

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
MAY 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lynch 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 Vice Chair Lynch.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Albert introduced herself and stated she was pleased to be attending her first Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2023

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Meza seconded to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – MAY 2023

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Pryor and Fire Captain Michael Depew addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department's activities. Los Angeles County Fire Captain Depew reported that there were a few brush fires in the

vicinity of Valley View Avenue and Stage Road. He said there have also been a few brush fires at the golf course along Santa Gertrudes Avenue. Captain Depew mentioned it would be a good idea to remind residents to visibly display house numbers to aid in responses. He also reported that Fire Station 49 attended Career Day at Dulles Elementary School on May 23.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – MARCH 2023

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

Commissioner Meza moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for March 2023.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – APRIL 2023

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

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for April 2023.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – MAY 2023

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for May 2023.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Meza, Vice Chair Lynch,
NOES: None

ABSENT: Chairman Ojeisekhoba
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF MEADOW GREEN ROAD APPROACHING DULLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Jim Marino submitted a letter to the City requesting a traffic study of Meadow Green Road approaching Dulles Elementary School. She also reported that he said motorists speed between the three stop signs on Meadow Green Road between Lawnhill Drive and Grayville Drive.

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman reported on the results of the traffic study for Meadow Green Road approaching Dulles Elementary School. Mr. Zimmerman said that radar enforcement is recommended on Meadow Green Road during the school off peak period on Meadow Green Road. He also said a temporary radar speed sign is recommended for Meadow Green between Lakefield Drive and Clear Spring Drive. Mr. Zimmerman said that Grayville Drive and Meadow Green Road should continue to be monitored for any traffic and queueing issues.

Resident Jim Marino addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to share his concern with the recommendation. Mr. Marino said that he does not think vehicles are traveling 25 mph. He also said he'd like to see additional signage installed.

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to recommend the Public Safety Team conduct enforcement of speeding and other traffic violations on Meadow Green Road near Dulles Elementary School; and install School Advance Warning signage on Meadow Green Road north of Clear Spring Dr.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7. 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 the March 23 Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting to express concerns regarding traffic safety at Alicante Road and Elmrock Avenue.

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman reported on the results of the traffic study for Alicante Road and Elmrock Avenue. Mr. Zimmerman said based upon the analysis of the data and the

guidelines given in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), installing the red curb will enhance visibility for motorists on Elmrock Avenue and on the west Parkwood Apartments driveway at Alicante Road.

Chairman Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to approve the installation of red curb from the east curb return of Elmrock Avenue for a distance of 15 feet east along the southerly curb line on Alicante Road and the installation of red curb four feet west of the west driveway of the Parkwood Apartments.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias expressed interest in providing input on parks selected for future camera projects. He also expressed concerns with the last stop of the Montebello bus line being at the Theatre Center because of the homeless persons getting off the bus.

Commissioner Meza introduced his neighbor and La Mirada Theatre volunteer Diane Albert and thanked her for her service to La Mirada. He expressed concerns with the homeless population on the border of La Mirada in Santa Fe Springs. He invited the Commissioners to the Memorial Day event on May 29 at Olive Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Meza congratulated Deputy Jazel Lopez who was recently recognized by the City Council. He also thanked the Fire Dept. and law enforcement.

Chair Ojeisekohba gave an update on his trip to Washington D.C.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that the City Council reorganization will be held at the June 13 meeting. She also said the Summer Concert series will begin June 8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

John Ojeisekhoba, Chair