

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020
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 Vice-Chair Carmody at 6:05 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 of March 17, 2020, and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

a. Roll Call

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

Present: Commissioners: Ballard, Sloane, and Carmody

Absent: Commissioners: Cozzolino and Kurata

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Abbott read into the record an emailed statement from Cynthia Bilodeau regarding litter and untended landscaping in the vicinity of Palos Verdes Drive North between Rolling Vista Drive and Western Avenue. (This was read under item 4 in error.)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 15, 2020 minutes

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ballard to approve the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS

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

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

In response to questions from Vice-Chair Carmody, Deputy Despot stated that one Rolling Hills Estates resident essentially stores his motorhome there because that city has an ordinance prohibiting parking of oversized vehicles on the street. This has created a snowball effect and now other people park their motorhomes in that area. Some people live in them, which has created problems with drugs and prostitution at the location. Large commercial vehicles park there as well so the drivers can eat at Jack-in-the-Box across the street. Currently there is a 72-hour parking limit but those who park there understand the system and move their motorhomes just enough to avoid getting towed. New signage will mean far fewer violators, as those who do not observe the parking restrictions will receive tickets (daily if necessary) and their motorhomes will eventually be towed.

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, to recommend to City Council to:

1. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" sign (modified R32D (CA)) with right arrow on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at a point 240 feet west of the west curb line of Rolling Vista Drive.
2. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" sign (modified R32D (CA)) with double arrow on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at points 350 feet, 450 feet, and 550 feet west of the west curb line of Rolling Vista Drive.
3. Install "30 MIN PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM" sign with left arrow (modified R32D (CA)) on the south side of Palos Verdes Drive North at a point 630 feet west of the west curb line of Rolling Vista Drive.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

5. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Deputy Despot had no update, but commended City staff for taking a field trip to the site discussed in item 4 and for asking all the right questions of the Sheriff's Department. He also thanked Traffic Advisor Guilmette for the outstanding report.

6. STAFF UPDATES

Director Dillon stated that the City had recently been contacted by the City of Rolling Hills Estates regarding the installation of traffic cameras (of the plate-reader variety) at Palos Verdes Drive North and Rolling Vista Drive. She added that information can be requested as needed, and that the cameras will be operating soon.

Director Dillon stated that the Technical Traffic Advisory Commission (TTAC) is now able to authorize certain red curbs without Council approval, due to the policy changes implemented a couple of months ago. In addition, an ad hoc street sweeping committee was formed to consider changes to the schedule.

In response to a question from Vice-Chair Carmody, Director Dillon stated that the stormwater tax passed by Los Angeles County voters in November 2018 goes toward clean water and reducing runoff. The County administers the funds and the City will be looking at projects that can utilize the monies, which amount to \$230,000 annually to Lomita.

In response to a question from Commissioner Ballard, Director Dillon stated that funds cannot be used toward work before the rainy season, as there are no projects even in the design phase at this time. She added that the funds can be accumulated over five years and put to use for a larger project if desired. On an annual basis, the City cleans all capture devices on storm drains and some of the funds will likely be used toward that cost.

OTHER MATTERS

7. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice-Chair Carmody stated that at last night's Council meeting Heidi Butzine of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Sunday Farmers Market and asked residents to support it. In addition, the Council expressed its support for the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

Commissioner Sloane stated that the PSTC's recommendation to Council concerning left turn signage on Palos Verdes Drive North was approved by the Council at their August 4, 2020, meeting. Several Lomita businesses were also approved to receive CARES Act funding. The temporary moratorium on residential and commercial foreclosures and evictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic was extended through September 30, 2020.

Commissioner Ballard asked if any of the County stormwater tax monies could be designated toward capture and reuse of such water. Director Dillon stated that it would be considered.

8. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Commissioner Sloane

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – Commissioner Ballard (tentatively)

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Abbott', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Linda E. Abbott, Deputy City Clerk