

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA  
JANUARY 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 Dahl and Ojeisekhoba responding to roll call. Commissioner Covarrubias was tardy.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2023**

Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to approve the minutes of the October 26, 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**

**2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Battalion Chief Ronnow and Captain Depew addressed the Public Safety and Traffic

Commission. They reported on the Fire Department’s activities and trends.

**3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 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 September, October, and November 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**

**4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2023**

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

**Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for October, November, December 2023.**

**MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2024**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin provided an update on the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2024.

**Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2024.**

**MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF HUTCHINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced the item. She said that Hutchinson Middle School Assistant Principal Brian Lamar requested a section of Bora Road adjacent to the school be designated as a school bus stop area. She said he reported that students are currently dropped off and picked up at the location. Ms. Haraksin said that staff contacted the District's Transportation Services Director Raul Chavez who expressed support for the request. Ms. Haraksin said that Mr. Chavez said a bus stop designation would enable the buses to load/unload students in a safe manner without having to double park.

The City's Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman studied the location and reported on the findings. He said after conducting a field visit, collecting vehicle volumes, and meeting with the principal, the site analysis determined the designation of a bus stop for loading and unloading students was warranted.

**Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to approve the removal of the two existing "No Stopping" signs on Bora Drive and the replacement of the signs with "No Parking" signs to restrict parking during school hours (120' total length); and the installation of "No Parking" signs 60' in both directions of the back driveway gate to restrict parking to school buses only during school hours (120' total length).**

**MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS****7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ESCALONA ROAD BETWEEN ROSECRANS AVENUE AND STAGE ROAD**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Jui Lee submitted a service request on the My La Mirada app for the installation of two Stop signs on Escalona Road. Ms. Haraksin said Ms. Lee is requesting the Stop signs be installed at each end of Escalona Road south of Rosecrans Avenue and north of Stage Road. She said Ms. Lee expressed concerns with motorists exceeding the speed limit. Ms. Haraksin said it should be noted that the purpose of a Stop sign is to assign the right of way at an intersection and not to slow traffic speeds.

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

**MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**8. UPDATE ON THE LA MIRADA HAMWATCH PROGRAM**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced the item. Bruce Dixon of HAMWatch provided additional information on the La Mirada HAMWatch program.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the presentation on the La Mirada HAMWatch Program.

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Covarrubias reported that he attended the Chili Holiday event with the Boy Scouts Troop. Mr. Covarrubias inquired as to the status of his request to ask the County to install cameras at La Mirada Regional Park. Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said the City Council has been made aware of Commissioner Covarrubias' suggestion regarding the request for cameras at La Mirada Regional Park.

Commissioner Dahl expressed appreciation for HAMWatch and for law enforcement personnel.

Commissioner Ojeisekohba thanked the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department for their teamwork. He also indicated that he will be in Macedonia in March.

Vice Chair Meza inquired about the status of the Montebello Bus Line 50. He also expressed his appreciation for the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department. In response to Vice Chair Meza's question regarding the status of line 50, Sergeant Rodriguez reported there has been a decrease in homeless activity at the location and it continues to be monitored.

Chair Lynch requested an update about the possibility of installing the Opticom system at intersections to assist medical responders with safely traveling through intersections. She also reported participating in the Holiday Home Decorating program, the Santa Caravan and Rotary's Shopping Spree for Kids. Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded to the Opticom inquiry and said staff conducted research and the cost to install the system is very expensive.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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Michelle Lynch, Chair