

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
MARCH 28, 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, Dahl and Ojeisekhoba responding to roll call.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Beverly Zwick addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She said it is difficult for her to make a turn onto Las Flores Avenue from Los Coyotes Avenue due to parked vehicles and that vehicles exceed the speed limit at the location.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Dombrowski and Battalion Chief Banuelos addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JANUARY 2024

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

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Traffic 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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

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

Vice Chair Meza moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for February 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

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2024

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

Commissioner Dahl moved and Vice Chair Meza seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for March 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 LAS FLORES AVENUE AND LOS COYOTES AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Beverly Zwick requested a traffic study of Las Flores Avenue and Los Coyotes Avenue. Ms. Haraksin said that Ms. Zwick said due to visibility issues and parked vehicles, it is difficult for her to make a turn onto Las Flores Avenue from Los Coyotes Avenue.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said a sight distance analysis and a speed analysis was conducted at the location. He said as part of the stop sign analysis, 24-hour traffic volume data was collected.

The Commissioners discussed the Traffic Engineer's report.

Resident Beverly Zwick addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She said it is difficult for her to make a turn onto Las Flores Avenue from Los Coyotes Avenue due to parked vehicles and that vehicles exceed the speed limit at the location.

Vice Chair Meza moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to approve the installation of two "S Curve" signs to identify the curvature in the roadway and the deployment of a portable speed feedback sign along with additional traffic enforcement at the location and a review in six months.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Meza, Chair Lynch

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. 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 due to concerns with motorists exceeding the speed limit.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said a speed analysis and Stop sign analysis was conducted of the location.

Traffic Engineer Zimmerman said Stop signs are not warranted on Escalona Road between Excelsior Drive and Rosecrans Avenue, and not between Neartree Road and Alondra Boulevard since the minimum volumes are not met based upon the CA MUTCD.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to deny the request for the installation of Stop signs on Escalona Road.

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

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ADELFA DRIVE AT LA CONDESA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Brandon Barba submitted a letter to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission requesting the installation of a Stop sign at Adelfa Drive and La Condesa Drive. She said Mr. Barba expressed concerns with motorists exceeding the speed limit on Adelfa Drive and turning onto La Condesa Drive.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekohba 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, Dahl, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Meza, Chair Lynch
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba said he is looking forward to the 8th Annual La Mirada Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on April 19.

Chair Lynch reported that Block Captain Marlene Olson is hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 2 p.m. on April 17 at the La Mirada Vistas. Ms. Lynch also announced that an Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at her residence on April 18 at 6 p.m.

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:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Michelle Lynch, Chair