



# CITY OF ATWATER

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

### ACTION MINUTES

September 17, 2009

#### CALL TO ORDER:

*The City of Atwater Traffic Commission met in regular session this date at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Chairperson Hawthorne presiding.*

#### ROLL CALL:

**Present:** Police Chief Hawthorne Commission Members, Senior Planner Hendrix, Commissioner Mosley-Maples Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, and Warchol  
**Staff Present:** City Engineer Hollstein, and Recording Secretary Mead  
**Staff Absent:** Streets Division/Park Manager Sorensen

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

*Michael D Lamata, Ret SGT. First Class of Atwater, reported on skateboarders utilizing SaveMart as a skateboarding area. He reported the skateboarders at Osborn Park are violating the rules of the skatepark. Mr. Lamata is concerned about the speeding traffic on the following roads: Bellevue Road, Linden Street through Palm Avenue, and Village Circle. He specifically reported city workers and Police Department vehicles speeding on Village Circle traveling to and from City Hall. Mr. Lamata stated "Safety is everyone's responsibility." He recognized the Police Department cannot be everywhere however suggested using speed traps or the radar trailer to slow traffic on the aforementioned locations.*

*Police Chief Hawthorne thanked Mr. Lamata for his comments.*

#### MINUTES:

Minutes from regular meeting July 16, 2009

**Recommendation:** Approval of Minutes.

*The correction was noted under the Traffic Commissioners comments. Secretary Mead read the following statement into the minutes at the request of Commissioner Warchol: "It is inappropriate for this commission to debate the merits of the embedded lighted crosswalks versus stoplights because the decision has already been made by the City Council."*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Raymond moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Creighton and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, Warchol; Noes: None; Absent: The motion carried.*

Minutes from regular meeting August 20, 2009

**Recommendation:** Approval of Minutes.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Raymond moved approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Mosley-Maples Hendrix, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, Warchol; Noes: None; Absent: The motion carried.*

**BUSINESS:**

Request for discussion of School Zone designations and Traffic Signs.

*Hollstein reported on the aforementioned. Hollstein will research the School Zone sign in front of Peggy Heller School to see if the sign should be placed in a different location.*

*Commissioner Crieghton requested an audit of all school zone sign sites to assure correct placement.*

**REPORTS, FOLLOW-UP AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*None*

**TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Warchol reported on possible road closures. The closures will be the southbound lanes of Applegate Road and Buhach Road for a period of time in the month of December 2009. He was unsure if the closures are located in the City limits. Both areas will be closed at the same time. He also reported the 16<sup>th</sup> Street off ramp in Merced will be closed during the same time frame.*

Police Chief Hawthorne reported he knew of the closures however could not confirm Buhach Road.

Commissioner Blackwood reported the Northbound exit for Atwater Boulevard will be closed September 20, 2009 thru December 31<sup>st</sup> and Applegate Road will be closed on September 23, 2009.

Commission Blackwood inquired about the closure date of the Buhach Road and Bellevue Road intersection.

Hollstein stated Caltrans notified the City of the Buhach Road closure. Hollstein reported the intersection at Juniper Avenue, West of Shaffer Road, will be ground out, regraded and repaved with asphalt. He reported when Juniper Avenue is closed, Buhach Road will remain open. Hollstein stated traffic counters are around the City collecting data to keep track of speed and traffic counts.

Commissioner Warchol inquired if the Traffic Commission was tasked by the City of Council to recommend a location for a third embedded crosswalk.

Hawthorne reported staff is researching a third location however the City must complete the first two due to budget constraints.

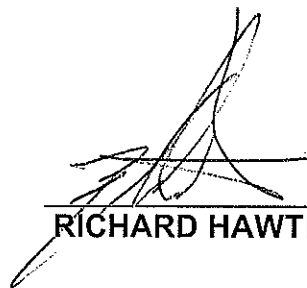
Commissioner Mosley-Maples stated the following "To the Chairperson and Commissioners, I am sorry that I was absent for a few times but I had family illness. But I missed it."

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourned meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warchol and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, and Warchol; Noes: None. Absent: The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED



RICHARD HAWTHORNE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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Patricia Mead, Recording Secretary