striping on Sherwood Drive needs to be improved. When you make a left turn from Bernal, headed onto Natividad, the striping is almost gone. Also on Central, near Hartnell, the striping is very faint.

- D. Commissioner Flescher reported about a year ago there was a problem with the traffic signal at Beacon Hill and Constitution, it would turn green when there were no cars on Beacon. The signal had been fixed for awhile, but it seems to not be working again.

Commissioner Flesher asked about the lighted signs that are placed at some intersections, some of them do not come on when it gets dark. James Serrano advised staff is in the process of updating this lighting.

- E. Commissioner Worden reported the paint markings on dividers at intersections has faded, John and Williams and Market and Williams are really bad.

Commissioner Worden reported the lighted sign at Orchard and Sanborn needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Worden commented the paint around some of the signal lights they've been working on is not complete, the black paint has not been refreshed and the silver underneath is causing a bad glare. Sanborn and John is particularly bad.

Commissioner Worden commented regarding the need for a traffic signal at Constitution and Las Casitas

Commissioner Worden was happy to report that covered bus shelters have been installed on Del Monte Street.

- F. Commissioner Howell commented regarding the Community Safety Meeting held last night at Mission Park School. It was a very interesting and encouraging meeting.

Commissioner Howell thanked the rest of the Commission for her nomination as Commission Chairperson.

Rob Russell advised McGregor Eddy left some items for Commissioners if they are interested in reviewing.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: September 8, 2016

All Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Howell, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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