

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

**June 27, 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  
Sergeant Rodriguez, Sheriff's Department  
Emily Benavidez, Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REORGANIZATION**

**1. REORGANIZATION**

Secretary Emily Benavidez declared that nominations were open for the position of Chairman.

**Commissioner Brasov moved and Commissioner Madison seconded to elect Commissioner Morfin to serve as Chairman of the La Mirada Public Safety Commission.**

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

**AYES: Commissioners Brasov, Day, Johnson, Madison, Morfin**

**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

Chairman Morfin declared that nominations were open for the position of Vice Chairman.

**Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Day seconded to nominate Commissioner Brasov to serve as Vice Chairman of the La Mirada Public Safety Commission.**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2019**

**Vice Chairman Brasov moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – APRIL 2019**

**Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Day seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for April 2019.**

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

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

**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – MAY 2019**

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

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

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

**5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2019**

**Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Day seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for June 2019.**

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. UPDATE ON THE DRAFT SPEED HUMP POLICY**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds introduced Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin.

Ms. Haraksin provided an update to the Public Safety Commission on the draft Speed Hump Policy.

She said that at its April 25 meeting, the Public Safety Commission reviewed a draft Speed Hump Policy and provided feedback. Ms. Haraksin said at the May 10 special meeting of the City Council, staff presented the draft speed hump policy and provided information on the Commission's feedback regarding the use of speed humps. She said the City Council did not express support for moving forward with the development of a policy. Ms. Haraksin said it would be the City's practice to continue to not install speed humps.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY ROMA DRIVE, FIGUERAS ROAD, BORA DRIVE, AND GANDESA ROAD**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that resident Brian Bradshaw submitted a proposal for traffic safety measures on Roma Drive, Figueras Road, Bora Drive, and Gandesa Road. Mr. Rounds said the proposal included crosswalks installed on the southeast corner of Figueras Road and Roma Drive to the north side of Roma Drive, a crosswalk installed on the southeast corner of Roma Drive and Gandesa Road to the southwest corner of Roma Drive and Gandesa Road. He said sidewalks were requested for the south side of Roma Drive between Biola Avenue and Figueras Road, on both sides of Figueras Road north of Rosecrans Boulevard to Roma Drive, on both sides of Bora Drive from Figueras Road to Gandesa Road and on both sides of Gandesa Road from Bora Drive to Roma Drive. He also said four speed humps were requested on Roma Drive, Figueras Road, and Bora Drive.

Mr. Rounds said that it was recommended the Traffic Engineer study the proposed two crosswalk locations when school resumes. He said the request for sidewalks would be discussed by the City's Public Works Department. He also said that the use of speed humps on City streets was recently reviewed and City Council supported maintaining the practice of not installing speed humps on City streets. He said the request for speed humps would not be studied by the Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Brian Bradshaw addressed the Public Safety Commission and expressed his concerns.

Vice Chairman Brasov asked where the major problem occurs. He also asked if Biola Avenue and Roma Drive is permit parking.

Chairman Morfin said that the study should be conducted in the Fall after school starts. He thanked Mr. Bradshaw for taking the time to submit the proposal.

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

**8. REQUEST TO REMOVE THE RED LIGHT VIOLATION FINE SIGNS AT DESIGNATED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that in 2003 and 2004, the City Council adopted Resolutions approving the installation of Red Light Violation Fine signs at five signalized intersections to deter motorists from running red lights.

Mr. Rounds said the Red Light Violation Fine signs were originally installed to help reduce the number of collisions involving motorists running red lights. He said traffic signal projects were recently completed at the designated intersections where upgrades to the signal heads, pedestrian signal and push buttons, LED lights, and high visibility, reflective street name signs have increased visibility. The upgrades enhanced safety and the efficiency of the intersections. Mr. Rounds said staff is seeking approval to remove the Red Light Violation Fine signs.

Commissioner Madison asked what brought this to staff's attention.

Vice Chairman Brasov asked why citations are high at Imperial Highway and Santa Gertrudes Avenue.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds responded and said that when the City upgrades traffic signals, signage is reevaluated and unnecessary or excessive signage is typically removed. He also said that Imperial Highway and Santa Gertrudes Avenue is a busy intersection and a main artery of the city.

Chairman Morfin said since there are no practical effects of the signs, they should be removed.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette responded and said that the Red Light Violation Fine signs are not supported by the California MUTCD guidelines.

**Vice Chairman Brasov moved and Commissioner Day seconded to recommend the removal of the Red Light Violation Fine signs at the designated locations to the City Council.**

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

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

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Johnson, on behalf of the Public Safety Commission, expressed condolences to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on the loss of Deputy Gilbert Solano.

Chairman Morfin and Commissioner Madison welcomed Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds reported that the Public Safety Team would be at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration in the Park event. Mr. Rounds said that the Public Safety Team would be enforcing fireworks regulations on July 4th. He invited the Commissioners to the Concerts in the Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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David Morfin, Chairman