

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**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 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, in the Lomita City Hall Council Chambers, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

b. Flag Salute

Chair Kurata led the salute to the flag.

c. Roll Call

The following Commissioners responded to the roll call by Deputy City Clerk Abbott: Commissioners Ballard, Cozzolino, and Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody and Chair Kurata. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon and L.A. County Traffic Engineer Guilmette (arrived at 6:16 p.m.).

**Present:** Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Carmody, and Kurata

**Absent:** Commissioners: None

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 18, 2019

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Carmody recommending the Commission approve the minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Carmody, and Kurata

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RECUSE:** None

## SCHEDULED MATTERS

### **4. REQUEST FOR MULTI-WAY STOP CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF CAYUGA AVENUE AT 259<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Traffic Advisor Irena Guilmette presented the staff report and responded to Commission questions. She recommended that the Public Safety & Traffic Commission concur with the Technical Traffic Advisory Committee recommendation to install signage to educate drivers of the speed limit on Cayuga Avenue.

Nancy Sanchez, a Lomita resident, stated that signage will not assist with visibility at that intersection, which is the biggest issue, so she asked that the City not spend money on any such signs and effectively withdrew her request.

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Carmody to deny the original request in response to Ms. Sanchez's comments.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSE: None

### **5. TRAFFIC REQUEST UPDATES**

Director Dillon stated that a request regarding the intersection of Hillcrest and Western Avenues had been referred to Caltrans, who concurred with the request and installed additional red paint there. Another request, for additional "no parking" signs on northbound Crenshaw Boulevard north of Lomita Boulevard, was recently fulfilled, making it clearer to drivers.

### **6. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

None.

## OTHER MATTERS

### **7. DISCUSSION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Director Dillon presented a brief overview of Public Safety and Traffic Commission policies and procedures. She stated that the Municipal Code contains some good related elements, but that updates and clarification are needed. She added that she would like to present a draft updated policy at a future meeting, followed by City Council review and approval.

Director Dillon suggested that the Commission present quarterly reports to the Council in an effort to improve communication between the two entities.

There was discussion relative to the Commission referring relevant items to the Council, and of scheduling a joint PSTC-Council joint meeting in the future.

## **8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Vice-Chair Carmody inquired about the ongoing traffic problems at Popeyes. Director Dillon stated that the City, the Sheriff's Department and the business owner are working together to find solutions.

Vice-Chair Carmody also inquired about the upcoming prohibition on parking on Pacific Coast Highway in the City. Director Dillon stated that it will go into effect after residents and businesses have been notified and signage has posted.

Vice-Chair Carmody then spoke of his recent visit to the City's water treatment plant. Director Dillon stated that the current water-related issues are being investigated but there are no results yet.

Commissioner Sloane spoke of his attendance at the September 17, 2019, City Council meeting, where a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Job Creation and Business Incentive Program forgivable loan was presented to the owners of Lomita business Corridor Flow.

## **9. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 20, 2020 – Commissioner Cozzolino

## **10. STAFF ITEMS – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **11. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2019**

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino to re-appoint Irene Kurata as Chair and John Carmody as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSE: None

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



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Linda Abbott, Deputy City Clerk