

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
JULY 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ojeisekohba 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 Chair Ojeisekhoba.

ROLL CALL

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

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Public Works Manager Marlin Munoz, Public Safety Supervisor Jose Amaya and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Miranda addressed the Commission regarding a parking citation that was received.

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

Assistant City Manager Haraksin initiated the procedure for reorganization of the Commission.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Meza seconded to nominate Commissioner Lynch to serve as Chair for the upcoming year.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Dahl, Lynch, Meza, Ojeisekhoba

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Covarrubias

ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to nominate Commissioner Meza to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2023

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

3. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain David Dombrowski, Firefighter Specialist David Young, and Chief Granados addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – MAY 2023

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report.

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for May 2023.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JUNE 2023

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report.

Vice Chair Meza moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for June 2023.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JULY 2023

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

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for July 2023.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. UPDATE ON THE CREEK PARK PILOT VIDEO PROJECT

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced the item. She said the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Am-Tec Total Security, Inc. to furnish, install, and maintain a video camera network at Creek Park.

Public Works Manager Marlin Munoz said 18 video security cameras were installed at Creek Park and two cameras were installed in the Imperial Highway tunnel to provide coverage of strategic areas. He said the cameras feature 4K resolution, facial recognition technology, video footage that can be viewed at any time, and environmental sensors to detect gunshots, fighting, and other noises. Mr. Munoz provided a demonstration on the operation of the camera system to the Commission.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Creek Park pilot video project and expressed support for the project.

8. 2023 FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced the item. She said on July 4, the Public Safety Team proactively enforced fireworks regulations.

Public Safety Supervisor Jose Amaya provided an update on the Public Safety Team’s deployment. He said 43 administrative citations were issued, which is the same number of citations issued in 2022. He said field observations indicated that the number of individuals celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks was similar in most areas compared to 2022. He said calls for service were consistent throughout the night and subsided at approximately 10 p.m.

Members of the Commission asked questions regarding the 2023 fireworks enforcement and expressed appreciation to staff for enforcing fireworks regulations.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba congratulated Michelle Lynch for being selected as Chair. He reported he is being sworn in on August 7 to the Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council (HSAPC).

Commissioner Dahl congratulated Chair Lynch and thanked the Public Safety Team for providing the additional crime analysis and actions that will be taken to help reduce crime.

Chair Lynch commended staff on their responses to service requests entered into the My La Mirada app.

Vice Chair Meza thanked Sergeant Rodriguez for attending the annual 4th of July parade in his neighborhood. He also thanked staff for providing the additional analysis of crime trends.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events. She also thanked Commissioner Ojeisekhoba for his leadership last year and congratulated Chair Lynch and Vice Chair Meza for their appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Anne Haraksin, Assistant City Manager

Michelle Lynch, Chair