

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

February 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Morfin in Council Chambers at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman David Morfin
Vice Chairman John Ojeisekhoba
Commissioner Michelle Lynch
Commissioner Angelo Maldonado
Commissioner Miguel Meza

Staff:

Mark Rounds, Senior Administrative Analyst
Sergeant Rodriguez, Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Gonzalez, Sheriff's Department
Emily Benavidez, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2022

Commissioner Lynch moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Lynch, Maldonado, Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba, Chairman Morfin

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Meza

COMMUNICATIONS

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – DECEMBER 2021

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report for December 2021.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for December 2021.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JANUARY 2022

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report for January 2022.

Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for January 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022

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

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

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF HEFLIN DRIVE AT VALEDA DRIVE

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the City received a request from resident Joel Garnica for the installation of an all-way stop control at the T-intersection of Heflin Drive and Valeda Drive. Mr. Rounds said that Mr. Garnica said that it is difficult for pedestrians to cross the street on Heflin Drive.

Mr. Rounds reported that the Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette studied the location. He said that 12-hour manual traffic counts, vehicular volumes, and a field review of the location along with a review of the five-year collision history on file with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department were analyzed. He said the data determined that an all-way stop control at the intersection of Heflin Drive and Valeda Drive is not warranted.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to deny the request for the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Heflin Drive and Valeda Drive.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2021 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced the 2021 Annual Crime Report by stating that La Mirada again experienced one of the region’s lowest number of Part 1 crime rates in the area. He said that the crime analysis indicated La Mirada had 168 Part 1 crime incidents per 10,000 residents last year.

Mr. Rounds provided a report on the number of 2021 Part I crimes, which include homicides, rapes, larceny incidents, burglaries, automobile thefts, robberies, assaults and arsons. He also provided information on response times and the number of arrests made in the community.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds provided additional information on the Public Safety Team’s efforts. He said the Team educated the community on crime trends and prevention tips during Neighborhood Watch meetings and Business Watch meetings.

Members of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission discussed the 2021 Annual Crime Report. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission expressed appreciation for the Public Safety Team’s efforts in keeping La Mirada a safe community.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Morfin welcomed Commissioner Meza to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rounds welcomed Commissioner Meza to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

David Morfin, Chairman