

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

**July 25, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chairman David Morfin  
Commissioner Amy Day  
Commissioner Desiree Johnson  
Commissioner Mark Madison

Absent:

Vice Chairman Narcis Brasov

Staff:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2019**

**Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Day seconded to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting of the Public Safety Commission.**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**Commissioner Madison moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for May 2019.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. REQUEST TO REMOVE NO STOPPING SIGNAGE ON OCASO AVENUE**

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin reported that the City received correspondence from Janice Grider who resides on Ocaso Avenue. She said that Ms. Grider requested the removal of the No Stopping signs on the west side of Ocaso Avenue adjacent to her residence.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin said that City staff and the Traffic Engineer visited the location on Ocaso Avenue. She said the width of the roadway is too narrow to accommodate two vehicles to pass each other and a parked vehicle at the same time. Ms. Haraksin said when vehicle doors are open, the roadway is further impacted, and passengers are exiting the vehicle where sprinklers and a parkway exist. She said adequate parking exists on the residential property since there are three driveways at Ms. Grider's residence. She said it was recommended the request for the removal of the No Stopping signs be denied.

Ms. Janice Grider addressed the Public Safety Commission and expressed her concerns.

Commissioner Day expressed an interest in viewing the location and requested the item be tabled. She also asked about the width of the street south of the location.

Commissioner Johnson said that not having a sidewalk in the area but allowing on street parking causes a safety issue for pedestrians accessing their vehicles.

Chairman Morfin said that the street is narrow and the width of the roadway does not allow for parking and passing cars. He said there is available driveway parking. Mr. Morfin thanked Ms. Grider for taking the time to speak with the Commission.

Traffic Engineer Guilmette responded and said that field observations indicated that the stretch of roadway had varying roadway widths between 18 feet to 40 feet. She said due to the narrow width of the roadway, there should be no parking on either side of the roadway to allow room for two vehicles to pass each other at the same time.

**Commissioner Day moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to table the item and 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, and Chairman Morfin**
- NOES: None**
- ABSENT: Vice Chairman Brasov**
- ABSTAIN: None**

**6. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF BARNWALL STREET BETWEEN ESCALONA ROAD AND OCASO AVENUE AND AT THE INTERSECTION OF BARNWALL STREET AND LA BARCA DRIVE**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that the City received a letter from resident Michelle Higgins who expressed concerns with pedestrian and motorist safety on Barnwall Street near Windermere Park. Ms. Haraksin said that Ms. Higgins stated that vehicles are exceeding the speed limit on Barnwall Street between Escalona Road and

Ocaso Avenue. Assistant City Manager Haraksin said that Ms. Higgins requested the installation of crosswalks by Windermere Park and a three-way Stop sign at Barnwall Street and La Barca Drive.

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

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

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

**7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF GAGELY DRIVE/WICKER DRIVE AND SABINE DRIVE**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that a resident submitted a request through the My La Mirada smartphone application for a traffic study of Gagely Drive/Wicker Drive and Sabine Drive. She said the request is for the installation of a Stop sign at the intersection.

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

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

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

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Johnson invited the Commission and staff to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Road to Recovery Ride in La Mirada on September 2. She said the event was being sponsored by 3<sup>rd</sup> Step, Inc.

Commissioner Madison said that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration in the Park event was beautiful. He said that there was more fireworks noise this year on July 5 and for the week after than in other years.

Chairman Morfin reported that he enjoyed the tribute band Bruno & The Hooligans at Concerts Under the Stars on July 25.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that the Public Safety Team would be at the National Night Out event on August 8.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Emily Benavidez, Secretary

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David Morfin, Chairman