

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
JULY 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 Ojeisekohba responding to roll call. Commissioner Dahl was absent.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Hall, resident of Lake Park, addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She requested the installation of fully protected left-turn phasing for vehicles traveling westbound on Imperial Highway and turning south on Edwards Road. She stated that the installation of left-turn phasing would provide clarity for motorists.

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to nominate Commissioner Meza to serve as Chair for the upcoming year.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Chair Meza moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to nominate Commissioner Dahl to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Chair Meza

NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Dahl
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2024

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

3. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Dombrowski addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – APRIL AND MAY 2024

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for April and May 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – MAY AND JUNE 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 May and June 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JULY 2024

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

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for July 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND EDWARDS ROAD

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that members of the Lake Park Social Club submitted a letter requesting the installation of fully protected left-turn phasing for vehicles traveling westbound on Imperial Highway and turning south on Edwards Road to enhance traffic safety.

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF MANSA DRIVE AND BRAZO ROAD

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Jonathan Choy used the My La Mirada app to request the installation of a three-way Stop at Mansa Drive and Brazo Road. Ms. Haraksin said he expressed concerns with the speed of vehicles traveling on Mansa Drive, especially the vehicles traveling southbound. She said Mr. Choy said that visibility is impeded for vehicles attempting to turn onto Mansa Drive from Brazo Road. Ms. Haraksin said he also expressed concerns with the safety of pedestrians.

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE AND ALICANTE ROAD

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that at the May 23 Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting, the Commission expressed an interest in reviewing the parking regulations on Hillsborough Drive and Alicante Road near Behringer Park. Ms. Haraksin said the goal of the parking study would be to review the current parking regulations on Hillsborough Drive and Alicante Road to determine if modifications are appropriate.

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

10. REPORT ON SPEED HUMPS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin provided information on the City's practice related to speed humps. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report. They expressed appreciation for receiving the information.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias expressed an interest in having a Neighborhood Watch Program presentation. He said he enjoyed the July 3rd event. He also congratulated Mike Meza for being selected as Chair and thanked Commissioner Lynch for her service.

Commissioner Lynch reported that she enjoyed seeing HAMwatch at work on July 13. She congratulated Chair Meza on being selected.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba congratulated new Chair Meza. He thanked Commissioner Lynch for her service during the last year.

Chair Meza thanked Sergeant Rodriguez for attending the annual 4th of July parade in his neighborhood. He commented on the July 3rd event and also thanked law enforcement for its diligent work and proactive arrests. He thanked Commissioner Lynch for her service as Chair.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events. She thanked Commissioner Lynch and congratulated new Chair Meza.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Mike Meza, Chair