

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
AUGUST 25, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morfin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Morfin.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Commissioner Lynch, Commissioner Maldonado, and Chairman Morfin responding to roll call. Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba was tardy and Commissioner Meza was absent.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez and Traffic Engineer Chris Cordero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Item 1 was moved on the agenda. Items were taken out of order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2022

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza, Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – MAY AND JUNE 2022

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report for May and June 2022.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for May and June 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza, Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba
ABSTAIN: None**

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JUNE AND JULY 2022

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report for June and July 2022.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for June and July 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza, Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba
ABSTAIN: None**

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

Assistant City Manager Haraksin declared that nominations were open for the position of Chairman.

Commissioner Morfin moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to nominate Commissioner Ojeisekhoba to serve as Chairman of the La Mirada Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Morfin, Ojeisekhoba,
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None**

Chairman Ojeisekhoba declared that nominations were open for the position of Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Morfin seconded to nominate Commissioner Lynch to serve as Vice Chairman of the La Mirada Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Morfin, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None**

COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – AUGUST 2022

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds provided an update on the Traffic Study Status Report for August 2022.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for August 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Morfin, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None**

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY ORAL UPDATE – AUGUST 2022

There was no update by the Fire Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. TRAFFIC STUDY OF GOLDEN LANTERN LANE AND KIBBEE AVENUE

Traffic Engineer Cordero reported on the results of the traffic study for Golden Lantern Lane and Kibbee Avenue. He said traffic data was collected on Golden Lantern Lane between Mayes Drive and Kibbee Avenue from June 22, 2022, through June 26, 2022. He said a high speed of 30 miles per hour (MPH) was recorded and a low speed of 8 MPH was recorded. He said the ranges were consistent with expected ranges for posted and non-posted speed limits on residential streets. He said the traffic volume was light

on Golden Lantern Lane and ranged from 302 to 331 vehicles per day. He said a field review was conducted on June 17 with Commissioner Meza in attendance. He said based on the speed analysis and traffic volumes, the installation of red curbing and a Stop sign were not warranted.

Vice Chairman Lynch moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to deny the request for the installation of red curbing on Golden Lantern Lane and deny the request for the installation of a Stop Sign at the intersection of Kibbee Avenue and Golden Lantern Lane.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Morfin, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None

8. TRAFFIC STUDY OF RATLIFF STREET AND WOODRIDGE AVENUE

Traffic Engineer Cordero reported on the results for the traffic study of Ratliff Street and Woodridge Avenue. He said a review of traffic collision records for the past five years revealed two collisions. He said if the accident history does not meet or exceed five or more accidents in a 12-month period a multi-way stop sign is not warranted. He said a sight distance triangle confirms the maximum visibility of greater than 300 feet for left turn movement meets the required 263 feet for 25 mph. He said that based on the number of traffic collisions, sight distance criteria, and vehicle volumes, the location does not meet the minimum criteria for multi-way stop signs and the installation is not recommended.

Commissioner Morfin moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to deny the request for a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Raftliff Street and Woodridge Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Morfin, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None

9. TRAFFIC STUDY OF BIOLA AVENUE AND SAN CRISTOBAL DRIVE

Traffic Engineer Cordero reported on the results of the traffic study of Biola Avenue and San Cristobal Drive. He said a review of traffic collision records for the past five years revealed two collisions within the studied area. He said pursuant to the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, if the collision history does not meet or exceed five or

more accidents in a 12-month period a multi-way stop sign is not warranted. He said a sight distance analysis was performed. A sight distance triangle confirmed the maximum visibility of greater than 350 feet for left turn movement meets the required 331 feet for 30 mph. He said the intersection was also analyzed for traffic volumes. He said based on the traffic collision history, sight distance criteria, and vehicle volumes, the minimum criteria for multi-way stop signs was not met and the installation of a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Biola Avenue and San Cristobal Drive is not warranted.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to deny the request for the installation of a multi-way stop at Biola Avenue and San Cristobal Drive.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Maldonado, Morfin, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Meza
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

10. 2022 FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT

Public Safety Supervisor Jose Amaya reported that on July 4, the City's Public Safety Team proactively enforced fireworks regulations by canvassing the community. He said the deployment consisted of seven deputies, eight Public Safety Officers, and four Code Enforcement Officers. He said seven vehicles were deployed consisting of one deputy paired with two City staff for officer safety purposes. He said from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4, 59 calls were dispatched for fireworks violations compared to 72 calls in 2021. He said the Public Safety Team issued 45 administrative citations for fireworks violations and all of the citations were issued for the possession or discharge of illegal fireworks. He said field observations indicated that the number of individuals celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks were similar in most areas compared to 2021. Calls for service were consistent throughout the night and subsided at approximately 10 p.m.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the City's 2022 fireworks enforcement.

11. UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres reported that public outreach and community engagement is an important part of community policing. She said Public Safety programs and events provide an opportunity for the team to connect with residents and build strong community partnerships to keep La Mirada safe. Officer Cipres provided an update on the Public Safety Team's recent programs and events including Neighborhood Watch meetings, the Summer Safety Series at Day Camp, Stroll in the Park, Popsicles with

Public Safety, National Night Out, Back to School celebrations, the Public Safety Poster Contest, and National Preparedness Month.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed Public Safety’s programs and events. Members of the Commission commended the Public Safety Team for their community outreach and events.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ojeisekhoba updated the Commission on a recent event he attended in Washington D.C.

The Commissioners expressed their condolences to Sergeant Hinojosa for the passing of his father.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin invited the Commissioners to the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash! and the upcoming Business Watch meeting. She also provided updates on the status of the automated license plate recognition system and the ordinance prohibiting the unauthorized possession of catalytic converters.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds announced he would be working in the Public Works Department, and it was his last Commission meeting.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds for his years of service to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Anne Haraksin, Assistant City Manager

John Ojeisekhoba, Chairman