

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
APRIL 25, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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 Chair Lynch.

ROLL CALL

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

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell, Public Safety Supervisor Jose Amaya, Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeants Oscar Rodriguez and Cesar Hinojosa, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2024

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ronnow addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported on the Fire Department’s activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

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 February 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – MARCH 2024

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for March 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5 TRAFFIC STUDY OF THE VALLEY VIEW AVENUE FRONTAGE ROAD AND BORA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Shawnda Badar on Mansa Drive, submitted an email to the City’s website requesting the installation of red curbing on the west side of the Valley View frontage road north of Bora Drive. Ms. Haraksin reported that Ms. Badar said that motorists park at the Stop sign on the corner of the location and

it impedes visibility. Ms. Haraksin said the resident reported that it is difficult to see motorists traveling eastbound on Bora Drive.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said pursuant to CA MUTCD Section 3B.19 and in compliance with AB413, the installation of 20 feet of red curbing is recommended on the west side of the Valley View Avenue frontage road north of Bora Drive. Traffic Engineer Zimmerman said the red curbing would enhance visibility for motorists traveling southbound on Bora Drive.

The Commissioners discussed the Traffic Engineer's report.

Vice Chair Meza moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to approve the installation of 20 feet of red curbing on the west side of the Valley View Avenue frontage road north of Bora Drive.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF FOSTER ROAD AND EL MORO AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Marie Sharp emailed the City's website to request the installation of a Stop sign for motorists traveling east and west on Foster Road at El Moro Avenue or the installation of red curbing on Foster Road on the east side and west side of the intersection at El Moro Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said that Ms. Sharp expressed concerns with visibility of motorists traveling on El Moro Avenue when turning onto Foster Road due to vehicles parked on Foster Road.

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ASHGROVE DRIVE AT SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Jerrett Oldenburg used the My La Mirada app to request the installation of a traffic signal at Ashgrove Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said he expressed concerns with traffic safety at the location.

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell presented the Capital Improvement Program Update.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Program Update.

9. UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM

Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres presented an update on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) report.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events. She congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Carlson on receiving the Mylie Taylor award at the Mayor’s prayer breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Michelle Lynch, Chair