

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

**March 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 Narcis Brasov  
Commissioner Mark Madison

Absent:

Commissioner Amy Day

Staff:

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 FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Chairman Johnson moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

**MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Commissioner Brasov, Vice Chairman Morfin, Chairman Johnson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Day

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Madison

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**2. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JANUARY 2019**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**3. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019**

Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Brasov seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for February 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**4. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2019**

Vice Chairman Morfin moved and Chairman Johnson seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for March 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ARMSDALE AVENUE AT RICHVALE DRIVE**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported the City received a request from resident Pamela Cwierz for a traffic study of Armsdale Avenue at Richvale Drive. Mr. Rounds said Ms. Cwierz requested the installation of red curb on Armsdale Drive just north and south of Richvale Drive to prevent vehicles from parking near the intersection.

Ms. Cwierz addressed the Public Safety Commission. She said vehicles park near the intersection on the west side of Armsdale Drive resulting in reduced visibility for vehicles turning north and south from Richvale Drive. She said that Armsdale Avenue is now used as a cut through for traffic from Telegraph Road and Leffingwell Road. Ms. Cwierz said that residents living in the apartment building on Leffingwell Road also park vehicles on Armsdale Avenue adding to the visibility issue. She said that one car length of red curb would be adequate to solve the visibility issue and two car lengths would be an excellent solution.

**Vice Chairman Morfin moved and Commissioner Madison seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer Guilmette and Chairman Johnson to study the location and report their findings at a future meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**6. REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES NEAR ESCALONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced Assistant City Manager Anne Haraskin.

Ms. Haraksin reported that at the March 12 City Council meeting, several residents addressed the Council and presented a proposal for traffic safety measures near Escalona Elementary School. Ms. Haraksin said the proposal includes a request for additional sidewalks around Escalona Elementary School, enhancements to existing signage, the installation of a crosswalk at the school's main entrance, and the installation of speed humps on Escalona Road.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin said in an effort to effectively study the existing traffic conditions while Escalona Elementary School is in session, the City's Traffic Engineer

was already directed to conduct a study of the location to determine what measures are warranted pursuant to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and present the findings at a future Commission meeting.

She said a speed hump policy was last reviewed by the Public Safety Commission in 2001. Ms. Haraksin said staff is preparing a draft speed hump policy that will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting. She said the draft policy would establish a uniform practice identifying those City roadways that may benefit from the installation of speed humps and the criteria that would be used to determine whether they were warranted for installation.

The Public Safety Commission reviewed and discussed the update regarding the request for traffic safety measures near Escalona Elementary School.

## **7. 2019 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SPEED ZONE SURVEY**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported the Engineering and Traffic Speed Zone Study was completed. He said the purpose of this study is to establish realistic and reasonable speed zones in accordance with provisions of the California Vehicle Code, thereby meeting the requirements for speed enforcement using radar.

Mr. Rounds introduced the City's Traffic Engineer Irena Guilmette.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette completed the Engineering and Traffic Speed Zone Survey and presented a report on the study. She said a speed limit change is only recommended for Firestone Boulevard North between Phoebe Avenue and Valley View Avenue.

The Public Safety Commission reviewed the Engineering and Traffic Speed Zone Survey.

**Commissioner Brasov moved and Vice Chairman Morfin seconded to recommend the City Council adopt the 2019 Engineering and Traffic Speed Zone Survey.**

### **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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Desiree Johnson, Chairman