

MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 24, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Boegh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road San Marino, CA 91108

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Boegh led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Chair Boegh, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioners Loeffler, Boozell, Ramirez and Alternate Dr. Lin

Commissioners Absent: NONE

City Officials Present: Parks & Public Works Director / City Engineer, Michael Throne, Police Chief John Incontro and Fire Chief Mario Rueda

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Question # 4 Public Comments:

- 1 - **Stephanie Johnson – Los Robles Ave.** – Commented on the responses and transparency regarding the process in developing these plans.
- 2 - **Mariam Nakamura – Quan – Kewen Drive** –Not sure why meeting notices aren't more consistent and transparent. Would like to see an ad hoc committee formed to audit these monies.
- 3- **Dale Pederson – Lorain Road** – Inquired about the 710 funds.
- 4 - **Richard Patlan – Lorain Road** – Spoke about the process of these particular projects. The priority should be public safety and reduce traffic including the safety of community. We should approach these projects differently.
- 5 - **Hector Gutierrez – Ridgeway Road** – spoke about the proposed safety features around our schools. Increased side traffic will be a larger public safety hazard.
- 6 - **Lily Cooper – Roanoke Road** – Spoke about increased traffic on Huntington Drive which will ultimately create a significant impact on side streets.
- 7 - **Brad Ball – Circle Drive** – How do we recommend a traffic study without the benefit of the traffic flow study, before we move ahead with specifics of a “decades old study”. Measure twice, cut once.
- 8 - **Wes Reutimann – Fleur Drive** – Does the City or Commission have an official stance on the road way capacity.

Chair Boegh asked that City Staff clarify the questions and post the questions on the City website. City Council will discuss these issues at the end of July. Absolutely the City Council is seeing everything from this meeting and items published on the website. Chair Boegh clarified that the City Council is the decision maker.

Rob Kerr - Recommended the City Council consider a contingency plan prior to adopting any plan. Is there any contingency plan? Has it been considered by the City / City Council? Has it been discussed? Prior to the July 26th meeting.

Question # 5 Public Comments:

- 1 - **Richard Catlan - Lorain Road** - Reduce traffic speed on San Marino Ave. and Lorain Road. Place a stop sign.
- 2 - **John Dustin – Davenport** - made suggestions regarding trees at Sierra Madre / Robles south east corner. Visibility is impaired due to the hedge over growth. Another suggestion at the left hand turn on Sierra Madre at the median where yellow posts are placed. It would be helpful if those yellow posts are considered to be brought back in order for normal vehicles to fit.
- 3 - **John Hicks – Roanoke Road** - Request that the \$32 million be rejected. Ask the authority to revisit the tunnel project. Asked the commission what are we buying / selling for \$32 million?
- 4 - **Karen Habib – S. Oak Knoll Ave.** - Why are we specifically directing the traffic from the 710 to San Marino? Let the vehicles choose which direction they wish to travel.
- 5 - **Wes Reutimann – Fleur Drive** - Suggested having an early pedestrian signal. It provides the pedestrian a head start to reduce crashes. Reduce speed on Sierra Madre and Huntington Drive.
- 6 - **Stan Pitts – Winston Road** - Stated that if it's not broke don't fix it. Dump the idea of the \$32 million.
- 7 - **Albert Lazzarini – Cumberland Road** - Spoke in regards to traffic on Huntington Drive cutting through side streets. Worried about the changes proposed.
- 8 - **Martin Jorjorian – Huntington Drive** - Concerned about angled parking considered being taken out.
- 9 - **Dr. Roumani – Oak Knoll** – Spoke about the lack of transparency since the inception of this project dating back to 2017. Before we decide on what direction to go, we should consider transparency and plan b.
- 10 - **Hal Suetsugu – Sycamore Drive** – Provided clarification and emphasized that he would like to see the City thrive. We are looking at signal synchronization because they are old. With this signal synchronization project we gain control. Currently we have no control. Stated his heart is with the schools and children. Would like the City to consider safety features that would reduce congestion and at the same time provide safety.
- 11 - **Stephanie Johnson – Los Robles Ave.** – Spoke about El Molino diverter project which pushed traffic onto Los Robles. Los Robles should be considered a residential street and not a main arterial

street. Enforcement issues on Los Robles where over weight trucks continue to travel. Another improvement to Los Robles is to remove traffic signals and replace them with stop signs.

- 12 - **Kevin Grayhorn – Sussex Road** – What consideration is being taken in regards to Waze application directing traffic into side streets? Waze is a technology you can use on your phone. Sussex is a short street and just below Huntington Drive where vehicles cut through using high speeds. Would suggest to have more enforcement and give the bulk of the money to the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission approved the minutes of the Public Safety Commission meeting of Monday, June 24, 2019.

2. ST. ALBANS ROAD SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS

Michael Throne, Director of Park and Public Works stated this was discussed at the May 2019 meeting. The signal modification will cost \$25,000.00. Staff's perspective is to consider changing the components in the signal cabinet. That is Staff's recommendation.

Public Safety Commission supports the split phase timing for the St. Albans / Huntington Drive intersection north bound and south bound direction. Commissioner Loeffler moved the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Ramirez. AYES: Chair Boegh, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioner Loeffler, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Boozell and Alternate Dr. Lin. NOES: None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. UPDATE ON RING CAMERA PROGRAM

Chief Incontro provided a report on this item stating the Department is proposing a rebate program which will be presented to City Council. Second item is working on a government program where residents will provide video surveillance related to crime.

4. Q & A REGARDING MEASURE R PROJECTS FOR SAN MARINO

Park and Public Works Director, Michael Throne provided a report on the list of questions received from the meetings held on the proposed projects. City Council will meet in July to consider where they will go with these project items.

5. IDEA GATHERING FOR SAN MARINO TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY PROJECTS

Recommendation that the Commission ask the City Council to direct staff to actually take some of the suggestions from the Community and address the possibility to modify some of these projects. Staff's recommendation is that they be allowed or directed to take the suggestions provided from the

Community and address the five 710 projects with the intent of ascertaining whether or not any changes could be made. If so to provide back to the community suggested modified projects.

We as a Commission need to determine whether or not we would like to request the City Council to direct Staff to refine the projects based upon input from the community and present those refined projects to this Commission at its July 15, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Jeff Boozell moved the motion; seconded by Commissioner Eugene Ramirez. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Chair Boegh, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Loeffler, Commissioner Boozell and Alternate Dr. Lin. NOES: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OR PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED

No written communication or public writings were distributed.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Boozell inquired if the Commission should consider moving their regular meeting from the City Council chambers into a different location.

Commissioner Boozell stated they met with Fire Chief Rueda on June 17, 2019 and received a great breakdown on the Fire Department's structure, etc.

Commissioner Ramirez also indicated they met with Chief Incontro and Commander Blonde' regarding the Police Department's structure, etc.

Chair Boegh stated we were considering changing the Public Safety Commission meetings to the fourth Monday of the month via a City Ordinance.

Chief Incontro stated that there is consideration to televise the meetings. As a result, we are working through this task and have it on hold. The recommended option to the Commission is to adjourn to a Special meeting as we do not know the availability for a larger venue.

Chair Boegh stated he would reach out to the City Manager remind her of the Commission's action taken and indicate there's a need for City Council to give Michael Throne direction during their Friday meeting. Put the preliminary revised proposed projects on the website by July 15, 2019 and the Commission can receive public comments on July 22, 2019.

Public Safety Commission unanimously moved to cancel the July 15, 2019 Public Safety Commission meeting and adjourn to a Special meeting on July 22, 2019.

Commissioner Boozell made a statement to email all of those who signed up at the Town Hall meeting the notification of our meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Department's monthly report was received and filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Department's monthly report was received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park and Public Works monthly report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boegh adjourned the Special meeting at 9:49 p.m. to hold a regular Public Safety Commission meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 2200 Huntington Drive San Marino, CA 91108.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO