

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
JANUARY 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ojeisekhoba 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 Ojeisekhoba.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Chairman Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chairman Lynch, Commissioner Covarrubias, Commissioner Dahl and Commissioner Meza responding to roll call.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeants Oscar Rodriguez and Godin Gonzalez, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Vice Chairman Lynch moved and Commissioner Meza seconded to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl

COMMUNICATIONS

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY ORAL UPDATE – JANUARY 2023

Los Angeles County Fire Battalion Chief Darren Walker addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported that the Los Angeles County Fire Department's

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin February 11 for three consecutive Saturdays. Los Angeles County Fire Captain David Dombrowski reported on the Fire Department's activities. Firefighter/Paramedic Elizabeth DiRocco reported that a resident coordinated with Fire Station 49 to help two needy families in December.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER 2022

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report.

Commissioner Meza moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for September, October, and November 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022

Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report.

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to receive and file the Crime Report.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2023

Assistant City Manager Haraksin provided an update on the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2023.

Commissioner Meza moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2023.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE AT LA MIRADA BOULEVARD

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman reported on the results of the traffic study for Santa Gertrudes Avenue at La Mirada Boulevard. He said pursuant to the Commission's direction at the October 27, 2022 meeting, the location was re-evaluated and it was determined that additional measures can be taken. Mr. Zimmerman said to enhance safety and further delineate the lanes, it is recommended the Public Safety and Traffic Commission approve extending the 8-inch white channelizing stripe 20 feet on Santa Gertrudes Avenue.

Commissioner Meza reported that he observed the location and concurred with Traffic Engineer Zimmerman's recommendation.

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to approve extending the 8-inch white channelizing stripe 20 feet on Santa Gertrudes Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. TRAFFIC STUDY OF NORTH FIRESTONE BOULEVARD AT KNOTT AVENUE

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman reported on the results of the traffic study of North Firestone Boulevard at Knott Avenue. He said the La Mirada Public Safety and Traffic Commission directed staff to communicate with the City of Buena Park about the shared intersection. City staff shared the results of the study with the City of Buena Park. Mr. Zimmerman said that Buena Park staff agreed with La Mirada's analysis and supported the installation of an all-way stop control to enhance safety and traffic circulation at the intersection. He said at its January 10, 2023 meeting, the Buena Park City Council subsequently adopted a resolution approving the installation of the all-way stop control at the location. Traffic Engineer Zimmerman said that this item is being brought back to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to approve the request to install an all-way stop control at the intersection of North Firestone Boulevard at its intersection with Knott Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ROSECRANS AVENUE AND LA FONDA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that a resident used the My La Mirada application to express concerns with pedestrians crossing Rosecrans Avenue at La Fonda Drive because of the vehicle speeds. Ms. Haraksin said the resident requested the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the marked crosswalk on Rosecrans Avenue at La Fonda Drive.

Commissioner Meza moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Covarrubias to study the location and report their findings at a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chairman Lynch, Chairman Ojeisekhoba
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

9. DEBRIEFING ON THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING PROGRAM

Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres reported on the Holiday Home Decorating Program. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias thanked the Commission and staff for assisting in the onboarding process and welcoming him to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Dahl thanked the Public Safety and Traffic Commission for the warm welcome.

Commissioner Meza expressed his appreciation for the Public Safety Team’s service over the holidays and recognized Public Safety Officers Silva and Vega.

Vice Chairman Lynch reported that Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres was selected to receive the VFW Post 9148 Officer of the Year Award. Ms. Lynch said the awards

ceremony will be held on February 1 at 6 p.m. at the VFW on Valley View Avenue and everyone is invited to attend.

Chairman Ojeisekhoba welcomed Commissioners Covarrubias and Dahl to the Public Safety Commission. He also thanked the Public Safety Team, L.A. County Fire and staff for keeping the City safe. Mr. Ojeisekhoba invited the Commission to attend Biola's Active Shooter Drill on February 28.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin welcomed Commissioners Covarrubias and Dahl to the Public Safety Commission. She invited the Commissioners to the La Mirada HAMWatch field day event in the Civic Center parking lot from January 27 through January 29. Ms. Haraksin also said that the Annual Crime report will be presented to City Council on February 14 at the Study Session meeting. She reported that the State of the City event coordinated by the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce will be on February 16 at the Holiday Inn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

John Ojeisekhoba, Chairman