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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch and Ojeisekohba responding to roll call.

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 Supervisors Michael Alfonso and Mary Cipres and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JULY 2024

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Dahl seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for July 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – AUGUST 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 August 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND EDWARDS DRIVE

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. She said the members stated that the installation would provide a protected clear and unambiguous direction for turning that would enhance traffic safety.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said from the analysis of the warrants, traffic volume data and the five-year traffic collision history at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Edwards Road, it was determined that protected left-turn phasing is not recommended.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to deny the

request for the installation of protected left-turn phasing at Imperial Highway and Edwards Drive.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. UPDATE ON LA MIRADA'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Assistant City Manager Haraksin introduced the item.

Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres reported that Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents. She said Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer program that involves neighbors working together to make their neighborhood safe. She provided additional information on the City's Neighborhood Watch Program.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the update on La Mirada's Neighborhood Watch Program.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias invited the Public Safety and Traffic Commission to attend a retirement ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 438 Scout Master Otero on October 15 at St. Andrews Church.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba asked how many polling stations there will be in La Mirada.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said three polling stations are established in the City.

Vice Chair Dahl asked if there were issues reported in the flood control channel recently.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said that she is not aware of any issues recently.

Chair Meza said the fishing derby on September 21 at La Mirada Regional Park was a great event that his family enjoyed. He thanked Chief Tobin and the fire crews fighting the Bridge fire. Mr. Meza expressed his gratitude for law enforcement personnel in La Mirada. He said he is looking forward to reviewing the results of the parking study of Alicante Road at Hillsborough Drive.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said the Alicante Road at Hillsborough Drive study will be presented at the October 24 Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported on upcoming events. She thanked the Public Safety and Traffic Commission for participating in the Annual Poster Contest. She invited the Commission to attend the October 22 City Council meeting to recognize the poster contest winners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Mike Meza, Chair