

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

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, Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, and Peters responding to roll call.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2025

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to move the item to the next regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair Meza
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Items were taken out of order.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

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

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

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair
Meza**
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Fire Department addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JANUARY 2025

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

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for January 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair
Meza**
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

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

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for February 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair
Meza**
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

6. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF FOSTER ROAD AT BRAZO ROAD/FAIRVILLA DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that a resident used the My La Mirada app to request the installation of a Stop sign on Foster Road at Brazo Road/Fairvilla Drive. Ms. Haraksin said that in the request, the resident reported that motorists traveling on Foster Road don't yield, pause or stop at Brazo Road/Fairvilla Drive. She said the resident believes that the installation of a Stop sign will enhance traffic safety at the location.

Commissioner Maldonado moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Covarrubias to study Foster Road at Brazo Road/Fairvilla Drive.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair Meza**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND UNIVERSITY DRIVE/OAKWOOD LANE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Michael Wong emailed the City to express concerns with pedestrian safety at La Mirada Boulevard and University Drive/Oakwood Lane. She said Mr. Wong said in the afternoon hours, the sun is in a particular position that makes it difficult to monitor oncoming traffic and view pedestrians in the crosswalk. Ms. Haraksin said he proposed the installation of pavement lights or an overhead signal to alert drivers of when pedestrians are crossing. She said he also suggested the installation of a protected left-turn signal for vehicles exiting University Drive and vehicles traveling west on Oakwood Lane and turning onto La Mirada Boulevard.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Maldonado seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba to study La Mirada Boulevard and University Drive/Oakwood Lane.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Maldonado, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair Meza**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: None**

8. 2024 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso reported on the 2024 Annual Crime Report. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias expressed concerns with e-bike safety and suggested an ordinance be adopted for La Mirada. He thanked Michelle Lynch for serving on the Public Safety and Traffic Commission and welcomed Commissioners Maldonado and Peters. He also thanked the First Responders of the recent fires and those who administered sidewalk CPR at Behringer Park.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin responded and said staff would review other ordinances and present information at a future meeting.

Commissioner Maldonado expressed his gratitude to Council for appointing him to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba welcomed Albert Maldonado and Ellen Peters to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He thanked Michelle Lynch and Chairman Meza for their service to the community.

Commissioner Peters expressed her gratitude to Councilmember Valazquez-Bean for appointing her to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She said that she attended the Hillsborough Neighborhood Watch meeting. She also said she participated in the homeless count and that she attended the State of the City.

Chair Meza expressed his appreciation to Michelle Lynch for her service on the Public Safety and Traffic Commission and welcomed Commissioners Maldonado and Peters. Mr. Meza thanked Mayor Lewis for the recent student tour of City facilities. He expressed gratitude for the City staff, law enforcement and fire personnel.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Chair