



# CITY OF ATWATER

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

### ACTION MINUTES

**August 20, 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, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, and Warchol

**Absent:** Senior Planner Hendrix, Commissioner Mosley-Maples

**Staff Present:** Streets Division/Park Manager Sorensen, City Engineer Hollstein, and Recording Secretary Ruiz

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

*DAN BRUNGER, Atwater, would like to comment about the traffic out on Sycamore and Applegate; Winton Way and Atwater Boulevard. He understands that the solution is not easy and that it will not solve the problem. He would like to propose one step towards that solution. The left hand turn lane on Applegate that turns to the Scrap Metal Yard is a major bottle neck. He has sat there and watched the traffic and very few people use that turning lane and by not allowing traffic to use it to go straight ahead no traffic can make a right hand turn on the Sycamore to get on the freeway. He would like to propose to somehow we take that left hand turn light, going southbound and make that left lane ok on a yield when the light is green. Everybody else can go straight and the other traffic can make the right turn if they want. Another solution is making the right hand turn lane, right hand turn only and make the other lane that is left go straight or make a left.*

MINUTES:

Minutes from regular meeting July 16, 2009

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

**MOTION: Commissioner Warchol moved to pull the minutes of July 16, 2009 for corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, Warchol; Noes: None; Absent: Hendrix, Mosley-Maples. The motion carried.**

BUSINESS:

Request for discussion and recommendation for an additional embedded crosswalk based on Council's suggestions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Raymond moved to bring back this item to the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Creighton and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Blackwood, Raymond, Creighton, Warchol; Noes: None; Absent: Hendrix, Mosley-Maples. The motion carried.**

REPORTS, FOLLOW-UP AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Follow up on placing a guide sign on Almador Terrace indicating Albiani Park.

**Streets Division/Park Manager reported that he still has not received the signs for Albiani Park, The signs will be up on Almador Terrace with arrows showing that Albiani Park is down east Grove.**

Follow up on street sign with Dead End affixed on sign.

**Streets Division/Park Manager Sorensen stated that in regards to the sign that Senior Planner Hendrix took a picture of and brought in, the dead end affixed to the street name sign, he has yet to find that on any of his books as a sign. He does not know where Senior Planner Hendrix obtained the picture. Streets Division/Park Manager Sorensen recommended to place a "Not a Through Street" sign at beginning of E. Grove Avenue as the Avenue does not dead end. Placing the sign should alleviate non-through traffic.**

**Commissioner Raymond stated that the street signs at Almador Terrace and Grove Avenue are missing.**

TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

**Police Chief Hawthorne welcomed Commissioner Creighton and appreciates his interest in participating. If he has any questions, please let him know and he will**

also have his recording secretary provide him with a guide book for Commissioner's.

City Engineer Hollstein stated that he is a member of the Institute for Traffic Engineers and in their latest issue there was a letter from the AAA Foundation Traffic Safety on people obeying the traffic laws. It is interesting as information.

Streets Division/Park Manager Sorensen would like to provide an update on the sidewalks they are currently installing. The handicap ramp has been installed at Shaffer School. Tomorrow morning they will be installing the handicap ramp at the Shell gas station at Olive Avenue and Winton Way. The lights have been ordered for the both of those sidewalks and it takes eight to ten weeks to receive them. They are in the fourth week and it will be another four weeks before receiving them. As soon as they are in they will start to install them.

Commissioner Raymond welcomed Commissioner Creighton it is a pleasure to have him here, he is extremely knowledgeable and his reputation precedes him. He asked Chief Hawthorne if he was able to find the criteria to establish a school zone.

Police Chief Hawthorne responded to Commissioner Raymond.

City Engineer Hollstein announced that the City is getting ready to start construction on Buhach Road, Juniper Avenue, and Shaffer Road in the near future. They will be working with the contractor's to have only one of the streets closed at any one time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

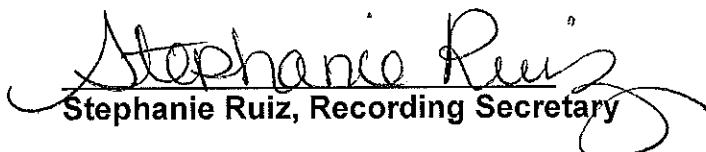
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED



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RICHARD HAWTHORNE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



Stephanie Ruiz, Recording Secretary