

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

February 28, 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 Amy Day

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Commissioner Narcis Brasov

Absent:

Commissioner Mark Madison

Staff:

Mark Rounds, Senior Administrative Analyst
Irena Guilmette, Los Angeles County Traffic Engineer
Sergeant Denney, Sheriff's Department
Micaela Diores, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2019

Vice Chairman Morfin moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Day, Vice Chairman Morfin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Madison

ABSTAIN: Chairman Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS

2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – DECEMBER 2018

Commissioner Day moved and Chairman Johnson seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for December 2018.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – JANUARY 2019

Commissioner Day moved and Chairman Johnson seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for January 2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

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

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF ALICANTE ROAD AT LAS PUERTAS STREET

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the City received a request from resident Peter Chase for the installation of red curb on the north side of Alicante Road

east of Las Puertas Street due to difficulty seeing oncoming traffic on Alicante Road when turning left from Las Puertas Street.

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 said that red curb on Alicante Road east of La Puertas Street would be consistent with similar red curb markings installed east and west of Avenida Espana. Located 1,145 feet east of the subject intersection, Avenida Espana is a similar local residential roadway.

Commissioner Day expressed her concern regarding the possible loss of parking spaces for apartment tenants and patrons visiting the Behringer Athletic Fields. She inquired if 40 feet of red curb is the standard length.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette responded and said the average length of red curb is 20 feet, which is about the length of two vehicles.

Vice Chairman Morfin moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the installation of 40 feet of red curb on the north side of Alicante Road east of Las Puertas Street.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Vice Chairman Morfin, Chairman Johnson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Madison

ABSTAIN: None

6. TRAFFIC STUDY OF BIOLA AVENUE AT GARDENHILL DRIVE

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that a resident requested the installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB's) on Biola Avenue at Gardenhill Drive. Mr. Rounds said that the resident expressed concern with the safety of pedestrians crossing the street at the location.

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 said that based on the finding of the study of a multi-way stop control, the installation was warranted at the intersection of Biola Avenue at Gardenhill Drive. She said RRFB's are only considered at uncontrolled crosswalk and therefore not recommended.

Commissioner Brasov inquired if there would be a benefit to limiting the multi-way stop control to school hours only.

Commissioner Day responded and said she lives in the neighborhood and confirmed traffic does not decrease during weekends or after school hours.

Chairman Johnson moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to approve the installation of a multi-way stop control at the intersection of Biola Avenue and Gardenhill Drive and deny the request for a rectangular rapid flashing beacons.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2018 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced the 2018 Annual Crime Report by stating that La Mirada again experienced one of the region's lowest number of Part 1 crime rates in the area. He said that the crime analysis indicated La Mirada had 921 Part 1 crime incidents per 10,000 residents last year.

Mr. Rounds provided a report on the number of 2018 Part I crimes, which include homicides, rapes, larceny incidents, burglaries, automobile thefts, robberies, assaults and arsons. He also provided information on response times and the number of arrests made in the community.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds provided additional information on the Public Safety Team's efforts. He said the Team continued to educate the community on crime deterrence and awareness through continued Neighborhood Watch meetings, crime prevention campaigns and the Business Watch program.

Members of the Public Safety Commission discussed the 2018 Annual Crime Report. The Public Safety Commission expressed appreciation for the Public Safety Team's efforts in keeping La Mirada a safe community.

8. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF GRANADA AVENUE AT TOERGE DRIVE

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the City received a request from a resident requesting the installation of a multi-way stop control at the intersection of Granada Avenue and Toerge Drive.

Ms. Amy McCants addressed the Public Safety Commission. She said that the traffic in the neighborhood has progressively increased over the last 20 years. Ms. McCants reported that it is difficult to exit driveways, especially during school and church hours. She said there are no sidewalks going west on Granada Avenue and the blind curve results in limited visibility. She requested the installation of a Stop sign and speed humps between Granada Avenue and La Mirada Boulevard, and requested the speed limit be decreased in the area.

A resident since 1986 reported the steady increase of traffic over the last ten years.

A 59 year resident reported that traffic is bad even at 10 p.m. He requested a traffic study encompass the evenings also to fully capture the problem.

A Granada Avenue resident since 2014 reported feeling unsafe in her front yard since vehicles do not slow down.

Kelly, a six month resident, thanked the City for welcoming requests and concerns on the My La Mirada smartphone app. She expressed her concern for the safety of students walking to and from school.

Joy, who lived on Granada Avenue for 30 years, reported seeing parents drop their children off in the middle of the street. She witnessed several close encounters and recommended speed bumps as the solution. She said the radar speed trailer is a temporary fix and many do not respond to it.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette responded and said that a traffic signal will be installed on Leffingwell Road and Stamy Road. She said it may alleviate some of the traffic concerns around Granada Avenue and Toerge Drive. Ms. Guilmette said after hearing the residents' concerns, a traffic calming study of Granada Avenue and Stamy Road instead of Toerge Drive would be more beneficial to the area concerns.

Chairman Johnson thanked the residents for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns to keep their neighborhood and the City safe.

Chairman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Morfin seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Brasov to study Granada Avenue and Stamy Road and report the findings at a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds welcomed Sergeant John Denney. Mr. Rounds said Sgt. Denney replaced Sgt. Busch as the leader of the Special Assignment Officers team.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Micaela Diores, Secretary

Desiree Johnson, Chairman