



CITY OF ATWATER

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

January 15, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Police Chief Hawthorne, Senior Planner Hendrix, Commission Members, Mosley-Maples, Davis, Raymond,
Absent: None
Staff Present: City Engineer Hollstein, Streets Division Manager Sorensen, and Recording Secretary Mead.
Staff Absent: None

Police Chief Hawthorne requested to amend the agenda to swear -in Commissioner Fred Wachol. Commissioner Warchol is preceding Commissioner Brunger.

MOTION: Commission Member Raymond moved to amend agenda to Swear in Commissioner Warchol. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples, Davis, and Raymond Noes: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fred Warchol was sworn into office.

ROLL CALL

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The notice to the public was read.

Anita Mason of Fruitland Avenue Atwater, CA reported several traffic concerns on Fruitland Avenue. She reported vehicles rolling through stop signs, speeding, near collisions and cars passing other cars that are stopped. Ms. Mason acknowledged the effort by the neighborhood to have stop signs erected however vehicles are not stopping. She requested the Traffic Department to re-evaluate the area for optional traffic calming measures to provide a safer area. She requested placement of speed bumps to slow down traffic. She met with Council Members and was assured this item would be placed on the agenda. Ms. Mason also mentioned she spoke to Assistant Chief Pietro to have the light bulb changed atop of the stop sign. She thanked the Commission.

Streets Division Manager Sorensen stated he will fix the lights today.

MINUTES

Minutes from regular meeting November 20, 2008

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: *Commission Member Raymond moved to approve minutes as listed. The motion was seconded by Senior Planner Hendrix and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples, Davis, Raymond and Warchol; Noes: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.*

BUSINESS

Request to modify the right hand turn only lane at the intersection of East Juniper Avenue and Buhach Road to allow traffic to ravel thru the intersection onto Avenue Two.

MOTION: *Commission Member Raymond moved to provide Police Chief Hawthorne the authority, if resolution is required to write resolution, and submit to Council to have the right hand turn only lane and signage abolished. And if a resolution is not needed, to have the lane and signage changed. The motion was seconded by Senior Planner Hendrix and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples, Raymond, Davis and Warchol; Noes: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.*

Request to review Commissioner's Handbook.

All Commissioners have agreed to review the Handbook. All questions or suggestions will be referred to Police Chief Hawthorne via telephone or email. If there are any corrections or amendments to be made, the handbook will be presented to the other commissions to be reviewed. This item will be placed on the February 19, 2009 agenda.

REPORTS, FOLLOW-UP AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Raymond inquired if the City has an ordinance forbidding real estate signs from being on city right of way.

Police Chief Hawthorne will research the Municipal Code and will provide Commission Raymond with an answer.

Police Chief Hawthorne requested Ms. Mason's request under public comments to be placed on the next agenda. Police Chief Hawthorne acknowledged receiving calls from Ms. Mason and he sent an Officer to patrol the area. The officer cited vehicles.

Davis mentioned the Commission has previously discussed speed bumps on Fruitland Avenue.

Raymond inquired if Fruitland Avenue will be a thru street from Winton Way within six months.

Hollstien reported Fruitland Avenue is being reviewed under the General Plan by the Traffic Consultant for classification i.e. Residential or a Collector street. He noted the City is trying to coordinate the traffic signal lights on Bellevue Road to improve traffic flow.

Davis inquired if the southbound left turn lane on Atwater Boulevard could be extended as he has experienced traffic congestion. Davis also commended the City on the Applegate project.

Hollstien reported a widening project has been recommended to resolve the congestion in the left turn lane on Atwater Boulevard.

Hendrix suggested Hollstein bring the traffic plan to the Commission for clarification.

Mosely-Maples complimented the City on the positive changes made to the City.

Warchol noticed the Commission has been without a School Representative for some time. Warchol stated he will make an attempt to contact the School District to see if the Commission may obtain a representative. He noted the majority of the City's pedestrians are students and it is vital to protect them.

MOTION: *Commissioner Raymond moved to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Davis and the vote was: Ayes: Hawthorne, Hendrix, Mosley-Maples Raymond, Davis and Warchol and Noes: None, Absent: None. The motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED



RICHARD HAWTHORNE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



Patricia Mead, Recording Secretary