

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

January 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Morfin 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 Morfin
Commissioner Narcis Brasov
Commissioner Amy Day
Commissioner Mark Madison

Absent:

Chairman Desiree Johnson

Staff:

Mark Rounds, Senior Administrative Analyst
Irena Guilmette, Los Angeles County Traffic Engineer
Sergeant Busch, Sheriff's Department
Emily Benavidez, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tony Zepeda addressed the Public Safety Commission. He spoke in favor of the installation of a traffic signal at Telegraph Road and Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Madison, Vice Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for October and November 2018.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Madison, Vice Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Johnson
ABSTAIN: None**

3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

Commissioner Brasov moved and Commissioner Madison seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for November and December 2018.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Madison, Vice Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Johnson
ABSTAIN: None**

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2019

Commissioner Day moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for January 2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Madison, Vice Chairman Morfin
Chairman Johnson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Johnson
ABSTAIN: None**

NEW BUSINESS

**5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF TELEGRAPH ROAD AT HUTCHINS DRIVE/
WICKER DRIVE**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that after reviewing traffic collision reports for the intersection of Telegraph Road at Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive, staff requested the City's Traffic Engineer conduct a traffic study of the intersection.

Mr. Rounds introduced the City's Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette. Traffic Engineer Guilmette studied the location and presented a report on the traffic study. Ms. Guilmette provided information pertaining to the study.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette said a review of the collision history for the five-year period through May 31, 2018, revealed 17 collisions on Telegraph Road at Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive. Ms. Guilmette said twelve-hour manual turning counts taken on Telegraph Road with Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive indicated that Hutchins Drive and Wicker Drive may be functioning as a cut-through route between Imperial Highway and La Mirada Boulevard.

Ms. Guilmette said a traffic signal analysis was conducted on Telegraph Road at Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive based on guidelines set forth in the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CMUTCD). She said the number and type of collisions met the guidelines to install a traffic signal.

Commissioner Brasov asked if there is an entrance from the commercial center to Wicker Drive. He also asked if the installation of a signal would create a back up to occur on Hutchins Drive.

Commissioner Day stated that the installation of a signal won't be a problem because the signal would be synced well.

Commissioner Madison asked if the collisions have increased since the shopping center was installed. He asked if the problem at the intersection was a right-of-way issue and if the signal would create a back-up on Wicker Drive. He stated that increased traffic is the reason for installing new businesses and not the problem.

Vice Chairman Morfin said that Telegraph Road is a wide street and difficult to cross safely without a signal. He stated that traffic in La Mirada will lessen once the Interstate 5 Freeway widening project is completed. Mr. Morfin also said that once the signal is synced there won't be any congestion impact.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette responded and said there is no access to Wicker Drive from the commercial center and that collisions have increased with the new businesses. She said that a signal will not create a back-up on Hutchins Drive or Wicker Drive. Ms. Guilmette said that the T-bone collisions are a result of a right-of-way problem. She indicated there may be some congestion initially after the installation of the signal but the area won't be unduly congested.

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Telegraph Road at Hutchins Drive/Wicker Drive.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Madison, Vice Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Johnson
ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds wished the Public Safety Commission a happy new year. Mr. Rounds said the City's Annual Crime Report would be presented to City Council in February.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

David Morfin, Vice Chairman