

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

April 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Johnson 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:

Chairman Desiree Johnson
Vice Chairman David Morfin
Commissioner Narcis Brasov
Commissioner Amy Day
Commissioner Mark Madison

Staff:

Anne Haraksin, Assistant City Manager
Mark Rounds, Senior Administrative Analyst
Irena Guilmette, Los Angeles County Traffic Engineer
Sergeant Denney, Sheriff's Department
Emily Benavidez, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2019

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Commissioner Day moved and Vice Chairman Morfin seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for February 2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – MARCH 2019

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Day seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for March 2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – APRIL 2019

Commissioner Madison moved and Vice Chairman Morfin seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for April 2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF THE TWO-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE 14400 BLOCK OF MACAW STREET

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported the City received a request from Christian Sosa, Plant Manager of Tropical Roofing located at 14435 Macaw Street. Mr. Rounds said that Mr. Sosa requested the two-hour parking restrictions in the Industrial Area be removed or modified.

Mr. Rounds said that in 1975, the City Council approved the two-hour parking restriction based on the Public Safety Commission's recommendation. He said that the two-hour parking restriction benefits the Industrial Area and the entire community. He said the restriction discourages overnight parking of vehicles and decreases criminal activity.

Mr. Sosa addressed the Public Safety Commission. After hearing the report he requested the Industrial Area two-hour parking be changed to no over-night parking.

Commissioner Brasov asked if other companies are experiencing the same issue.

Commissioner Day asked how many parking spaces are on the property. She said that since 1975 conditions have changed and the two-hour parking restriction should be reconsidered. She also suggested that permit parking be explored.

Commissioner Madison suggested staff seek input from neighboring businesses that may be experiencing the same parking issue. He said the two-hour parking restriction combats crime.

Vice Chairman Morfin suggested carpooling as a solution and said that he is concerned about the business starting so early. He suggested tabling the item to allow staff to explore other options.

Chairman Johnson inquired about Tropical Roofing's business hours, number of employees, and available on-street parking in front of the location.

Mr. Sosa responded to the Commission's questions and explained the solutions the company tried to alleviate its parking problem. He said there are 12 parking spaces in the parking lot and eight spaces in front of the building on the street for 19 employees, not including customers. He said employees work from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. He said Tropical Roofing would pay any costs incurred by the City to change the parking regulations.

The Public Safety Commission tabled the item and directed staff to explore alternatives to the two-hour parking restriction in the Industrial Area.

6. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF TACUBA DRIVE BETWEEN BIOLA AVENUE AND LA MIRADA BOULEVARD

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the City received a request from a resident through the My La Mirada smartphone application for the installation of a painted dividing street line on Tacuba Drive from Biola Avenue to La Mirada Boulevard. He said the resident expressed concern that vehicles traveling on Tacuba Drive tend to not stay in their lane because no centerline is present.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7. DRAFT SPEED HUMP POLICY

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin.

Ms. Haraksin reported that it has been the City's practice to not install speed humps pursuant to the Public Safety Commission's Statement of Findings in 1997 that gave a higher priority to maintaining the speed of emergency vehicles. She said speed humps are not considered to be traffic control devices and provisions regarding their use are not included in the California MUTCD. She also said that when a city strays from standard design, the burden of proof to determine the design is reasonable, effective, and safe transfers entirely to the city and its engineers.

Ms. Haraksin presented the Draft Speed Hump Policy. She said the Policy was reviewed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the City Attorney's Office.

The Public Safety Commission reviewed and discussed the Draft Speed Hump Policy. Members of the Commission expressed concerns with increased law enforcement response times and the noise associated with the acceleration and deceleration of patrol vehicles. Patrol vehicles are the same size as passenger vehicles, and they do not have the wider track width to straddle and avoid the speed hump. Members expressed strong concerns with liability issues and possible future lawsuits regarding personal injuries or damages. A concern was expressed with bicycle safety. If speed humps were installed, bicyclists would either be forced to ride near the curb or out in the

street to avoid the speed hump.

Three recommendations were made by the Commission. It was recommended the requirement that speed humps be located greater than 25 feet from either side of a fire hydrant be changed to 50 feet from either side of a fire hydrant. It was recommended the City Attorney’s Office review each installation request and make a recommendation in light of the potential liability to the City. The Commission also suggested the residents who sign the petition also give consent to a speed hump being placed in front of their residence.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rounds said that La Mirada’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training graduated 12 residents. He said the training was a five-day all-risk, all-hazard training hosted by La Mirada and presented by La Mirada’s Advanced CERT Team and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Desiree Johnson, Chairman