



CITY OF ATWATER

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

July 16, 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, Blackwood, Raymond, and Warchol.
Absent: Mosley-Maples,
Staff Present: Recording Secretary Mead.
Staff Absent: City Engineer Hollstein, Streets Division Manager Sorensen

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The notice to the public was read. None present

MINUTES

Minutes from regular meeting June 18, 2009

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

Commission Raymond requested to amend minutes under Traffic Commissioners comments line #1. The reference to Thomas Olaeta School was misspoken. Commission Raymond amends the minutes to state Shaffer School. The minutes have been changed to reflect the correct School name.

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

BUSINESS

Request to review draft of costs associated with installing an embedded crosswalk or a controlled intersection at Winton Way and Olive Avenue.

Commissioner Warchol reported the City Council has already made a recommendation regarding the intersection at Winton Way and Olive Avenue. Warchol mentioned Council recommended a second crosswalk at a different location.

Police Chief Hawthorne reported Council may recommend a third crosswalk. Hawthorne suggested possible discussion on crosswalks at the next traffic commission meeting.

NOTE: City Council already approved embedded crosswalk. No Action needed

REPORTS, FOLLOW-UP AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Warchol stated "It is inappropriate for this Commission to debate the merits of the embedded lighted crosswalks versus stop lights because the decision has already been made by the City Council."

Commissioner Raymond requested the Traffic Commission research a possible solution for the left hand center lane located on Bellevue Road. He emphasized the center lane from Osborne Park to the intersections of Bellevue Road, Shaffer Road, and First Street known as 5 corners are confusing for vehicles because the arrows are not clearly marked and vehicles are using the through traffic lanes to make left hand turns.

Commissioner Raymond requested the overgrowth of vegetation at intersections around town, to be removed with emphasis on the older part of town especially on First Street.

Commissioner Blackwood reported the School bus drivers have the same concerns as the aforementioned

Commissioner Warchol inquired about the specific criteria to establish a school zone and factors involved to determine the exact distances for a school zone.

Commissioner Hawthorne will research the specific criteria and present findings to Commissioner Warchol.

Commissioner Warchol commented on graffiti to City signage. He inquired on the timeline to correct or replace the signs.

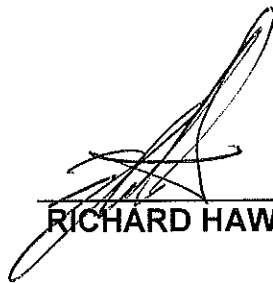
Police Chief Hawthorne reported the new signs must be ordered to replace the old signs.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

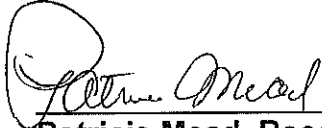
The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED



RICHARD HAWTHORNE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



Patricia Mead, Recording Secretary