

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
AUGUST 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dahl 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 Dahl.

ROLL CALL

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

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez, Public Safety Specialist Michael Alfonso and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Velasquez Bean introduced herself to the Commission and said she was a candidate for the District 2 election.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2024

Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dao addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported

on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JUNE 2024

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for June 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JULY 2024

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

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for July 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE AND ASHGROVE DRIVE

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

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said from the analysis of the traffic signal warrants, traffic volume data and the five-year traffic collision history at the intersection of Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive, it was determined that a traffic signal is not recommended.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekohba seconded to deny the request for the installation of a traffic signal at Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Meza
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 the east side and west side of Foster Road at the intersection of El Moro Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said Ms. Sharp expressed concerns with the visibility of motorists traveling on El Moro Avenue and turning onto Foster Road due to vehicles parked on Foster Road.

The City’s Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said the data collected from the 24-hour vehicle counts, the stop sign warrant, and the traffic signal analysis did not justify the installation of a Stop sign. He also said a sight distance evaluation determined that drivers had adequate line-of-sight for oncoming vehicles that excluded the installation of red curbing on Foster Road.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to deny the request for the installation of a Stop sign at Foster Road and El Moro Avenue and deny the installation of red curbing on Foster Road.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias requested an update on the status of the installation of cameras at La Mirada Regional Park.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said the City Council is aware of his suggestion.

Commissioner Lynch reported that she enjoyed the Pops with Public Safety event. She also requested an update on how many unhoused individuals in La Mirada were using the services of Pacific Clinics and the status of the high incident intersections review in La Mirada.

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman responded and said the intersections were reviewed and no modifications were warranted.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba gave an update on the upcoming school year at Biola University.

Commissioner Dahl thanked staff for the National Night Out event and the Back to School activities that his family enjoyed.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events. She thanked the Public Safety and Traffic Commission for participating in recent community events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Steven Dahl, Vice Chair