

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meza 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 Meza.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2024

Vice Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Lynch, Vice Chair Dahl, Chair Meza

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Covarrubias, Ojeisekhoba

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Vice Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for September 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

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

Commissioner Lynch moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for October 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PARKING STUDY OF HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE AND ALICANTE ROAD NEAR BEHRINGER PARK

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that at the May 23 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission, the Commission expressed an interest in reviewing the parking regulations on Hillsborough Drive and Alicante Road near Behringer Park. She said at the July 25 Commission meeting, the Commission formally discussed the item and assigned the Traffic Engineer to conduct a parking study of the location.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. Mr. Zimmerman said from the analysis of the collected data at the location, it was determined that 46 parking spaces could be added on Alicante Road and Hillsborough Drive. He provided information on the proposed location of the additional parking and the striping concept plan.

Commissioner Lynch moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to approve the

proposed parking on the north side of Alicante Road between Avenida Espana and Hillsborough Drive and along the west side of Hillsborough Drive; and approve the reduction of lanes on northbound Hillsborough Drive from Alicante Road to Keypoint Place to one lane.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. PEDESTRIAN STUDY OF ALICANTE ROAD AND ADELFA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that Alicia Rojas submitted an email to the City to request a pedestrian study of Alicante Road and Adelfa Drive. Ms. Haraksin said that in her email, Ms. Rojas said that while the location has sidewalks, it does not have flashing light indicators. Assistant City Manager Haraksin said Ms. Rojas requested a pedestrian study because of the amount of traffic at the location and its proximity to a school.

The City’s Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said based on the data included in the 24-hour vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle counts, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Flashing Beacon Warrant analysis, the Federal Highway Administration guidelines, and field observations, the existing signage for the crosswalk meets current criteria and the intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal or flashing beacon. He recommended the installation of an Assembly “A” sign 300 feet east from the existing yellow crosswalk on Alicante Road; and approve the installation of Assembly “B” signs at the intersection of Alicante Road and Adelfa Drive.

Vice Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to deny the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon; approve the installation of an Assembly “A” sign 300 feet east from the existing yellow crosswalk on Alicante Road; and approve the installation of Assembly “B” signs at the intersection of Alicante Road and Adelfa Drive for all approaches.

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

7. PEDESTRIAN STUDY OF SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE AND ASHGROVE DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that Alicia Rojas submitted a request for a pedestrian study of Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive. Assistant City Manager Haraksin said Ms. Rojas said that while the location has sidewalks, it does not have

flashing light indicators. Ms. Haraksin said Ms. Rojas requested a pedestrian study because of the amount of traffic at the location and its proximity to a school. The City’s Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said based on the data included in the 24-hour vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle counts, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Flashing Beacon Warrant analysis, the Federal Highway Administration guidelines, and field observations, the existing signage for the crosswalk meets current criteria and the intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal or flashing beacon. He recommended the installation of an Assembly “D” 100 feet from the yellow crosswalk on Ashgrove Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue; and approve the relocation of Yield Signs 50’ before the northbound crosswalk.

Vice Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded deny the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon; approve the installation of an Assembly “D” 100 feet from the yellow crosswalk on the west leg of the intersection of Ashgrove Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue; and approve the relocation of Yield Signs 50’ before the northbound crosswalk.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dahl requested a traffic study at Gardenhill Elementary School to determine whether the red curbing on Valeda Drive could be painted white to create a loading zone. He also expressed his gratitude for fire and law enforcement personnel and City staff.

Chair Meza thanked Chief Tobin and the fire crews. Mr. Meza expressed his gratitude for law enforcement personnel and City staff in La Mirada.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin thanked the Commissioners for the kind words. She thanked them for their dedication to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She also 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

Mike Meza, Chair