

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
MARCH 23, 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, Public Safety Specialist Michael Alfonso, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

Item 7 was moved on the agenda. Items were taken out of order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Vice Chairman Lynch moved and Commissioner Meza seconded to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – MARCH 2023

Los Angeles County Fire Battalion Chief Nick Berkuta addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported on the Fire Department's activities for February 2023. Los Angeles County Fire Captain Stan Maloof reported that Station 49 has the second highest Emergency Medical Support calls in Los Angeles County.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JANUARY 2023

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

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chairman Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic 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**

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for February 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**

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2023

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

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chairman Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for March 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

Item 7 was moved on the agenda. Items were taken out of order.

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ALICANTE ROAD AND ELMROCK AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Lina Ibarra attended the February 28 City Council meeting and expressed concerns regarding traffic safety at Alicante Road and Elmrock Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said that to enhance visibility, Ms. Ibarra requested the installation of red curbing on the south side of Alicante Road between Elmrock Avenue and the driveway to the east towards Behringer Park.

Ms. Lina Ibarra addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission and provided two maps of the area. Ms. Ibarra stated that rush hour and weekends are the worst times and requested red curbing and no parking signs be installed.

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

MOTION PASSED 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 ROSECRANS AVENUE AT LA FONDA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that on January 11, 2023, 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. She said the resident requested the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the marked crosswalk on Rosecrans Avenue at La Fonda Drive. She said the City's Traffic Engineer studied the location.

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman reported that based on the traffic data collected and guidelines given in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal or a flashing beacon. In addition, he said the existing signage for the crosswalk meets current CA MUTCD criteria. Mr. Zimmerman said the yellow crosswalk does meet CVC 21368 and is appropriate for this location. He also said the installation of yellow yield arrows between 20 to 50 feet from the existing yellow crosswalk is recommended for each approach to the crosswalk on Rosecrans Avenue in conformance with section 3B.18 of the CA MUTCD.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to deny the request to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at Rosecrans Avenue and La Fonda Drive and approve the installation of yellow yield arrows between 20 to 50 feet from the existing yellow crosswalk for each approach to the crosswalk on Rosecrans Avenue.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin presented a report on the City’s efforts to reduce catalytic converter thefts. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the Public Safety Team’s response to catalytic converter thefts. The Commissioners expressed support for the development of an awareness and anti-theft campaign.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Meza thanked Chairman Ojeisekohba for organizing the Active Shooter Drill at Biola University. He also expressed his appreciation for the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Public Safety Team.

Chairman Ojeisekhoba reported on Biola’s Active Shooter Drill that occurred on February 28. He thanked Public Safety Specialist Michael Alfonso for his service to the Community. Mr. Ojeisekhoba also said he would be out of town for the April Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin introduced Public Safety Specialist Michael Alfonso 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 7:40 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

John Ojeisekhoba, Chairman