

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

**January 27, 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

Staff:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Paul Milward addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Hillsborough Drive near the flood control channel and requested the installation of a crosswalk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2021**

**Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021 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: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2021**

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report for October and November 2021.

**Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for October and November 2021.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – DECEMBER 2021**

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

**Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for December 2021.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2022**

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

**Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2022.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF BIOLA AVENUE AT CALPELLA STREET**

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds reported that the City received a request from Dustin Dager regarding vehicle congestion along Biola Avenue. Mr. Rounds said Mr. Dager requested the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Biola Avenue and Calpella Street due to vehicle congestion along the street making it difficult for residents who live on Biola Avenue to exit their driveways.

Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette studied the location. She reported that 12-hour manual traffic counts, vehicular volumes, machine speed measurements 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 was analyzed. She said the data determined that an all-way stop control at the intersection of Biola Avenue and Calpella Street is not warranted.

**Commissioner Maldonado moved and Vice Chairman Ojeisekhoba seconded to deny the request for the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Biola Avenue and Calpella Street.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF NORTH FIRESTONE BOULEVARD AT KNOTT AVENUE**

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds reported that resident Linda Herrera requested an all-way stop control at the intersection of North Firestone Boulevard and Knott Avenue due to congestion at the intersection at most times of the day. Mr. Rounds also said that she stated it is difficult to turn onto Knott Avenue from North Firestone Boulevard.

The City's Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette studied the location. She reported that 12- hour manual traffic counts, vehicular volumes, radar speed measurements, 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 as well as the City of Buena Park's Police Department were analyzed. She said the traffic data indicated that based on the

guidelines in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the intersection is a candidate for an all-way stop control.

Members of the Commission expressed concerns that an all-way stop control could result in vehicles backing up on North Firestone Boulevard to Artesia Avenue. It was also suggested staff get input from the City of Buena Park and possibly consider other alternatives such as closing off Knott Avenue at North Firestone Boulevard.

**Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to table the item to give staff time to communicate with the City of Buena Park about the shared intersection.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Maldonado invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to attend the Four Chaplains Day event at the La Mirada VFW Post 9148 on February 3.

Commissioner Lynch invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to volunteer at the annual homeless count event on February 22 through 24.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Rounds said that the Annual Crime Report will be presented at the next Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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David Morfin, Chairman