

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06, 2024

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission Vice Chair Neill Kovrig called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | COMMISSIONERS: | ERICKSON, KOVRIG, CLARK, HILMES, HOAGLIN |
| ABSENT: | COMMISSIONERS: | SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, PEDERSON, FREEMAN |

Also present were: Development Services Director/City Engineer Isaac Etchamendy; Traffic Engineer Edd Alberto, Associate Engineer-Traffic Damian Schoenecke; Senior Office Specialist Gina Jackson

4. SEATING OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Erickson was re-appointed as regular, Commissioner Clark was appointed regular from alternate, Natasha Hilmes was appointed as a new regular commissioner, and Brad Pederson was appointed as a new alternate commissioner.

5. SELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER KOVRIG AS THE NEW CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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| AYES: | COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON, CLARK, HILMES, HOAGLIN |
| NOES: | COMMISSIONERS: NONE |
| ABSENT: | COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, PEDERSON, FREEMAN |
| ABSTAIN: | COMMISSIONERS: KOVRIG |

COMMISSIONER NEILL KOVRIG IS THE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024 TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER ERICKSON AS THE NEW VICE CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOVRIG. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: KOVRIG, CLARK, HILMES, HOAGLIN
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, PEDERSON, FREEMAN
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON

COMMISSIONER KIRK ERICKSON IS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024 TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes, January 03, 2024

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON MAKES A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS RECORDED; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARK. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON, KOVRIG, CLARK, HILMES, HOAGLIN
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, PEDERSON, FREEMAN
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. La Sombra Drive – Speed Feedback Sign Installation
Damian Schoenecke, Associate Engineer-Traffic gave the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN

Neile Simon, resident on Las Sombra – expressed her thanks to the City for their work and communication to her to get the speeding issue resolved on this street. Indicated that it's been difficult getting CHP out to issue citations on the County side of the street, and that having more enforcement with the traffic calming measures implemented by the City will help with resolving the speeding.

Staff response: Staff indicated that they were in contact with a sergeant from the CHP about the speeding issue and gave the CHP sergeant the Sheriff's traffic sergeant's information to work on a team collaboration for enforcement.

Commissioner's discussions included: Speed feedback sign on opposite side of road; coordination with the high school on parking education.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CLOSED

ACTION:

COMMISSIONER ERICKSON MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL THE SPEED FEEDBACK SIGN; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOAGLIN. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: ERICKSON, KOVRIG, CLARK, HILMES, HOAGLIN
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: SCHELLENGER, CARROLL, PEDERSON, FREEMAN
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

10. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Work Order Updates:** Knob Hill and Bennett Ave received pedestrian improvements with a high visibility crosswalk. The North and south pedestrian crossings at Borden Road and Camino Magnifico have been reconfigured to an exclusive pedestrian phase.

- b. **San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Traffic Collision Summary and Accident Investigation Log:**

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| DUI/Alcohol Arrests: | Jan (21) | Feb (14) | YTD (35) |
| DUI Accidents: | Jan (9) | Feb (6) | YTD (15) |
| Fatal Collisions: | Jan (4) | Feb (0) | YTD (4) |
| Injury Collisions: | Jan (23) | Feb (20) | YTD (43) |
| Non-Injury Collisions: | Jan (26) | Feb (35) | YTD (61) |
| Bicyclist Collisions: | Jan (5) | Feb (2) | YTD (7) |
| NTA Citations/Hazardous: | Jan (155) | Feb (104) | YTD (259) |
| NTA Citations/Non-Hazardous | Jan (57) | Feb (37) | YTD (94) |


- c. **Traffic Commission Commentary:** Chair Kovrig thanked the Commissioners and is looking forward to this year.
- d. **Staff Commentary:** Edd Alberto was introduced as the new City Traffic Engineer. Work on the Active Transportation Plan is moving forward. Staff updated the Commission with the new traffic signal timing preliminary results. Per Commissioner Carroll's comment at the last meeting and emails regarding the two signals on Discovery Drive, Exploration and Denver. Staff reviewed the signals and made adjustments to the signal timings. The City-Wide Speed Surveys will be taken to City Council in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kovrig adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.


NEILL KOVRIG, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ATTEST:


GINA JACKSON, SENIOR OFFICE SPECIALIST
CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC COMMISSION