

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Meza.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Chair Meza, Vice Chair Dahl, Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch and Ojeisekohba responding to roll call.

The following staff members were also present: Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez, Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alicia Rojas addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. She said she requested a traffic study of Alicante Road/Adelfa Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue/Ashgrove Drive. She said there is no sidewalk on Alicante Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Commissioner Ojeisekohba moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl,
Chair Meza

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Items were taken out of order.

3. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – AUGUST 2024

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report.

Commissioner Covarrubias moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for August 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl, Chair Meza

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to receive and file the Crime Report for September 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl, Chair Meza

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Tobin addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. TRAFFIC STUDY OF MANSA DRIVE AND BRAZO ROAD

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso reported that Jonathan Choy used the My La Mirada app to request the installation of a three-way Stop sign at Mansa Drive and Brazo Road. Mr. Alfonso said Mr. Choy expressed concerns with the speed of vehicles traveling on Mansa Drive. Public Safety Supervisor Alfonso said that Mr. Choy stated that with the number of vehicles parked on the street, visibility is impeded for vehicles

attempting to turn onto Mansa Drive from Brazo Road and he also expressed concerns with the safety of pedestrians.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. Mr. Zimmerman said from the stop sign analysis, the speed study, and collected data at the intersection, it was determined that a stop sign is not warranted at Mansa Drive and Brazo Road.

Commissioner Lynch moved and Vice Chair Dahl seconded to deny the request for the installation of a stop sign at Mansa Drive and Brazo Road.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl, Chair Meza
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. LAS FLORES AVENUE AND LOS COYOTES AVENUE – SIX-MONTH REVIEW

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso reported that earlier this year, resident Beverly Zwick requested a traffic study of Las Flores Avenue and Los Coyotes Avenue. He said she said that due to visibility issues and parked vehicles, it was difficult for her to make a turn onto Las Flores Avenue from Los Coyotes Avenue.

Public Safety Supervisor Alfonso said that the Public Safety and Traffic Commission approved a traffic study at its meeting on October 26, 2023. He said the Traffic Engineer studied the location and the results of the traffic study were presented at the March 28, 2024 Commission meeting. The traffic study indicated that the required sight distance was appropriate, and vehicles could make turning movements without permanent obstruction. Based on the results of the traffic study, the Commission approved the installation of two "S Curves" to indicate the gradual bend in the road and requested a six-month review.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location in early October 2024 and reported the findings of the six-month review. He said from the recent sight distance analysis and speed analysis that no additional actions were warranted.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report.

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF ALICANTE ROAD/ADELFA DRIVE AND SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE/ASHGROVE DRIVE

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso reported that Alicia Rojas submitted a request for a traffic study at the intersections of Rosecrans Avenue and La Fonda Drive, Alicante

Road and Adelfa Drive, and Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive. He reported that Ms. Rojas said that while these locations currently feature crosswalks, they do not have flashing light indicators and are near schools. He said that she believes it is crucial to assess the intersections for pedestrian safety and promote accessibility for residents.

Mr. Alfonso reported that in March 2023, the Traffic Engineer conducted a study of Rosecrans Avenue and La Fonda Drive for the same request. He said based on the traffic study, the location did not meet the warrants to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB). Mr. Alfonso said that because a study was completed within the last five years another study of this location is not recommended.

Public Safety Supervisor Alfonso said that Alicante Road and Adelfa Drive has not been studied nor has Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive for this request. Mr. Alfonso said Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive was studied in August for a traffic signal but a signal was not recommended. He said in 2015, the crosswalk at Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Ashgrove Drive was studied and signage was upgraded.

Vice Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Dahl to study Alicante Road / Adelfa Drive and assign Chair Meza to study Santa Gertrudes Avenue / Ashgrove Drive and report their findings at a future meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Lynch, Ojeisekhoba, Vice Chair Dahl, Chair Meza
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Covarrubias said he attended a retirement ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 438 Scout Master Otero on October 15 at St. Andrews Church.

Commissioner Lynch thanked the Commissioners who attended the Love La Mirada event.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba said that Jim McDonald was sworn in as Chief of the LAPD on November 14, 2024.

Vice Chair Dahl reported that Love La Mirada was a well-run event and he congratulated Commissioner Lynch on becoming the new Love La Mirada chair.

Chair Meza said that he was proud to be part of the City Council meeting on October 22 where the Poster Contest winners were presented. He thanked Chief Tobin and the fire crews. Mr. Meza expressed his gratitude for law enforcement personnel in La Mirada. He also congratulated Commissioner Lynch and thanked her for all her efforts for Love La Mirada.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Safety Supervisor Michael Alfonso reported on upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Mike Meza, Chair