

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA  
JANUARY 23, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dahl 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 Vice Chair Dahl.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Erika Gallegos addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission and expressed concerns with traffic safety at Wicker Drive and Ragan Drive.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting on November 19, 2024 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: Chair Meza  
ABSTAIN: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2024**

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

**Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for October and November 2024.**

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

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

**4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 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 Traffic Report for November and December 2024.**

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

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

**5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2025**

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin reported on the Traffic Study Status Report.

**Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2025.**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF VALEDA DRIVE ADJACENT TO GARDENHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin reported that at the Special Meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission on November 19, a Commissioner expressed an interest in the Traffic Engineer reviewing Valeda Drive adjacent to Gardenhill Elementary School to determine whether red curbing could be removed near the crosswalk at Burgess Avenue. She said the elimination of red curbing could possibly allow for parents to drop off their children in an area on the school side of the street with a concrete landing.

Commissioner Lynch moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Vice Chair Dahl to study Valeda Drive adjacent to Gardenhill Elementary School.

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

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

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Covarrubias expressed concerns with the safety of students riding e-bikes. He also asked why the Commission receives a presentation on the annual crime report after the City Council.

Staff responded and said information pertaining to e-bikes would be included in the La Mirada Living newsletter and social media and staff would visit the middle schools to advise the students about e-bike safety. Staff also explained that there are two reasons why the Council receives the annual crime report presentation before the Commission. The Council receives the report first because public safety is its top priority. Additionally, due to the timing of the report it is not feasible to present it to the Commission first.

Commissioner Lynch said that she will be going on a ride along with LAPD before the next meeting.

Vice Chair Dahl also expressed safety concerns with middle school students riding e-bikes.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Manager Anne 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 7:32 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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Steven Dahl, Vice Chair