

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

November 30, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Harbaugh in Council Chambers at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Vice Chairman David Harbaugh
Commissioner Mark Madison
Commissioner Barry Quill

Tardy:

Chairman David Morfin

Absent:

Commissioner Desiree Johnson

Staff:

Mark Rounds, Senior Administrative Analyst
Lieutenant Beggs, Sheriff's Department
Irena Guilmette, Traffic Engineer
Emily Benavidez, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Connie Looney addressed the Public Safety Commission and requested the City consider the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Wicker Drive and Tacuba Drive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Quill seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Morfin, Commissioner Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017

Commissioner Quill moved and Commissioner Madison seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for August and September 2017.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh,
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Morfin, Commissioner Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017

Commissioner Madison moved and Vice Chairman Harbaugh seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for September and October 2017.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh, Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

Commissioner Quill moved and Commissioner Madison seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for November 2017.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh, Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND LAS FLORES AVENUE

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced the item and said that the City received a request from Ms. Sara Pez, on behalf of her client, requesting the installation of a crosswalk across Las Flores Avenue adjacent to Imperial Highway.

Mr. Rounds said that the City’s Traffic Engineer studied the location.

Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette reported that a traffic study was conducted. She said the intersection is stop controlled at the north approach of Las Flores Avenue at Imperial Highway. Ms. Guilmette said the northwest and northeast corners of Las Flores Avenue at Imperial Highway have accessible curb ramps.

Ms. Guilmette said field observations at the subject intersection indicated that very few pedestrians crossed the north approach of Las Flores Avenue at Imperial Highway during peak hours. She said in the five-year collision history ending June 2017, there were nine intersection collisions involving vehicles and no pedestrian collisions were reported at the intersection. Traffic Engineer Guilmette said that since the intersection falls below guidelines used to determine the need for a crosswalk, a crosswalk is not recommended.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette said that additional observations indicated pedestrian access at the north approach could be enhanced if the existing accessible curb ramp on the northeast corner was adjusted to improve the alignment across Las Flores Avenue. Ms. Guilmette said that the City plans to adjust the alignment of the ramps.

Chairman Morfin and Vice Chairman Harbaugh said that changing the ramp location would make a positive difference at the location.

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Quill seconded to deny the request for the installation of a crosswalk at Las Flores Avenue at Imperial Highway.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh, Chairman Morfin
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Johnson
- ABSTAIN:** None

NEW BUSINESS

6. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF WICKER DRIVE AND TACUBA DRIVE

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the City received a request from Connie Looney for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Wicker Drive and Tacuba Drive. He said that Ms. Looney is concerned that vehicles traveling through the intersection fail to yield to pedestrians crossing the street.

Commissioner Quill moved and Vice Chairman Harbaugh seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Madison to study the location and report their findings at a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Madison, Quill, Vice Chairman Harbaugh, Chairman Morfin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Morfin thanked Lt. Beggs for a job well done and the Sheriff's Department for keeping crime low in La Mirada despite Proposition 47, 57, and Assembly Bill 109.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lt. Beggs announced that he was transferred to the Major Crimes Department of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. He introduced Lt. Jeff Dusky who is now serving La Mirada as the Service Area Lieutenant.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds invited the Commission to the Chili Holiday tree lighting event being held on December 2 at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted:



Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Attest:



David Morfin, Chairman